SUNDAY, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Jackie Han, Music Minister



PRELUDE "Les Rameaux(the Palms)" Jackie Han

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In joy, we gather this day.

P: Hosanna to Jesus, the Christ.

L: In remembrance, we gather this day.

P: Hosanna to the son of David.

L: In festive celebration and quiet reflection, we gather to worship and pray.

P: Hosanna to the Son of God. Amen.

* OPENING HYMN

"Blessed Be the Name of the Lord"

TFWS # 2034

Verse 1

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be the name of the Lord Most High
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be the name of the Lord

Chorus

The name of the Lord is a strong tower
The righteous run into it and they are saved
The name of the Lord is a strong tower
The righteous run into it and they are saved

Verse 2

Jesus is the name of the Lord
Jesus is the name of the Lord
Jesus is the name of the Lord Most High

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Chorus

The name of the Lord is a strong tower
The righteous run into it and they are saved
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Verse 3

Glory to the name of the Lord
Glory to the name of the Lord
Glory to the name of the Lord Most High
Glory to the name of the Lord
Glory to the name of the Lord
Glory to the name of the Lord

Chorus

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

We come today Lord waving our branches and shouting "Hosanna!" But when we look into our own lives, we confess that we have not always lived as your disciples. Too often we have wandered from your will and followed our own ways. We have turned from those who needed help, because it wasn't convenient for us or for others reasons. We have done and said things that are not Christlike. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to turn our lives around and live as your true disciples. Enter our hearts and transform our lives today. We ask this in your holy name. 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,

TFWS # 2041

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

Mark 11:1-1

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples,

- 2 saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.
- 3 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"
- 4 They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it.
- 5 some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?"
- 6 They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go.
- 7 When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it.
- 8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields.
- 9 Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"
- 10 "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest!"
- 11 Jesus entered Jerusalem and went to the temple. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

ANTHEM "Hosanna, Hosanna" CUMC Choir

MESSAGE "Let God be God" 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!

UMH # 382

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*DEDICATION

PRAYER Pastor Karen Gazzillo

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

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

1. Have thine own way, Lord!

Have thine own way!

Thou art the potter;

I am the clay.

Mold me and make me
after thy will,

while I am waiting,
yielded and still.

- 2. Have thine own way, Lord!
 Have thine own way!
 Search me and try me,
 Savior today!
 Wash me just now, Lord,
 wash me just now,
 as in thy presence
 humbly I bow.
- 3. Have thine own way, Lord!
 Have thine own way!
 Wounded and weary,
 help me I pray!
 Power, all power,
 surely is thine!
 Touch me and heal me,
 Savior divine!

4. Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being
absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit
till all shall see
Christ only, always,
living in me!

* BENEDICTION Pastor Park

POSTLUDE "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Jackie Han

*Stand as able

* Announcements

Altar Flowers this morning are given by Stephanie & Donald DeBruyne to the glory of God and in loving memory of Stephanie's father, Joseph Burger.

Special thanks to Barbara & Ken Ingra for hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.

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

Please note the following services that are offered during the Holy Week in the inserted flyer. We hope that you will make every effort to attend all of these services as we reflect on the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ who came to be our Lord and Savior.

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

Upcoming This Week:

March 24th - Last day to order Easter Flowers

March 26th- Prayer & Chant Circle at 10 am

March 28th- Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30 pm

March 29th- Good Friay Service at 7:30 pm

March 31st- Easter Worship at 10 am