**SUNDAY, January 18, 2026** **Second Sunday after the Epiphany**
**Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006**
**Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor** **Worship Music: Rosalyn McClore**

**PRELUDE** **"It Is Well"**
**Reggie Pittman & Rosalyn McClore**

**WELCOME AND INVOCATION** **Pastor Park**

*** OPENING PRAISE** **"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**

**1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning**
**It's time to sing Your song again**
**Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me**
**Let me be singing when the evening comes.**

**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**

**2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger**
**Your name is great and Your heart is kind**
**For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing**
**Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.**

**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**

**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**

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

**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**
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**I'll worship Your holy name.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
**Gracious and loving God, hear our prayer. We know we do not always live as we ought: We turn away from you, from our neighbor, and from our true selves. We know we dim your light within us, with our pride, our self-righteousness, and our need for control. We know that you love us, that you do not abandon us, and that again and again you call us back to you, back to love, back to grace, back to your light. Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
L: In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.
**P: In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.**

**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.**

**SCRIPTURE** **John 1:29-42**
29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!
**30 This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'**

31 I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."
**32 Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him.**
33 And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'
**34 I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."**
35 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples.
**36 When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"**
37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.
**38 Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"**
39 "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.
**40 Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus.**
41 The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ).
**42 And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).**

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God
**All: Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM** **"Jesus Christ is The Way"**
**Reggie Pittman & Rosalyn McClore**

**When I think about the hour, then I know what I must do**

**When I think about, what God, has done for me**

**Then I will open up my heart to everyone I see, and say**
**Jesus Christ is the way!**

**No one knows the day nor the hour**
**Maybe morn, night or noon**

**But just rest assured Time will be no more**
**He is coming soon, coming soon**

**And I will open up my heart**
**To everyone I see**
**And say**
**Jesus Christ is the way**

**Then I will open up my heart**
**To everyone I see**
**And say**

**Jesus Christ is the way**

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**MESSAGE** **"What Is Your Message?"** **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**

**PRAYER**

**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** **"And Can It Be that I Should Gain"** **UMH # 363**

**1. And can it be that I should gain**
**an interest in the Savior's blood!**
**Died he for me? who caused his pain!**
**For me? who him to death pursued?**
**Amazing love! How can it be**
**that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**
**Amazing love! How can it be**
**that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

**2. 'Tis mystery all: th' Immortal dies!**
**Who can explore his strange design?**
**In vain the firstborn seraph tries**
**to sound the depths of love divine.**
**'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore;**
**let angel minds inquire no more.**
**'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore;**
**let angel minds inquire no more.**

**3. He left his Father's throne above**
**(so free, so infinite his grace!),**

**emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for O my God, it found out me!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for O my God, it found out me!**

**4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.**

**5. No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine;
alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th' eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Bold I approach th' eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.**

*** BENEDICTION** **Pastor Park**

**POSTLUDE** **"O Happy Day"**
**Reggie Pittman & Rosalyn McClore**

***Stand as able**

**Announcements:**

- **We welcome all of you to our morning worship service today. We are glad that you are joining us this morning in person as well as online.**
- **We extend our warm welcome to our guest musician Reggie Pittman and thank him for sharing his talent with us today.**
- **Altar flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God.**
- **Special thanks to Kathy Zajac 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 February. There is a signup sheet in the Guyn Room. Your ministry of welcome and hospitality is truly appreciated.**

- **We are continuing with our stewardship campaign. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to support our ministry financially through 2026. Today is the last day to submit your pledge cards is January 18th.**

***Grammy award winner, Reggie Pittman is one of the most in demand musicians (trumpeter) in his home of New York City. He has performed on national TV, for Broadway shows, and with many jazz, gospel and R&B artists/groups. He has traveled extensively. He has been nominated for a Tony award. Mr. Pittman was a featured soloist at Carnegie Hall playing with the Duke Ellington Band and his idol Freddie Hubbard. Mr. Pittman has played with Aretha Franklin, Sarah Vaughan, the Temptations, the Allman Brothers, Queen Latifa, Clay Aiken, Babyface, drummer Jaimoe and many others. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Kent State University and his Master's in Music Technology from New York University.***

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