

SUNDAY, March 30, 2025

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Jackie Han, Music Minister



PRELUDE

“Spirit Song”

Jackie Han

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: How blessed we are that God forgives us and loves us!

P: For all those times when we have fallen short of what God would have us be, we have been forgiven.

L: God makes us new in God’s Spirit!

P: Now is the time to joyfully accept the newness of life which God offers to us.

L: Come, let us worship and be thankful.

P: Let us open our hearts to the peace and joy of God. AMEN.

*** OPENING HYMN**

“Maker, in Whom We Live”

UMH # 88

**1. Maker, in whom we live,
in whom we are and move,
the glory, power, and praise receive
for thy creating love.**

**Let all the angel throng
give thanks to God on high,
while earth repeats the joyful song
and echoes to the sky.**

**2. Incarnate Deity,
let all the ransomed race
render in thanks their lives to thee
for thy redeeming grace.**

**The grace to sinners showed
ye heavenly choirs proclaim,
and cry, "Salvation to our God,
salvation to the Lamb!"**

**3. Spirit of Holiness,
let all thy saints adore
thy sacred energy, and bless
thine heart-renewing power.**

Not angel tongues can tell
thy love's ecstatic height,
the glorious joy unspeakable,
the beatific sight.

4. Eternal, Triune God,
let all the hosts above,
let all on earth below record
and dwell upon thy love.
When heaven and earth are fled
before thy glorious face,
sing all the saints thy love hath made
thine everlasting praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we admit that we are prone to try to hide our sins; to keep our mouths shut and hope we are not found out. But there is no place to hide from you. Our silence only makes us sick in body and spirit. But you delight in forgiving us and in covering our sin. You are glad when we confess our failings and our needs. Save us, O God, and teach us the way we should go. Deliver us from our own stubbornness, and draw us near to your grace and mercy. In the name of Jesus we pray, 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 15:1-3, 11b-32

1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus.

2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

3 Then Jesus told them this parable:

11b "There was a man who had two sons.

12 The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

13 "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.

14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.

15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.

16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

17 "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!

18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.'

20 So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

21 "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.

24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

25 "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing.

26 So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on.

27 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

28 "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.

* BENEDICTION

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Jackie Han

Please remain seated for the postlude

*Stand as able

Announcements:

- Altar Flowers are given by Jackie Han to the Glory of God and in celebration of the choir.
- Altar Flowers are given by Louise Woodcox to the Glory of God and in memory of her dear friend Dorothy Theile.
- Special thanks to Tracy Ripa 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 are reading the Book of Exodus.

- We are now accepting orders for Easter flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter Service. The flowers can be ordered 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.
- Dorothy Theile's memorial service will take place in the sanctuary on Saturday, April 26th at 11:00 am.



If you wish to give electronically scan this QR code using the camera function on your smart phone. You will be taken directly to the donations page on our website.



“Coming Up This Week”

April 2nd @ 6:30 pm – Lenten Soup & Bible Study