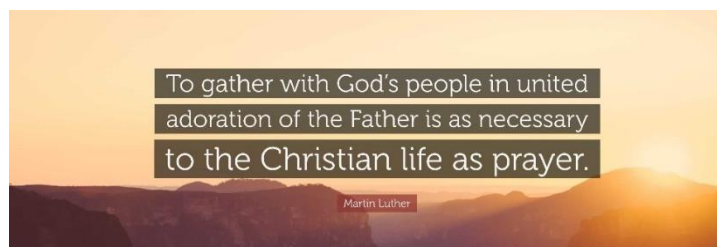


SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023

Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006
Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

3rd Sunday After Epiphany

Jackie Han, Music Minister



PRELUDE

“Abide with Me”

Jackie Han

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Gather this day in silence and hope

P: We wait for God's word for us.

L: Let your hearts and spirits be open.

P: God is our strength and salvation.

L: Wait patiently for the Lord.

P: With willing hearts and spirits we wait for the Lord. AMEN.

*** OPENING HYMN**

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit” (2X)

UMH # 334

There's a sweet,
 sweet Spirit in this place,
 and I know that it's
 the Spirit of the Lord;

There are sweet
 expressions on each face,
 and I know
 they feel the presence
 of the Lord.

Refrain:

**Sweet Holy Spirit,
 sweet heavenly Dove,
 stay right here with us,
 filling us with your love;
 and for these blessings
 we lift our hearts in praise;**

without a doubt we'll know
that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear his love and truth to the world. We pray in his name. 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

Exodus 19:1-2,9-20

Reader

1 On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on that very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai.

2 After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

9 The Lord said to Moses, "I am going to come to you in a dense cloud, so that the people will hear me speaking with you and will always put their trust in you." Then Moses told the Lord what the people had said.

10 And the Lord said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes

11 and be ready by the third day, because on that day the Lord will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.

12 Put limits for the people around the mountain and tell them, 'Be careful that you do not approach the mountain or touch the foot of it. Whoever touches the mountain is to be put to death.

13 They are to be stoned or shot with arrows; not a hand is to be laid on them. No person or animal shall be permitted to live.' Only when the ram's horn sounds a long blast may they approach the mountain."

14 After Moses had gone down the mountain to the people, he consecrated them, and they washed their clothes.

15 Then he said to the people, "Prepare yourselves for the third day. Abstain from sexual relations."

16 On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled.

17 Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

18 Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the Lord descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently.

19 As the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him.

20 The Lord descended to the top of Mount Sinai and called Moses to the top of the mountain. So Moses went up...

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Change My Heart, O God"

CUMC Choir

MESSAGE

"The Power of Assembly"

Pastor Park

RECEIVING THE MORNING'S OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY #94**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***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**

**“Surely the Presence of the Lord (2X)/
Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”**

UMH # 328

UMH # 349

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can feel the brush of angels' wings,

I see glory in each face,

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. (2X)

Chorus:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus

Look full in his wonderful face

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim

In the light of his glory and grace

1. O soul are you weary and troubled

No light in the darkness you see

There's light for a look at the Savior

And life more abundant and free

Chorus:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus

Look full in his wonderful face

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim

In the light of his glory and grace

2. His word shall not fail you he promised

Believe him and all will be well

Then go to a world that is dying

His perfect salvation to tell

Chorus:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus

Look full in his wonderful face

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim

In the light of his glory and grace

<https://www.hymnal.net/en/hymn/h/645>

* BENEDICTION

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

“Nearer, my God, to Thee”

Jackie Han

*Stand as able

Announcements:

Altar Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of her dear friend, Michele Sauer by Jeannie Laureano.

Altar Flowers are also given this morning to the glory of God and in memory of her dear daughter-in-law, Suzanne by Patty Sampson.

Fellowship Ministry after worship today is hosted by Kim James.

If you would like to have flowers placed on the altar in memory or celebration of a person or event please contact Louise Woodcox at 973-227-2924. Cost is \$20 and checks should be made payable to Louise Woodcox.

Would you be kind enough to host Fellowship Ministry (Coffee Hour) after worship with the purchase of refreshments? Contact Louise Woodcox at 973-227-2924.



Singers Welcome!

Do you enjoy singing? Would you like to join our choir?
CUMC Choir is welcoming you to join us to praise God.

No experience necessary.

Please contact Jackie, the Minister of Music, at 201-694-6390
or pianistjackie@gmail.com.

Looking forward to meeting with you!