

SUNDAY, April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor



PRELUDE

Helen Jung

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: When all we have hoped for and trusted in has let us down;

P: There is Christ who reaches out to us.

L: When the world seems dark and despairs threatens to close in upon us;

P: There is Christ, reaching out for us.

L: Come and let us worship the Lord who is always ready to reach out to us.

P: We humbly come before the Lord in hope and faith. AMEN.

*** OPENING HYMN**

“How Great Thou Art”

UMH # 77

**1 O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the *worlds thy hand have made,
I see the stars, I hear the *rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!**

**2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]**

**3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]**

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! [Refrain]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient Lord, we find it easy to blame others and other circumstances for the things which happen in our lives. Too often we want you to be a “magic” presence which will cure our ills, give us success and happiness; but we don’t necessarily want to take responsibility for our attitudes and actions. Forgive us when we are so busy placing blame that we don’t recognize your presence and love for us. Free us from placing our own desires first and foremost. Help us to look at the many ways in which you are working in the world for peace and justice, and enable us to be part of that ministry. In Jesus’ name, we pray. 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.

BAPTISM Lauren Anne Wallace, Matthew John Wallace, Ryan George Wallace

Kate Cassala (Lauren’s godmother)

Sarah Inglis (Ryan’s godmother)

Nicole Kosmack (Matt’s godmother)

HYMN

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

UMH # 557

1. Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;

the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

2. Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

3. We share each other's woes
our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

4. When we asunder part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 3:4b-14

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:

5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee;

6 as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

7 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ

9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,

14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

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

All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

Helen Jung

MESSAGE

“The Price We Pay and Its Worth”

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

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH # 13

**The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.**

**On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:**

**"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."**

**When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."**

**And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.**

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

**Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.**

**By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.**

**Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.**

Amen

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**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****“Jesus Loves Me”****UMH # 191**

Jesus loves me this I know,
 For the Bible tells me so.
 Little ones to him belong,
 They are weak but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me!
 Yes, Jesus loves me!
 Yes, Jesus loves me!
 The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me this I know,
 as he loved so long ago,
 taking children on his knee,
 saying, “Let them come to me.”

Yes, Jesus loves me!
 Yes, Jesus loves me!
 Yes, Jesus loves me!
 The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me still today,
 walking with me on my way,
 wanting as a friend to give
 light and love to all who live.

Yes, Jesus loves me!
 Yes, Jesus loves me!
 Yes, Jesus loves me!
 The Bible tells me so.

*** BENEDICTION****Pastor Park****POSTLUDE****Helen Jung**

Please remain seated for the postlude

Stand as able*Announcements:**

- We extend our special welcome to Helen Jung who is serving as our guest musician today.

- Altar Flowers are given by Louise Woodcox to the Glory of God and in memory of her dear mother Rachel Rotter.
- Altar Flowers are given by Leslie & Alan Pierce to the Glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of their grandchildren.
- 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 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.



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“Coming Up This Week”

April 9th @ 6:30 pm – Lenten Soup & Bible Study
April 9th – Caldwell Food Pantry collection deadline

Celebrating Birthdays This Week:

George W. Carrick, Jr. – April 10th
Joe Dolce – April 10th
Andrew Hansen – April 11th
Brandon Narine – April 12th
Isabel Voca – April 12th
Rev. Barbara Stephens-Rich – April 12th
Bailey Ann Winkler – April 14th