

SUNDAY, February 16, 2025

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Jackie Han, Music Minister



PRELUDE

“Marching to Zion”

Jackie Han

WELCOME

Christine Waddington

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We glorify you, O Lord, for you have lifted us up.

**P: O Lord, our God, we cried out to you, and you healed us.**

L: Sing praises to the Lord, O faithful ones, and praise God’s holy name.

**P: For God’s anger is but for a moment, but God’s favor is for a lifetime.**

L: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**P: O God, you have turned our mourning into dancing! Let us worship God!**

\* OPENING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful” (Verses 1-3)

UMH # 89

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
 God of glory, Lord of love;  
 hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
 opening to the sun above.  
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
 drive the dark of doubt away.  
 Giver of immortal gladness,  
 fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,  
 earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
 stars and angels sing around thee,  
 center of unbroken praise.  
 Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
 flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
 chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
 call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,  
 ever blessing, ever blest,  
 wellspring of the joy of living,  
 ocean depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, in Jesus you have shown us love—love that seeks, love that suffers, love that survives all things. You call us, even command us, to show that love in our lives. Yet we turn away from what you would have us do. We confess that the ways of love are not our ways. We deny and ignore, hurt and hate, despise and reject. Have mercy on us. Help us to receive your love so that we can love others. Help us to receive your love so that we can love ourselves. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE      Christine Waddington

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                              Luke 18:15-17                              Pastor Karen

<sup>15</sup> People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup> But Jesus called the children to him and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>17</sup> Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

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

All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM                                      “Jesus Loves Me”                              the CUMC Choir

**MESSAGE**

**“Joy Comes in the Morning!”**

**Rev. David LeDuc**

**RECEIVING THE MORNING’S OFFERINGS**

**\*DOXOLOGY # 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**

**Rev. David LeDuc**

**PRAYER**

**Pastor Karen**

**\* CLOSING HYMN**

**“Sent Forth by God's Blessing”**

**UMH # 664**

**1. Sent forth by God’s blessing,  
our true faith confessing,  
thy people of God  
from this dwelling take leave.  
The service is ended,  
O now be extended  
the fruits of our worship  
in all who believe.  
The seed of the teaching,  
receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action  
for God and for all.  
God’s grace did invite us,  
and love shall unite us  
to work for God’s kingdom  
and answer the call.**

**2. With praise and thanksgiving  
to God ever living,  
the tasks of our everyday  
life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing,  
in love ever caring,  
embracing God’s children  
of each tribe and race.**

With your grace you feed us,  
 with your light now lead us;  
 unite us as one in this  
 life that we share.  
 Then may all the living  
 with praise and thanksgiving  
 give honor to Christ  
 and that name which we bear.

\* BENEDICTION

Rev. David LeDuc

POSTLUDE

“Sing with All the Saints in Glory“  
*Please remain seated for the postlude*

Jackie Han

\*Stand as able

**Announcements:**

- We extend a warm welcome to Reverend David Le Duc who will be leading us in worship and sharing God’s word with us today.
- Altar Flowers are given by Carol Pho O’Donnell to the Glory of God and in celebration of her daughter Bevin’s birthday.
- Special thanks to Pastor Karen Gazzillo for hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.
- If you have not already filled out your membership form please complete it and return it to the church office at your earliest convenience. Completed forms may be returned to the office, mailed or emailed to the office at [caldwellumcnj@gmail.com](mailto:caldwellumcnj@gmail.com).
- The rescheduled Souper Bowl Soup Sale will take place today immediately following worship. Stop by and purchase some delicious soup, stew or chili to enjoy at home.

- We invite you to join us in the weekly Bible reading program. The question sheet can be picked up every Sunday from the back of the church or receive it in your email every Sunday afternoon. Reading the Bible each day will help us to grow in our faith. Please be sure to pick up your answered forms from the back of the church.



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### **“Coming Up This Week”**

*Today -- Souper Bowl Soup Sale after worship*

*Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm – Finance meeting*

*Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 pm – Trustees meeting*