

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

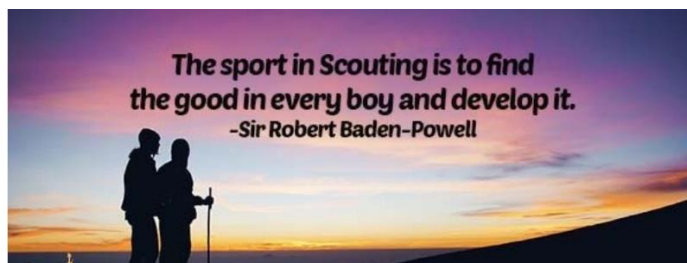
5th Sunday after Epiphany

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Jackie Han, Music Minister

Tyler Rapp, Acolyte



PRELUDE

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Jackie Han

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Welcome! Open your hearts to God’s love this day!

P: Praise be to God who has called us here!

L: God’s mercy is given generously to all in need.

P: We are never out of the reach of God’s love.

L: Come, worship and celebrate. God is reaching out to you this day!

P: With joyful hearts, we come to worship and praise God who continually blesses and provides for us. AMEN.

*** OPENING HYMN**

“We Gather Together”

UMH # 131

1. We gather together
to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens
his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing
now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name;
he forgets not his own.

2. Beside us to guide us,
our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining
his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning
the fight we were winning;

thou, Lord, wast at our side,
all glory be thine!

3. We all do extol thee,
thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still
our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation
escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised!
O Lord, make us free!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

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 are quick to judge and shun those who don't look like us, love like us, and think like us. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love. Teach us to be more peaceful, inclusive and loving in our life with others. Grant us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.

SPOTLIGHT ON SCOUTING

PRAYER FOR SCOUTING

Gracious God,

We lift to you the ministry of scouting.

We offer you thanks

for camping, to teach us that the world is our great home;

for study and work, to build character;

for service, to see our responsibility to those in need;

for encouragement in genuine patriotism and vital faith.

Bless the work of Scouting, in this place and around the world,

that, through its efforts, the young may,

increase in wisdom and in stature,

and in favor with You and all people. 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,

TFWS # 2041

**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 **Proverbs 4:20-25, Romans 10:17** **Joseph Petrarca**

20 My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words.

21 **Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart;**

22 for they are life to those who find them and health to a man's whole body.

23 **Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.**

24 Put away perversity from your mouth; keep corrupt talk far from your lips.

25 **Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you.**

17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM **"Blessed Assurance"** **CUMC Choir**

MESSAGE **"The GIGO Principle"** **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**

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 “Change My Heart, O God/Spirit Song” TFWS # 2152/UMH # 347**

**Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God,
May I be like you.**

**Chorus
You are the Potter,
I am the clay;
Mold me and make me,
This is what I pray.**

**Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true;
Change my heart O God,
may I be like you.**

***Refrain*
Jesus, O Jesus,
come and fill your lambs.**

Jesus, O Jesus,
come and fill your lambs.

O let the Son
of God enfold you
with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart
and satisfy your soul.

O let him have
the things that hold you,
and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life
and make you whole.

Refrain

Jesus, O Jesus,
come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus,
come and fill your lambs.

* BENEDICTION

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

“A Mighty Fortress”

Jackie Han

*Stand as able

Announcements:

Today we welcome the members and leaders of Troop 3 as they join us in our worship service to celebrate Scout Sunday together.

We would like to thank the boys participating in worship today: Joseph Petrarca, Scripture reader and Tyler Rapp, acolyte.

Altar Flowers this morning are given by the CUMC family to the glory of God and in celebration of Scout Sunday and Scout Troop 3 and their leaders.

Fellowship Ministry after worship today is hosted by the leaders of Troop 3 with additional refreshments provided by Jackie Han. Thank you all!

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.

The February issue of the newsletter is here. If you would like a paper copy of the Voice, you may pick one up from the table in the lobby.