

SUNDAY, March 16, 2025

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Second 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.**

**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**

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.

We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

**SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION****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**

**Philippians 3:17-4:1**

**17** Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.

**18** For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.

**19** Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.

**20** But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,

**21** who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

**4:1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!**

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM** "As the Deer" the CUMC Choir

**MESSAGE** "Worthy of Imitation" 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** "I Am Thine, O Lord" UMH # 419

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,  
and it told thy love to me;  
but I long to rise in the arms of faith  
and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain:

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to the cross where thou hast died.

Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to thy precious, bleeding side.

2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,  
by the power of grace divine;  
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,  
and my will be lost in thine.  
(Refrain)

3. O the pure delight of a single hour  
that before thy throne I spend,  
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,  
I commune as friend with friend!  
(Refrain)

4. There are depths of love that I cannot know  
till I cross the narrow sea;  
there are heights of joy that I may not reach  
till I rest in peace with thee.  
(Refrain)

\* BENEDICTION

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness“

Jackie Han

*Please remain seated for the postlude*

\*Stand as able

Announcements:

- Altar Flowers are given by Tracy Voca to the Glory of God and in celebration of spring and in appreciation of Louise Woodcox.
- Special thanks to Pastor Karen for hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.
- Join us for our Lenten Soup and Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm throughout the period of Lent. We are studying Adam Hamilton’s “24 Hours That Changed the World”. We would appreciate it if you could bring soup one evening with others from the Bible Study.

- 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. We will be reading the Book of Exodus from this week.
- To beautify our sanctuary for Easter on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.



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### **“Coming Up This Week”**

**March 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm – Lenten Soup & Bible Study**

*Birthday Greetings to:*

*March 17 - Walter Hartmann*

*March 18 - Mary Hartmann*

*March 18 - Tim DeBruyne*

*Happy Anniversary, John & Jan Taylor - March 21*

