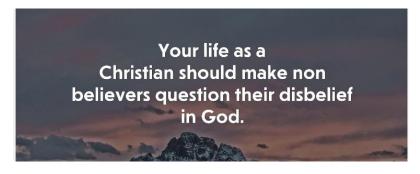
# SUNDAY, April 7, 2024 Second Sunday of Easter Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006



PRELUDE "There is None like You" Jackie Han

## WELCOME AND INVOCATION

**Pastor Park** 

# \* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

P: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!

L: Walk in the light of his love.

P: Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.

L: Come, let us worship the One who overcame death.

P: Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. 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)

God of grace and mercy, we want to continue singing the alleluias of Easter, but there are days we just don't feel like singing. Sometimes we lock ourselves away, fearful of what has happened or what the day may bring. Sometimes we allow our doubts to overwhelm our faith. Sometimes we forget about the needs of our neighbors because we are so focused on ourselves. Forgive us. Draw us back to you and to one another. Help us walk in your love and light, that others may see in us the loving presence of the risen Christ. Amen.

#### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

**GATHERING SONG** 

"He is Lord" (2X)

**UMH # 177** 

He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

SCRIPTURE John 20:19-31 Reader

- <sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"
- <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.
- <sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."
- <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.
- <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."
- <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.
- <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."
- <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"
- <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."
- <sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"
- <sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.

**31** But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

ANTHEM "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" CUMC Choir

MESSAGE "The Irony of Faith" 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!

#### \*DEDICATION

HOLY COMMUNION The Great Thanksgiving UMH # 13

\* CLOSING HYMN "Trust and Obey" UMH # 467

1 When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

#### Refrain:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

2 Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he doth richly repay; not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. [Refrain] 3 But we never can prove the delights of his love until all on the altar we lay; for the favor he shows, for the joy he bestows, are for them who will trust and obey. [Refrain]

4 Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey. [Refrain]

\* BENEDICTION Pastor Park

POSTLUDE "Just As I Am" Jackie Han

\*Stand as able

#### \* Announcements

- Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of GOD by Stephanie & Don DeBruyne in loving memory of Stephanie's mom Judith Burger.
- Baptismal Font flowers are given to the GLORY OF GOD By Leslie & Alan Pierce in honor of their Granddaughter's Baptism in Texas.
- Special thanks to Pastor Karen Gazzillo for hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.
- Please note that the last day to order your tickets for the Fish & Chips Dinner is April 13<sup>th</sup>.

# This week:

Tuesday, April 9 at 10:00 am - Prayer & Chant Circle Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 pm - Finance & Trustees meeting

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kil Jae Park Music Minister: Jackie Han Bass Player: Alan James Lay Leader: Barbara Ingra Ministers: All Members



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