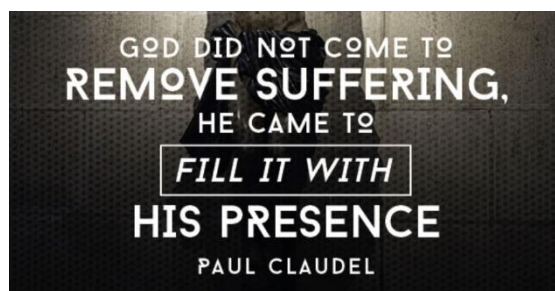


SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

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

1st Sunday in Lent

Jackie Han, Music Minister



PRELUDE

“Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days”

Jackie Han

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We come, trusting in God's mercy and love,
longing to know and to learn more about God's ways.

**P: We come, to be guided in the ways of God's truth—
to experience the joy of God's salvation.**

L: We come, at the beginning of our Lenten journey,
aware of God's steadfast love helping us to overcome
the trials and temptations which can descend on us at any time.

**P: Lead us, O God, to do what is right in your eyes
and teach us to follow the humble way of Christ,
your beloved Son, our crucified and risen Lord.**

*** OPENING HYMN**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

UMH 61

1. Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise!
Father all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

2. Come, thou incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend!
Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

**3. Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!**

**4. To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be,
hence, evermore.
Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

**Search us, O God, and know our heart; try us and know our thoughts.
See where there is darkness and sin and lead us in the way that leads to real
abundant life.**

**Holy and Merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole
communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned against you.
We have sin in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we
have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, body and soul.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourself.

We have broken your heart and your law by pursuing our own selfish desires.

We have not listened to your call and we have grieved your Holy Spirit.

L: Accept our prayers of repentance oh God. Know that we are sorry for choosing a path that ultimately hurts your heart and kills ours. Free us for joyful obedience and renew us with the presence of your Spirit.

Now let us privately repent of the things we know are blocking us from His presence.
(Silent time of confession)

The saying is true and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins on the cross, so that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God. 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,
 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.

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SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 3:18-22

Reader

L: 18 Christ himself suffered on account of sins, once for all, the righteous one on behalf of the unrighteous. He did this in order to bring you into the presence of God. Christ was put to death as a human, but made alive by the Spirit.

P: 19 And it was by the Spirit that he went to preach to the spirits in prison.

L: 20 In the past, these spirits were disobedient—when God patiently waited during the time of Noah. Noah built an ark in which a few (that is, eight) lives were rescued through water.

P: 21 Baptism is like that. It saves you now—not because it removes dirt from your body but because it is the mark of a good conscience toward God. Your salvation comes through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

L: 22 who is at God’s right side. Now that he has gone into heaven, he rules over all angels, authorities, and powers.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

CUMC Choir

MESSAGE

“Remember Jesus”

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*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****"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"****UMH # 382**

1. Have thine own way, Lord!

Have thine own way!

Thou art the potter;

I am the clay.

Mold me and make me

after thy will,

while I am waiting,

yielded and still.

2. Have thine own way, Lord!

Have thine own way!

Search me and try me,

Savior today!

Wash me just now, Lord,

wash me just now,

as in thy presence

humbly I bow.

3. Have thine own way, Lord!

Have thine own way!

Wounded and weary,

help me I pray!

Power, all power,

surely is thine!

Touch me and heal me,

Savior divine!

4. Have thine own way, Lord!

Have thine own way!

Hold o'er my being
 absolute sway.
 Fill with thy Spirit
 till all shall see
 Christ only, always,
 living in me!

* BENEDICTION

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

“Nearer, My God, to Thee”

Jackie Han

*Stand as able

Announcements:

Altar Flowers this morning are given by the CUMC family to the glory of God and in celebration of Patty Sampson’s birthday.

Thank you to Stephanie DeBruyne for providing the refreshments for Fellowship Ministry after worship today.

Lenten Soup & Bible Study will take place at church every Wednesday for FIVE weeks throughout the season of Lent. A time of fellowship over soup will begin from 7 PM and the Bible study will begin from 7:30 PM. Please feel free to come either for Soup & Bible Study or just for Bible Study as you wish. For those of you who could not join us in person, you are more than welcome to join us online via ZOOM for Bible Study at 7:30 PM. Please look for the ZOOM link in the email. We will study *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws* by Adam Hamilton.

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.