SUNDAY, May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

THOUGH WE ARE INCOMPLETE,
GOD LOVES US completely.
THOUGH WE ARE IMPERFECT,
HE LOVES US perfectly.
THOUGH WE MAY FEEL
LOST & WITHOUT COMPASS,
GOD'S LOVE cocompasses
US COMPLETELY.
- DIETER F. UCHTDORF

PRELUDE "Forward Through the Ages"

Jackie Han

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Beloved, we are called to love one another, because love is from God.

P: God's love is poured in us from our birth.

L: We are called to extend the love of God to all people.

P: God's loved is taught to us through the witness of God's faithful people.

L: We are called to proclaim God's love in all that we say and do.

P: In all creation, in all our relationships, may God's love be made known. AMEN.

* OPENING HYMN

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

UMH # 154

- 1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
- 2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

 Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
- 3. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall, go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

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- 4. Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all. To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
- 5. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call; extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him Lord of all. Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him Lord of all.
- 6. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

God of grace, love, and hope, we confess that we have failed to love You with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We ignored Your commands, we strayed from Your way. We followed other gods. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive us. Through Your grace, love, and hope, restore and transform us. Help us to serve You faithfully and give honor to Your holy name. We pray through Christ our Lord. 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 15:9-17

9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

10 If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

- 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.
- 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.
- 13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.
- 14 You are my friends if you do what I command.
- 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit-- fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

17 This is my command: Love each other.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "I Love You, Lord" CUMC Choir

MESSAGE "Love Each Other" 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

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH # 13

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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.

* CLOSING HYMN

"Jesu, Jesu"

UMH # 432

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.

(Refrain)
Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

- 2 Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white, neighbors are near and far away. (Refrain)
- 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)
- 4 Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves, this is the way we should live with you. (Refrain)

5 Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet, this is the way we should live with you. (Refrain)

* BENEDICTION Pastor Park

POSTLUDE "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" Jackie Han

*Stand as able

* Announcements:

- Altar Flowers are given by Kathy and Joe Zajac to the Glory of God and in celebration of their granddaughter, Piper's second birthday.
- Altar Flowers are given by Louise Woodcox to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her dear father, John Rotter.
- Special thanks to Kathy Zajac and Patty Sampson 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 myrtm3@yahoo.com or by phone at 973-214-3437. Separate checks will be provided.
- Germaniums are available for purchase to decorate the sanctuary for Pentecost. See the insert to order.
- Please invite family and friends to celebrate Mother's Day with us at worship next Sunday. Today is the last day to submit photos of mothers you wish to see honored during worship.

Special Music for Mother's Day next Sunday-Guest Violinist - Janice Lee

Violinist Janice Lee, born in the United States, has been playing the violin since the age of 2. She currently attends Fort Lee High School and is the concertmaster of both the Fort Lee Honors Chamber Ensemble and Camerata Youth Orchestra. An avid chamber musician, she was the leader of the Echo Quartet and is also a first violinist in the New York Youth Symphony, going on tour to Greece this upcoming summer. Janice has attended various music camps, including the Saarburg Summer Music Festival in Germany. Graduating high school this year, she has been studying under the tutelage of Dr. YuJeong Lee since 2017 and will be pursuing her studies at the Bienen School of Music at Northwestern University beginning this fall.

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