

+SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2023

4th Sunday after Epiphany

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Jackie Han, Music Minister



The church lies at the
very center of the eternal
purpose of God. It is
not a divine afterthought.

PRELUDE

“More Love to Thee O Christ”

Jackie Han

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come to worship this day. Bring with you all your joys and sorrows.

P: Jesus will offer hope.

L: Come to worship this day believing in the power of God through Jesus Christ.

P: Jesus will bring us healing.

L: Come to worship this day feeling the presence of God.

P: Jesus will teach us new ways to live. AMEN.

*** OPENING HYMN**

“Maker, in Whom We Live”

UMH # 88

1. Maker, in whom we live,
in whom we are and move,
the glory, power, and praise receive
for thy creating love.

Let all the angel throng
give thanks to God on high,
while earth repeats the joyful song
and echoes to the sky.

2. Incarnate Deity,
let all the ransomed race
render in thanks their lives to thee
for thy redeeming grace.

The grace to sinners showed
ye heavenly choirs proclaim,
and cry, "Salvation to our God,
salvation to the Lamb!"

**3. Spirit of Holiness,
let all thy saints adore
thy sacred energy, and bless
thine heart-renewing power.
Not angel tongues can tell
thy love's ecstatic height,
the glorious joy unspeakable,
the beatific sight.**

**4. Eternal, Triune God,
let all the hosts above,
let all on earth below record
and dwell upon thy love.
When heaven and earth are fled
before thy glorious face,
sing all the saints thy love hath made
thine everlasting praise.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Holy God, the Creator and Giver of Life, we confess as we come into your presence that there are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from You. We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out. You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, and to a wholeness with each other and with You. In your grace and mercy, heal us, bring us together and teach us to be people who will be agents of healing and reconciliation in this world. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

**“Thou Art Worthy”
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**

TFWS # 2041

**they are created -
Thou art worthy, O Lord.**

SCRIPTURE**Genesis 4: 1-17****Reader**

1 Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the Lord I have brought forth a man."

2 Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil.

3 In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord.

4 And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering,

5 but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

6 Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast?

7 If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it."

8 Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

9 Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

10 The Lord said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground.

11 Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.

12 When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth."

13 Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is more than I can bear.

14 Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."

15 But the Lord said to him, "Not so; anyone who kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over." Then the Lord put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him.

16 So Cain went out from the Lord's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

17 Cain made love to his wife, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch. Cain was then building a city, and he named it after his son Enoch.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM **“Bless This House”** **Myrtle Connell, soloist**

MESSAGE **“The City of God on Earth”** **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** **“God Be with You till We Meet Again”** **UMH # 672**

1. God be with you till we meet again;
 by his counsels guide, uphold you,
 with his sheep securely fold you;
 God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain:

Till we meet, till we meet,
 till we meet at Jesus' feet;
 till we meet, till we meet,
 God be with you till we meet again.

2. God be with you till we meet again;
 neath his wings securely hide you,
 daily manna still provide you;

God be with you till we meet again.
(Refrain)

3. God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put his arms unfailing round you;
God be with you till we meet again.
(Refrain)

4. God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threatening wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again.
(Refrain)

* BENEDICTION

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

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.

Fellowship Ministry after worship today is hosted by the Plumstead & Pierce families.

Next Sunday is Scout Sunday and members and leaders of Troop 3 will join us in our worship service to celebrate Scout Sunday together. Come and join us! Let us extend warm hospitality to the members of Troop 3.

Louise Woodcox is holding an art exhibit entitled “Life Interpretations,” composed of oil and pastel paintings, at Caldwell Public Library. The exhibit will be held through the end of February. Congratulations to Louise! We invite you to go and enjoy the wonderful artwork that will bring joy to your eyes and to your soul.

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