

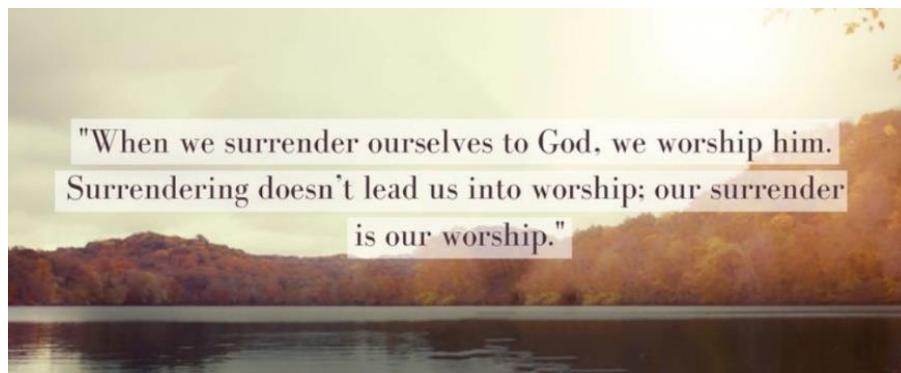
SUNDAY, March 17, 2024

5th Sunday in Lent

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Jackie Han, Music Minister



PRELUDE

“Per Crucem (Through the Cross)”

Jackie Han

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The journey of Lent continues with a journey of sacrifice.

P: We are called upon to give our lives to God.

L: This requires the willingness to surrender all of our life to the Lord.

P: Be with us, Lord, as we commit our lives to you.

L: Come, let us worship and offer our voices of praise to God.

P: Let us open our hearts and spirits to God this day. AMEN.

* OPENING HYMN

“To God Be the Glory”

UMH # 98

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;

the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. Refrain)

3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Compassionate Lord, forgive us when we falter on this Lenten pathway; when the road ahead seems too uncertain and we are afraid. We admit that following Jesus is not an easy task. Jesus requires us to be willing to make the ultimate commitment of our whole lives and we hesitate and hold back. Draw us back to you, Lord. Give us confidence and courage to face the future with hope. Let us place our trust in you that the message of peace and mercy you have given to us through Jesus Christ may be offered to others through our own witness to your healing mercy. In Jesus' Name, 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.

TFWS # 2041

SCRIPTURE

John 12:20-33

20 Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast.

21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.”

22 Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

23 Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

24 I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

25 **The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.**

26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

27 **“Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.**

28 Father, glorify your name!” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.”

29 **The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.**

30 Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine.

31 **Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.**

32 But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.”

33 **He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.**

ANTHEM

“Amazing Grace”

Myrtle Connell, soloist

MESSAGE

“Surrender & Follow”

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.

*** CLOSING HYMN****“I Surrender All”****UMH # 354**

1. All to Jesus I surrender;
 all to him I freely give;
 I will ever love and trust him,
 in his presence daily live.

Refrain:

I surrender all, I surrender all,
 all to thee, my blessed Savior,
 I surrender all.

2. All to Jesus I surrender;
 humbly at his feet I bow,
 worldly pleasures all forsaken;
 take me, Jesus, take me now. [Refrain]

3. All to Jesus I surrender;
 make me, Savior, wholly thine;
 let me feel the Holy Spirit,
 truly know that thou art mine. [Refrain]

4. All to Jesus I surrender;
 Lord, I give myself to thee;
 fill me with thy love and power;
 let thy blessing fall on me. [Refrain]

5. All to Jesus I surrender;
 now I feel the sacred flame.
 O the joy of full salvation!
 Glory, glory to his name! [Refrain]

*** BENEDICTION****Pastor Park****POSTLUDE****“Lamb of God”****Jackie Han*****Stand as able***** Announcements**

Altar Flowers this morning are given by Stephanie DeBruyne to the glory of God and in thankfulness for family & friends.

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

Our final Lenten Soup & Bible Study will take place 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.

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

Tickets for the Fish & Chips dinner on April 20th are on sale now. See the insert.

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

Upcoming This Week:

Tuesday, March 19th at 7:30 pm - Church Finance, Trustees and Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 pm - Final Lenten Soup Fellowship & Bible Study

Sunday, March 24th at 10:00 am - Palm Sunday Worship

Sunday, March 24th - Last day to place orders for Easter Flowers