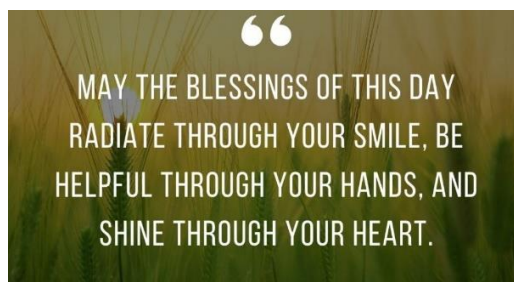


**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**Jackie Han, Music Minister**



**PRELUDE**

**“The God of Abraham Praise”**

**Jackie Han**

**WELCOME AND INVOCATION**

**Pastor Park**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Open your hearts to God's love today.

**P: In the midst of winter darkness, we seek the brightness of God's love.**

L: Don't be afraid. God is with you.

**P: With the Lord's help, we can overcome the darkness.**

L: The Lord is your light and your salvation.

**P: Even though everything around us is disturbing, yet God's love is constant.**

**All: Thanks be to God. AMEN.**

**\* OPENING HYMN**

**“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

**UMH 140**

**1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
 there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
 thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
 as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

**Refrain:**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
 all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
 great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
 sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
 join with all nature in manifold witness  
 to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

**Refrain**

**3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

**Refrain**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)**

Heavenly Father, we want to believe.

Help our unbelief.

We yearn to follow your will for us faithfully. Forgive our hesitant, stumbling steps.

Hold us by the hand, guide us with your love,  
and cover us with your mercy and grace.

Help us answer your call, trust your promises,  
and walk in your ways all the days of our lives. Amen.

**CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**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**

**Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

**Reader**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless.

**2 Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.”**

**3** Abram fell facedown, and God said to him,

**4 “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations.**



I'm gonna work so God can use me...  
 Anywhere, Lord, anytime.  
 I'm gonna work so God can use me...  
 Anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me...  
 Anywhere, Lord, anytime.  
 I'm gonna pray so God can use me...  
 Anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna sing so God can use me...  
 Anywhere, Lord, anytime.  
 I'm gonna sing so God can use me...  
 Anywhere, Lord, anytime.

**\* BENEDICTION**

**Pastor Park**

**POSTLUDE**

**“Softly Tenderly”**

**Jackie Han**

**\*Stand as able**

**Announcements:**

**Altar flowers given to the Glory of God by John & Jan Taylor in honor of Peyton Cole Roberts, born Feb.18, 2024 to Jennifer Roberts, daughter of Kathryn & Thurman Roberts, niece of John & Jan Taylor.**

**Thank you to Ann Calvin for providing the refreshments for Fellowship Ministry after worship today.**

**We will continue with Lenten Soup & Bible Study this Wednesday from 7 PM for Soup Fellowship and 7:30 PM for Bible Study. 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. The ZOOM link will be sent again via email. We studying the Gospel of *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.**