

SUNDAY, February 15, 2026
 Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006
 Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
 Worship Music: Rosalyn McClore



PRELUDE

“As the Deer”

Rosalyn McClore

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

* OPENING HYMN

“O Worship the King”

UMH # 73

1. O worship the King, all glorious above,
 O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
 our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
 pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
 whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
 whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
 and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

3. The earth with its store of wonders untold,
 Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
 hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
 and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
 it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
 and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
 thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
 our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, as we come to worship you today, we confess that we have drifted away from you in our lives. We have trusted our strength more than your mercy. We have lifted our voices, but lowered our obedience. We were quick to speak about your love but failed to put our words into action in loving others. Our lives are filled with busy schedule and yet our hearts are still empty, longing for greater meaning and purpose in life. We often try to smile through the pains instead of falling to our knees in prayer, seeking your guidance and deliverance. Forgive us, O God. Cleanse us of our sins and help us to recenter our lives in your perfect love and truth through this time of worship. In Jesus' name 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

Pastor Park

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.**

SHARING ABOUT SCOUTING (TROOP # 3)

Scoutmaster Brian Conner

PRAYER FOR SCOUTING

Gracious God,

We lift to you the work 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.

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Andrew Alberto, reader

1 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will

pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. 11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. 12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. 13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

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

All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

“How I Got Over”

Rosalyn McClore

MESSAGE

“The Most Important Thing to Learn”

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

Pastor Park

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**

“The Gift of Love”

UMH # 408

**1 Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

**2 Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.**

Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

* BENEDICTION

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

Rosalyn McClore

Please remain seated for the postlude

*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 today to the leaders and members of Boy Scout Troop 3. Special thanks to Tyler Rapp serving as Greeter; Griffin Conner, Acolyte and Andrew Alberto, Scripture Reader.
- Altar flowers this morning are given by Susan Drastal to the Glory of God and in honor of Patty Sampson as she celebrates her birthday.
- Special thanks to Christine Waddington 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.
- There will be a combined Ash Wednesday Service at the First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell, 326 Bloomfield Ave., Caldwell 07006. The service will start at 7 pm.
- 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!