

SUNDAY, February 8, 2026
 Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006
 Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
 Worship Music: Rosalyn McClore



PRELUDE	“Fairest Lord Jesus”	Rosalyn McClore
WELCOME AND INVOCATION		Tracy Voca
* OPENING HYMN	“Blessed Assurance”	UMH # 369

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
 O what a foretaste of glory divine!
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
 born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
 praising my Savior all the day long;
 this is my story, this is my song,
 praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
 visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
 angels descending bring from above
 echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
 (Refrain)

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
 I in my Savior am happy and blest,
 watching and waiting, looking above,
 filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
 (Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. However, we confess that our sin and pride often hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not always strive for peace. Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world. In the name of Jesus 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

Tracy Voca

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 5:13-16

Christine Waddington

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

"Amazing Grace"

Bailey Winkler

MESSAGE

"SALTY Christians"

Rev. Dr. Grace Pak

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

Tracy Voca

PRAYER

Pastor Karen

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 "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" UMH # 569

1. We've a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.

Refrain:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

2. We've a song to be sung to the nations,
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
a song that shall conquer evil
and shatter the spear and sword,
and shatter the spear and sword.

(Refrain)

3. We've a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above
hath sent us his Son to save us,
and show us that God is love,
and show us that God is love.

(Refrain)

4. We've a Savior to show to the nations,
who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world's great peoples
might come to the truth of God,
might come to the truth of God.

(Refrain)

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Grace Pak

POSTLUDE

Rosalyn McClore

*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 and thanks to the Rev. Dr. Grace Pak for sharing God's word with us today.
- Special thanks to Bailey Winkler for sharing her musical talent with us this morning.
- Altar flowers this morning are given by Zorina D'Emilio to the Glory of God.
- Special thanks to Carol Pho-O'Donnell 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 22nd 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.
- Thank you to all who made soup for our Soup Sale today. Please visit our Souper Bowl Soup Sale immediately following worship and 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!
- Bishop Moore-Koikoi will be visiting the Meadowlands District. Clergy and laity are warmly invited to gather for worship on Thursday, Feb 12, at 7:00 p.m., at Galilee UMC, Englewood. Following worship, there will be a brief question-and-answer time with the Bishop.



Coming Up Soon

February 22 @ 4:00 pm – Benefit Jazz Concert

Happy Birthday to:

February 12 - Owen Scott Winkler

February 14 - Denise Stelter

February 15 – Patty Sampson