

SUNDAY, February 2, 2025

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

4th Sunday of Epiphany

Jackie Han, Music Minister



PRELUDE

“This is My Father's World”

Jackie Han

WELCOME & INVOCATION

Pastor Park

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God has called us to share the good news of God's love.

P: But who am I, that God should call me?

L: You are a beloved child of God.

P: But I am weak I'm not a great speaker or preacher.

L: God is with you; don't be afraid.

P: Lord, help me to trust in your presence with me. Help me to serve you. AMEN

*** OPENING HYMN**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

UMH # 102

**1. Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.**

**3. All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven;**

the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of great expectations, you know how easy it is for us to make excuses for inactivity. We love to run and hide when a task is set before us. We look at the expectation and think that we don't have the abilities, strength, or wisdom to accomplish this task. We think, too often, that we are doing these things all by ourselves. And we feel sorry for ourselves and angry that you expect so much from us. Forgive our ignorance, our stubbornness, and our blindness, O Lord. Help us to understand that the opportunities for service that you offer to us also come with your abiding presence, love and support. It is your love which makes the impossible possible. Turn us around and place us back on the path of joyful service. Let our work be part of the fulfillment of the mandate of Jesus Christ when he made his proclamation in the synagogue so long ago. For it is in His Name that 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

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Scout

4 The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

**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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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**

"Here I Am, Lord"

UMH # 593

**1. I, the Lord of the sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who have made the stars of the night,
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**2. I the Lord of the snow and rain,
I have born my people' pain
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their heart's of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone**

I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

“Lord, Dismiss Us Thy Blessing“
Please remain seated for the postlude

Jackie Han

***Stand as able**

Announcements:

- Today, we extend our warm welcome to the members of Boy Scout Troop 3 and the troop leaders. We are so glad to have them with us today. We also would like to extend our thanks to Griffin Conner for reading the scripture, Jaxon Weschke for serving as an acolyte and the Scoutmaster Brian Conner for sharing with us about Troop 3.
- Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in appreciation of those who volunteer their time.

- **Special thanks to Myrtle Connell for hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.**
- **On Sunday, February 9th we will have our annual Souper Bowl Sunday Soup Sale immediately following worship. Take home some delicious soup, chili or stew to enjoy while you watch the big game.**
- **Soup makers are needed! Bring your soup, chili or stew on Sunday, February 9th for sale after worship. There will be pint and quart sized containers in the Guyn Room if you need them.**
- **We invite you to join us in the weekly Bible reading program. Read a chapter each day, answer the questions and bring back the answered questions the following week. The question sheet can be picked up every Sunday from the back of the church or receive it in the email every Sunday afternoon. Reading the Bible each day will help us to grow in our faith. This is like taking our "spiritual vitamins" every day. Join us in this spiritual journey.**



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“Coming Up This Week”

*February 8th – Happy Anniversary to Joyce & Sal Francavilla!
Sunday, February 9th—Souper Bowl Soup Sale after worship*