

SUNDAY, January 4, 2026

Second Sunday after Christmas

Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Worship Music: Rosalyn McClore



PRELUDE

“Shall We Gather At the River”

Rosalyn McClore

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Friends, we step into a new year, a new journey, full of anticipation and challenge.

P: We come to worship the God who promises renewal and faithfulness!

L: We leave behind the old year with its joys and sorrows, and look forward with faith.

P: We step into the unknown with hope!

L: Come, let us worship the God who is with us always, our strength and our hope for this new year

P: We come offering our praises to God who will guide us with faithfulness and goodness. AMEN.

* OPENING HYMN

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH # 140

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

“Thou Art Worthy”

TFWS # 2041

Thou art worthy,
 Thou art worthy,
 Thou art worthy, O Lord,
 To receive glory,
 Glory and honor,
 Glory and honor and power
 For Thou hast created,
 hast all things created,
 Thou hast created all things;
 And for Thy pleasure
 they are created -
 Thou art worthy, O Lord.

BAPTISM

Wren Hara Pak

HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

UMH # 557

1. Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.
3. We share each other's woes,
our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.
4. When we asunder part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2:4-7, 15-22

4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

5 Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground,

6 but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground.

7 Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;

17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

18 The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

19 Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.

20 So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

21 So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh.

22 Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

Gospel Sing Along

Rosalyn McClore

In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus,
we have the victory
In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus,
Satan, you have to flee
Oh, what can ever stand before us
when we call on that great name
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus,
we have the victory

Glory glory Hallelujah, since I laid my burden down
Glory glory Hallelujah, since I laid my burden down
I feel better so much, since I laid my burden down
I feel better so much, since I laid my burden down

There is pow’r, pow’r, wonder-working pow’r
In the blood of the Lamb;
There is pow’r, pow’r, wonder-working pow’r
In the precious blood of the Lamb

I know it was the blood, I know it was the blood,
I know it was the blood for me.
One day when I was lost He died upon the cross.
I know it was the blood for me.

They pierced Him in His side, They pierced Him in His side,
 They pierced Him in His side for me
 One day when I was lost
 He died upon the cross I know it was the blood for me.

MESSAGE

“God’s Secret Sauce”

Pastor Park

RECEIVING THE MORNING’S OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH # 95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
 Praise Him all creatures here below
 Praise Him above ye heavenly host
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH # 13

The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts.
 We lift them up to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
 always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
 Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
 By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
 you gave birth to your Church,
 delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
 and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
 gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
 "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
 Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

Bless the Lord, O my soul O my soul Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

3. And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore Refrain:

Bless the Lord, O my soul O my soul Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name

Lord, I'll worship Your holy name
 Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name
 Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name
 I'll worship Your holy name

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

Lord, Bless This Year

Video

***Stand as able**

Announcements:

- We welcome all of you to our morning worship service today as we celebrate the baptism of Wren Hara Pak. We are glad that you are joining us this morning in person as well as online.
- Altar flowers this morning are given by the Pak family to the Glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Wren Hara Pak.
- Special thanks to the Park and Pak family for hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.
- Fellowship Hour hosts are very much needed throughout the month of January. There is a signup sheet in the Guyn Room. Your ministry of welcome and hospitality is truly appreciated.
- We are continuing with our stewardship and Let's Finish Strong campaign. Please prayerfully consider making a special offering to meet our financial goal for 202 through the Let's Finish Strong campaign.



Happy Birthday to:

January 8 - Gail Plumstead



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