

**SUNDAY, April 14, 2024**                      **Third Sunday of Easter**  
**Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006**



**PRELUDE**

**“I Will Sing ”**

**Jackie Han**

**WELCOME**

**INVOCATION**

**God, today we simply come in gratitude. We pause to thank you for your provision and your care. We do not take for granted the gift of home and food. We are grateful for the love of family and community. We are thankful for this beautiful place to gather in your name, for here we are challenged, encouraged and reminded of who you are and what you have done. We are blessed with the fruit of your Spirit. We are thankful for the love, patience, kindness and gentleness of your Spirit. Grant that we who have been loved will love; we with whom you have been patient will show patience; we to whom kindness has been shown will be kind; and we with whom you have been gentle will be gentle to all people. For all of this and more, we are grateful. Amen.**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L: The Lord our God is a welcoming God,**

**P: Standing with arms outstretched to those gathering here.**

**L: The Lord our God is a seeking God,**

**P: Calling in love to those who are wondering.**

**L: The Lord our God is a hearing God,**

**P: With ears that are open to our prayers of need and our hymns of praise.**

**L: The Lord our God is a loving God,**

**P: For Christ lives and offers us abundant life.**

**\* OPENING HYMN**

**“Cares Chorus”**

**TFWS # 2215**

I cast all my cares upon you,  
 I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,  
 And any time that I don't know what to do,  
 I will cast all my cares upon you.

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy universal church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

### GATHERING SONG

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH #451

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart  
 Naught be all else to me save that Thou art  
 Thou my best though by day or by night  
 Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true Word  
 I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord  
 Thou and thou only, first in my heart  
 Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won

**May I reach heaven's joys  
 O Bright heaven's Sun!  
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
 Still be my vision O Ruler of all**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Luke 24:13-16, 28-35**

*Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.*

*As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.*

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM**

**"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"**

**CUMC Choir**

**MESSAGE**

**"Thin Places"**

**Rev. Frederick Boyle**

**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! 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****“God Will Take Care of You”****UMH #130**

**1. Be not dismayed whate'er betide,  
God will take care of you;  
beneath his wings of love abide,  
God will take care of you.**

**Refrain:**

**God will take care of you,  
through every day, o'er all the way;  
he will take care of you,  
God will take care of you.**

**2. Through days of toil when heart doth fail,  
God will take care of you;  
when dangers fierce your path assail,  
God will take care of you. [Refrain]**

**3. All you may need he will provide,  
God will take care of you;  
nothing you ask will be denied,  
God will take care of you. [Refrain]**

**4. No matter what may be the test,  
God will take care of you;  
lean, weary one, upon his breast,  
God will take care of you. [Refrain]**

**\* BENEDICTION****Rev. Frederick Boyle****POSTLUDE****“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”****Jackie Han****\*Stand as able**

**\* Announcements**

- **Altar flowers are given to the Glory of GOD by Pastor Karen & Tony Gazzillo in celebration of their daughter-in-law Lise Despres Gazzillo's birthday**
- **Flowers on the Baptismal Font are given to the Glory of GOD by Gail Plumstead in the Celebration of Life.**
- **Special thanks to Jee Young Park for hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.**
- **Applications for the Trustees' Scholarship are being considered for children active in our church who are attending a postsecondary school. Contact Christine Waddington (mitchsmum@aol.com) or the church office to apply.**
- **The April newsletter is out. Pick up you copy from the table in the lobby.**

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