

SUNDAY, March 23, 2025

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Third Sunday in Lent

Jackie Han, Music Minister



PRELUDE

“Seek the Lord”

Jackie Han

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: A rich feast awaits those who call upon the Lord.

P: God offers to us all the bounty of God’s love.

L: How we have thirsted for hope and peace!

P: How we have longed for joy and love!

L: God continually blesses and heals us.

P: Praise be to God for God’s steadfast love. AMEN.

*** OPENING HYMN**

“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise” (2X)

TFWS # 2031

**We bring the sacrifice of praise
Into the house of the Lord.**

**We bring the sacrifice of praise
Into the house of the Lord.**

**And we offer up to You
The sacrifices of thanksgiving;
And we offer up to You
The sacrifices of joy.**

**We bring the sacrifice of praise
Into the house of the Lord.**

**We bring the sacrifice of praise
Into the house of the Lord.**

**And we offer up to You
The sacrifices of thanksgiving;
And we offer up to You
The sacrifices of joy.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we come before you confessing that we have not lived as we ought.

We did not love You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We failed to love our neighbor as ourselves. So, we come before you today seeking your mercy and forgiveness. Forgive us and change our hearts and minds. Teach and help us to love others the way You love us. Give us strength and courage in our hearts to do your will. This we pray in Jesus' name. 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

Luke 13:1-9

1 Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.

2 Jesus answered, **“Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way?”**

3 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.

4 Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem?

5 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

6 Then he told this parable: **“A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any.**

7 So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’

**2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?**

**Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]**

**3 Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,
passing from you and from me;
shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming,
coming for you and for me. [Refrain]**

**4 O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]**

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

“There Is a Green Hill Far Away”

Jackie Han

Please remain seated for the postlude

***Stand as able**

Announcements:

- **Welcome to Sunday morning worship. We are so glad that you have joined us this morning. We extend a very special welcome to the youth who are participating in the worship service today: Jack Ripa-Offering Usher, Joseph Ripa-Acolyte & Gwenyth Gettings-Scripture Reader.**
- **Altar Flowers are given by Ruth Carrara to the Glory of God and in memory of her dear husband Gil Carrara.**
- **Special thanks to Louise Woodcox 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 to share 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 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.**



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“Coming Up This Week”

March 26th @ 6:30 pm – Lenten Soup & Bible Study

*Birthday Greetings to:
March 25 – Carole Volz*

Happy Anniversary, Gordon & Denise Stelter - March 27