

**SUNDAY, February 1, 2026**

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

**Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor**

**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Worship Music: Rosalyn McClore**



**PRELUDE**

**"It is Well"**

**Reggie Pittman**

**WELCOME AND INVOCATION**

**Pastor Park**

**\* 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

Most merciful God, we come before you acknowledging that we have not lived as citizens of your kingdom. You call us to be poor in spirit, yet we are arrogant and self-sufficient. You call us to mourn for our brokenness, yet we are indifferent to our sin. You call us to be meek, yet we are aggressive and self-serving. We hunger and thirst for the things of this world rather than for your righteousness. We have not been merciful, harboring grudges instead of forgiving. Our hearts are divided, lacking the purity you desire. We fail to be peacemakers, sowing discord and conflict instead. In your grace and mercy, forgive us and teach us to live as people who belong to you. In the precious name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray. 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

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

UMH # 328

Surely the presence  
of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel  
his mighty power  
and his grace.

I can hear the brush  
of angels' wings,  
I see glory on each face;  
surely the presence  
of the Lord is in this place.

#### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-12

1 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him,

**2 and he began to teach them. He said: 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

**5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.**

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

**7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.**

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

**9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.**

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**11 “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.**

12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

## MESSAGE

## “New Blessings for a New Life”

## 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

## HOLY COMMUNION

# The Great Thanksgiving

**UMH # 13**

**The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.**

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,  
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

UMH # 454

1. Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;

place in my hands the wonderful key  
 that shall unclasp and set me free.  
 Silently now I wait for thee,  
 ready, my God, thy will to see.  
 Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2. Open my ears, that I may hear  
 voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
 and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,  
 everything false will disappear.  
 Silently now I wait for thee,  
 ready, my God, thy will to see.  
 Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3. Open my mouth, and let me bear  
 gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
 open my heart and let me prepare  
 love with thy children thus to share.  
 Silently now I wait for thee,  
 ready, my God, thy will to see.  
 Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

**\* BENEDICTION**

**Pastor Park**

**POSTLUDE**

**“O Happy Day”**

**Reggie Pittman**

**\*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 by Gail Plumstead to the Glory of God.
- Special thanks to Elsa Nickl for hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.
- There will be a special Benefit Jazz Concert featuring Reggie Pittman, Jonathon Peretz, Loren Daniels and Belden Bullock on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 pm here at Caldwell United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$25 (\$10 for

students) with the proceeds going to benefit the students of the Caldwell/West Caldwell School District.

- Our Souper Bowl Soup Sale will take place next Sunday, February 8 after worship. Soup makers are needed! Please take a takeout container in which to bring your soup next Sunday. Soup buyers are also needed. Take home a container of delicious soup to enjoy while watching the game.
- 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. Please submit your pledge cards by February 15th.
- We are beginning the process of updating our church directory. A directory has been placed in the back of the sanctuary. Please check to confirm that your information is up to date and make any necessary changes. Thank you!



**Coming Up This Week**

***February 8 after worship - Souper Bowl Soup Sale***

**Coming Up Soon**

***February 22 @ 4:00 pm – Benefit Jazz Concert***

**Happy Birthday to:**

***February 1 - Eric Pierce***

**Happy Anniversary to:**

***February 8 - Joyce & Sal Francavilla***



***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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