

SUNDAY, January 19, 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 **“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”** Jackie Han

WELCOME & INVOCATION Pastor Park

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Sing praise to God, all the peoples!  
**P: Praise God who really loves us all!**  
L: Don't be afraid and do not doubt God's love.  
**P: Open our hearts, O God, and help us to receive that love.**  
L: Dance in joy to the spirit of God.  
**P: Let our spirits resound with joy at God's light of joy, AMEN.**

\* OPENING HYMN **“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”** UMH # 384

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,  
 serve thee as thy hosts above,  
 pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
 glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, thy new creation;  
 pure and spotless let us be.  
 Let us see thy great salvation  
 perfectly restored in thee;  
 changed from glory into glory,  
 till in heaven we take our place,  
 till we cast our crowns before thee,  
 lost in wonder, love, and praise.

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ. We confess that we fear what is different. We have failed to love those who are different from us. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love. Have mercy on us and give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

#### **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 2:1-11**

1 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,

**2 and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.**

3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

**4 "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."**

5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

**6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.**

7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

**8 Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so,**

9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside

**10 and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."**

11 What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM**                      **"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**                      **the CUMC Choir**

**MESSAGE**                      **"A Life-Changing Sign"**                      **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**

**“Lift Every Voice and Sing”**

**UMH # 519**

1 Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.

2 Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
we have come, treading our path thru the blood of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.

**\* BENEDICTION**

**Pastor Park**

**POSTLUDE**

**“Are Ye Able”**

**Jackie Han**

*Please remain seated for the postlude*

**\*Stand as able**

**Announcements:**

- **Altar Flowers** are given to the **Glory of God** and in celebration of those who volunteer their time.
- Please join us for a time of fellowship today immediately following the worship service.
- There will be a special **Tea & Coffee Social** between 9:30 am and 12 noon on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> for the **Martin Luther King Day of Service**. Enjoy a complimentary cup of tea, coffee or hot chocolate and help write some **Valentine's Day** cards to send to those in nursing homes.



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**“Coming Up This Week”**

- Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> between 9:30 am & 12 noon – special MLK King Day of Service Tea & Coffee Social
- Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm – Church Council meeting