

SUNDAY, March 3, 2024

3rd Sunday in Lent

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Jackie Han, Music Minister



PRELUDE

“Dying With Jesus”

Jackie Han

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We stand in the need of the presence of God.

P: Our lives can so easily become corrupted by our own greed.

L: But the Lord has heard our cries and calls us forward on this journey.

P: Lord, guide our steps.

L: Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

P: Let us open our hearts to the healing, restoring love of God. AMEN.

*** OPENING HYMN**

“How Great Thou Art”

UMH # 77

**1 O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the *worlds thy hand have made,
I see the stars, I hear the *rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!**

**2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]**

**3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;**

that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! [Refrain]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

God of righteousness, we confess that have not kept your commandments. We bow down before idols, declaring our allegiance to other powers and principalities. We take your name in vain, using it to justify our own prejudices and opinions. We look the other way in the face of violence and oppression. Our dishonesty and greed get the better of us. Yet you gave us commandments not for condemnation, but so that we might live in justice and joy. Purify us by your righteousness and enfold us in your grace. Sanctify our intentions and actions, that our lives may begin to reflect your love and peace in this world. 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 Corinthians 1:18-25

Reader

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

¹⁹ **For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”**

²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

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.**

* CLOSING HYMN	“Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed”	UMH # 359
* BENEDICTION		Pastor Park
POSTLUDE	“Jesus Shed His Blood for Me”	Jackie Han
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die? Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I? 	
	<p>Refrain: At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light, and the burden of my heart rolled away; it was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day.</p>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Was it for crimes that I have done, he groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree! (Refrain) 	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut its glories in, when God, the mighty maker, died for his own creature's sin. (Refrain) 	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears; dissolve my heart in thankfulness, 	

and melt mine eyes to tears.

(Refrain)

5. But drops of tears can ne'er repay
the debt of love I owe.

Here, Lord, I give myself away;

'tis all that I can do.

(Refrain)

***Stand as able**

Announcements:

Altar Flowers this morning are given by Ann Calvin to the glory of God and in loving memory of her dear husband, Don Calvin.

Special thanks to Gail Plumstead for hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.

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 are studying the Gospel of *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws* by Adam Hamilton.

Please see the insert in the bulletin to order Easter flowers.

Easter yard signs are available if you wish to place one on your lawn to help spread the message of hope this Easter.