SUNDAY, March 9, 2025

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

First Sunday in Lent Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006 Jackie Han, Music Minister



"Lord, I Want To Be a Christian" PRELUDE

Jackie Han

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Long ago, God rescued God's people from slavery.

P: We are enslaved today, in many different ways.

L: God can and will rescue us. Place your trust in God's love.

P: Our hope is in the Lord who is our refuge and our strength.

L: Even though temptations surround us, drawing us away from God,

P: We will continue to follow God and trust in God's ways. AMEN.

* OPENING HYMN "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" **UMH # 66**

- 1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to the throne thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.
- 2. Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress; praise God, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness.
- 3. Father-like, God tends and spares us; well our feeble frame God knows; mother-like, God gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet God's mercy flows.

4. Angels in the heights, adoring, you behold God face to face; saints triumphant, now adoring, gathered in from every race.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, Your Kingdom is open to all by Your grace and through faith in Jesus but we often construct roadblocks that hinder people from entering. We demand good behavior from others before showing them where to find Your life-changing mercy. We work to appear righteous and good but fail to practice Jesus' basic instructions: love God, love others, forgive freely, and share the Good News. Forgive us for our sin and our waywardness. Let us lean wholly on Your power that we may follow You faithfully and lead others to Your grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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 Luke 4:1-13

- 1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.
- 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.
- 3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."
- 4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone."
- **5** The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.
- 6 And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to.
- 7 If you worship me, it will all be yours."
- 8 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only."
- **9** The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here.
- 10 For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully;
- **11** they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."
- 12 Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.""
- 13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

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

All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM "Open Our Eyes, Lord" the CUMC Choir

MESSAGE "When We Are Tempted" 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

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 "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" TFWS # 2112

- Jesus walked this lonesome valley;
 he had to walk it by himself.
 Oh, nobody else could walk it for him;
 he had to walk it by himself.
- We must walk this lonesome valley;
 we have to walk it by ourselves.
 Oh, nobody else can walk it for us;
 we have to walk it by ourselves.
- 3. You must go and stand your trial; you have to stand it by yourself.
 Oh, nobody else can stand it for you; you have to stand it by yourself.

* BENEDICTION Pastor Park

POSTLUDE "How Great Thou Art" Jackie Han

*Stand as able

Announcements:

- Altar Flowers are given by Kathy Zajac to the Glory of God and in memory of her mother Ruth Bryson.
- Special thanks to Kathy Zajac for hosting the time of Fellowship today in celebration of the life of her mother Ruth Bryson. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.

- Join us for our Lenten Soup and Bible Study beginning Wednesday, March 12th at 6:30 pm and continuing every Wednesday evening throughout Lent. Please consider signing up to bring soup one evening.
- 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.
- To beautify our sanctuary for Easter on April 20th, we are offering you the opportunity to place lilies, tulips, and daffodils on the altar in memory or in honor of someone dear to you. To order flowers please see the insert in this bulletin.
- The Caldwell Food Pantry is in need of these items: Shelf Stable Milk (i.e.: Parmalat), Pasta Sauce, Breakfast Cereal (no Cheerios, please) Canned Beans (i.e.: garbanzo, red, black, cannellini—not green beans). Collection deadline is Sunday, April 6th. Thank you for your contributions.



If you wish to give electronically scan this QR code using the camera function on your smart phone. You will be taken directly to the donations page on our website.

"Coming Up This Week"

March 12th @ 6:30 pm pm - Lenten Soup & Bible Study

Birthday Greetings to: March 11 - Christine Pavlishin