SUNDAY, March 10, 2024

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Jackie Han, Music Minister

Grumbling and gratitude are, for the child of God, in conflict. Be grateful and you won't grumble.
Grumble and you won't be grateful.

PRELUDE "The Three Nails" Jackie Han

## WELCOME AND INVOCATION

**Greg Elphinstone** 

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: Give thanks to God!
- P: Proclaim God's goodness throughout all the world.
- L: Let all of us, gathered here, celebrate God's absolute love.
- P: Let us offer our lives in service to others.
- L: Thanks be to God for the blessings which have been poured on us.
- P: Lord, enable us to use our gifts to serve you in your world. AMEN.

# \* OPENING HYMN "Majesty, Worship His Majesty" UMH # 176

Majesty, worship His majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King. Majesty, worship His Majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.

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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!

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Gracious and loving God, we gather before you today confessing that we have not always been faithful in following your will for us in our lives.

We confess that we have not followed Jesus in all that we do.

We loved with condition. We judged and condemned others in our hearts.

We did not turn to You as the source of our healing and hope.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sins, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and

service. In name of Jesus our Lord and Savior we pray, 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.

SCRIPTURE Numbers 21:4-9 Greg Elphinstone

- 4 They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way;
- 5 they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the desert? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!"
- 6 Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died.
- 7 The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people.
- 8 The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live."
- 9 So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

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

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANTHEM "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross/Were You There?" CUMC Choir

MESSAGE "Faltering Faith, Unfailing Grace" 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 Gazillo

## 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.

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## \* CLOSING HYMN

**Announcements:** 

"Grace Alone"

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith, every difference we will make is only by his grace.

Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine, every blessing left behind is only by his grace.

Grace alone
which God supplies,
strength unknown
he will provide.
Christ in us
our Cornerstone;
we will go forth
in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach, every where we share his peace is only by his grace.

Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away, every sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace.

Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide. Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

* BENEDICTION		Pastor Park
POSTLUDE	"Amazing Grace"	Jackie Han
*Stand as able		

Altar Flowers this morning are given by the CUMC family to the glory of God and in celebration of Pastor Karen's birthday. HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY!

Special thanks to Tracy Voca 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.

Copies of the March newsletter are available on the table outside of the church office.