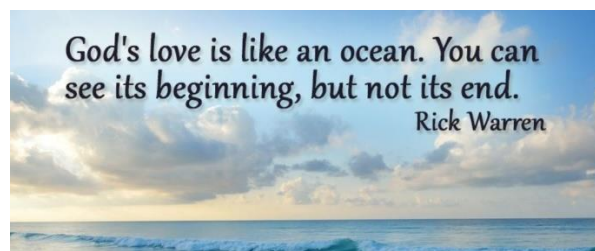


SUNDAY, April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter  
 Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006



PRELUDE

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Jackie Han

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come, walk with the Lord this day.

**P: We seek places of peace and rest from the stresses of our lives.**

L: The Shepherd will lead you to places where your soul may be restored.

**P: We come, sometimes fearful of the hostilities of the world.**

L: In the midst of all the turmoil, The Shepherd will provide for your needs abundantly.

**P: Surely these wonders will heal and restore our spirits. AMEN.**

**\* OPENING HYMN**

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

UMH # 381

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
 much we need thy tender care;  
 in thy pleasant pastures feed us,  
 for our use thy folds prepare.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
 Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
 Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

2. We are thine, thou dost befriend us,  
 be the guardian of our way;  
 keep thy flock, from sin defend us,  
 seek us when we go astray.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
 Hear, O hear us when we pray.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
 Hear, O hear us when we pray.

3. Thou hast promised to receive us,  
 poor and sinful though we be;  
 thou hast mercy to relieve us,  
 grace to cleanse and power to free.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
 We will early turn to thee.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
 We will early turn to thee.

4. Early let us seek thy favor,  
 early let us do thy will;  
 blessed Lord and only Savior,  
 with thy love our bosoms fill.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
 Thou hast loved us, love us still.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
 Thou hast loved us, love us still.

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)**

Holy God, as we come to worship you today, we confess that we are a people in need of your forgiving grace and mercy. We turn our backs on the needs of the poor or give only a cursory acknowledgment of their plight. Forgive us, patient Lord. Forgive our arrogance, our ignorance, our pettiness. Forgive us when we could have done something to help someone else, but chose instead to turn away. Forgive us when we, by our attitudes and language, our thoughts and actions, have gone against your will. Help us to praise you and remember that you have called us to be your witnesses and workers in this world. Give us strength and courage, joy and peace for all the work that you have for us to do. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for us, his sheep, we pray. 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**

**1 John 3:16-24**

16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

**17 If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?**

18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

**19 This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence:**

20 If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

**21 Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God**

22 and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him.

**23 And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.**

24 The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** "Hymn of Promise" **CUMC Choir**

**MESSAGE** "To Believe and To Love" **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! 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.**



to apply.

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