

SUNDAY, March 2, 2025
Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006
Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Transfiguration Sunday
Jackie Han, Music Minister



PRELUDE "Spirit of the Living God" Jackie Han

WELCOME AND INVOCATION Pastor Park

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are brought here today to glimpse the hope that Christ has for us.

P: Open our hearts to receive that hope.

L: We are brought here today to be healed of our fears.

P: Heal us, Lord Jesus, with your love and power.

L: Come, let us receive the vision and healing love of God.

P: Praise be to God who continues to bless and restore us. AMEN.

*** OPENING HYMN** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" UMH # 327

1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

3. Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.

His reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

4. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.

All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we are often tempted to stay in our comfort zones rather than step out in faith. But you have called us to “Listen to Him!” You have asked us to be ready for the journey. We cannot stay where we are, comfortable and snuggled down in the familiar. There is much to be done. Forgive us, Lord, when we are stubborn and willful. Remind us that you are with us, wherever we are. You call us from the mountaintop to go to the valley where this is struggle and strife; where healing is needed. Prepare us, Lord, for the journey. Help us to listen to you. Heal us, Lord. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.

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

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

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray.

²⁹ **As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.**

³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus.

³¹ **They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem.**

³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

³³ **As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)**

³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.

³⁵ **A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.”**

³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

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

All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

“Be Thou My Vision”

the CUMC Choir

MESSAGE

“Wake Up, Listen and Share”

Pastor Park

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**

Pastor Park

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH # 13

**The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.**

**On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."**

**When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."**

**And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.**

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

**Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.**

**By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.**

**Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.**

Amen

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**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.**

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**

“Take Time to be Holy”

UMH # 395

**1. Take time to be holy,
speak oft with thy Lord;
abide in him always,
and feed on his word.
Make friends of God's children,**

help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing
his blessing to seek.

2. Take time to be holy,
the world rushes on;
spend much time in secret
with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus,
like him thou shalt be;
thy friends in thy conduct
his likeness shall see.

3. Take time to be holy,
let him be thy guide,
and run not before him,
whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow,
still follow the Lord,
and, looking to Jesus,
still trust in his word.

4. Take time to be holy,
be calm in thy soul,
each thought and each motive
beneath his control.
Thus led by his spirit
to fountains of love,
thou soon shalt be fitted
for service above.

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

“Shine, Jesus, Shine“

Jackie Han

Please remain seated for the postlude

***Stand as able**

Announcements:

- Altar Flowers are given by Tony Gazzillo to the Glory of God and in celebration of Pastor Karen’s 80th birthday.

- Special thanks to Gail Plumstead for hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.
- 2025 Ash Wednesday Service – Please note that we will gather at First Presbyterian Church of Caldwell this Wednesday, March 5th at 7 pm, for a combined Ash Wednesday Service with 5 other churches in area. There will be Holy Communion during the service. Please come and join us. The church address is 326 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, NJ 07006
- 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.
- 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”

March 5th @7 pm – combined Ash Wednesday Service at First Presbyterian Church of Caldwell

Birthday Greetings to:
March 3 - Jill Plumstead
March 7 - Karen Gazzillo
March 11 - Christine Pavlishin