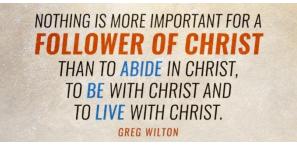
SUNDAY, April 28, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006



PRELUDE

"Lord, I want to Be a Christian"

Jackie Han

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

- L :Come to the vineyard of God.
- P: We seek Christ, the vine of great love.
- L: Drink from the waters of life.
- P: We live in the light of God's grace.
- L: Come to the vineyard of God.
- P: All are welcome here.

*** OPENING HYMN**

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

UMH # 189

1 Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son, thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.

4 Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in you. Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you. We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough. We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty. We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace, knowing the world cannot provide it. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in you alone. 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 15:1-8

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

RECEIVING THE MORNING'S OFFERINGS

"I am the Vine"

"A Fruitful Life"

CUMC Choir

Pastor Park

ANTHEM

MESSAGE

4. I need thee every hour; teach me thy will; and thy rich promises in me fulfill. (Refrain)

5. I need thee every hour, most Holy One; O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son. (Refrain)

* BENEDICTION		Pastor Park
POSTLUDE	"The Power of Your Love"	Jackie Han

*Stand as able

Announcements:

- Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of GOD and in honor of Louise Woodcox by Carol O'Donnell.
- Baptismal Font flowers are given by the CUMC church family to the Glory of God and in celebration of Ann Calvin's birthday. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Ann!
- 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 Girls' Night Out for an evening of fun & fellowship on Tuesday, May 7th at 6:30 pm at Dough Pizza Restaurant, 168 Passaic Ave., Fairfield. RSVP to Myrtle by email at <u>myrtm3@yahoo.com</u> or by phone at 973-214-3437. Separate checks will be provided.
- 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 deadline to apply is May 1st.
- Germaniums are available for purchase to decorate the sanctuary for Pentecost. See the insert to order.

• Join us for worship on Mother's Day, May 12th. We will have a wonderful guest violinist who will come and play for us, our chancel choir and bell choir will also present special musical selections for our worship and celebration.

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