

SUNDAY, April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor



PRELUDE

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Helen Jung

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**

“Christ Is Alive”

UMH # 318

**1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.**

**2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and dwell in every place and time.**

**3 Not throned afar, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior in the Godhead reigns.**

**4 In every insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.**

**5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,**

till earth and all creation ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

"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.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Karen

SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ 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!"

²⁰ **After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.**

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

²² **And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.**

²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.

²⁵ 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."

²⁶ 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!"

²⁷ 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."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ 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.

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

All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

"How Great Thou Art"

Helen Jung

MESSAGE

"Peace Be With You"

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

PRAYER

Pastor Karen

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****"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"****UMH # 462**

1 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
and to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise,
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

2 O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust his cleansing blood;
and in simple faith to plunge me
neath the healing, cleansing flood! [Refrain]

3 Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking
life and rest, and joy and peace. [Refrain]

4 I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,
precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
and I know that thou art with me,
wilt be with me to the end. [Refrain]

*** BENEDICTION****Pastor Park****POSTLUDE****"Blessed Assurance"****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 Donna Pierce to the Glory of God.

- Special thanks to Donna Pierce for hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.
- 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.
- Our annual Fish & Chips dinner will be held on Saturday, May 17th and tickets are available now for purchase. See the flyer in this bulletin for more details.
- The Caldwell Food Pantry is in need of these items: oatmeal, pancakes, syrup, Peanut butter & Jelly, Canned Tuna, snacks, cookie, shelf fruit Collection deadline is Sunday, June 8th. Thank you for your contributions.
- Can you help raise funds for a new water fountain/reuseable bottle filling station to provide fresh cold filtered water for all who use our space? Let's say goodbye to single use plastic bottles! There is a jug on the table outside of the kitchen where you can drop your spare change or you can pick up a bottle to fill with change. Donations are, as always, appreciated.
- Care packages for our college students are being assembled. Please sign the cards. Donations are greatly appreciated.



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Celebrating Birthdays This Week:

Ken Ingra – April 26th
Doug Wallace – April 29th