SUNDAY, January 12, 2025 2nd Sunday of Epiphany Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006 Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor Jackie Han, Music Minister



PRELUDE "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" Jackie Han

#### **WELCOME & INVOCATION**

**Pastor Park** 

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We are marked as God's beloved ones.

P: What have we done to deserve God's love.

L: God's love is God's free gift to us, always and forever.

P: Even when we are difficult and turn away from God,

L: God's love never vanishes from us.

P: Thanks be to God who is ever faithful to us, AMEN.

\* OPENING HYMN

"O Spirit of the Living God"

1 O Spirit of the living God,
thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more,
and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power,
with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,
and sin and sorrow cease.

2 Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free from mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal, to preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal.

3 Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear, the language all may understand when love speaks loud and clear; **UMH # 539** 

till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one, and earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.

4 So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save; so shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave; and earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole; till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have not always paid much attention to the baptism of Jesus, but viewed it as a nice story which begins Jesus' ministry. We don't always see ourselves as standing in that long line of those marked for service. Yet you have called us by name, knowing each of us, and loving us. Forgive us for our blindness. Turn us around. Help us to be people who not only recognize the light, but who are willing to live in that light, bringing help to others in your name. For we pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

#### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

**GATHERING SONG** 

"Bless His Holy Name"

**TFWS # 2015** 

Refrain:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

He has done great things, he has done great things, he has done great things, bless his holy name! [Refrain]

## **SCRIPTURE**

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

15 The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah.

16 John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

17 His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened

22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

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

All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM "Change my Heart Oh God" the CUMC Choir

MESSAGE "Claimed and Called" Pastor Park

## **RECEIVING THE MORNING'S OFFERINGS**

\*DOXOLOGY # 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

**Pastor Park** 

PRAYER Pastor Karen

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

**UMH # 420** 

- 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.
- 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.
- 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

\* BENEDICTION Pastor Park

POSTLUDE "O Worship the King" Jackie Han

Please remain seated for the postlude

\*Stand as able

#### **Announcements:**

- Altar Flowers are given by Carol O'Donnell to the Glory of God and in honor of her daughter Elise.
- Please join us for a time of fellowship today immediately following the worship service.



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# **Coming Up This Week**

Happy Anniversary to Myrtle & John Connell – January 13<sup>th</sup>.