

SUNDAY, May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor



PRELUDE

“As the Deer”

Helen Jung

OPENING VIDEO

CUMC Multimedia

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Greg Elphinstone, liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: On this day of celebrating mothers, we remember and lift up our mothers to the Lord. Mothers of young children, first-time mothers, working mothers, and single mothers.

P: We see you and honor you today.

L: Grieving mothers who have lost a child too soon, and those who desire to be mothers.

P: We see you and honor you today.

L: All those who are missing their mothers, and mothers who are missing their children.

P: We see you and honor you today.

L: Mothers who did not give birth to us biologically, but have raised us and brought life to us in countless other ways.

P: We see you and honor you today.

L: In times of full joy and abundance, in times of empty nests and empty cradles, in all these God tends his flock like a shepherd and carries the lambs close to his heart.

ALL: As a mother comforts her child, so will God comfort us. AMEN

*** OPENING HYMN**

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (vss. 1-4)

UMH # 92

**1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;**

**Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light; (Refrain)**

**3. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight; (Refrain)**

**4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild; (Refrain)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we thank you for the mothers who have nurtured us, guided us, and loved us unconditionally. Yet, we also confess that we have not always lived up to the love and care they have shown us. We have sometimes taken their love for granted, failed to appreciate their sacrifices, and even caused them pain. We also failed to extend the same kindness and compassion to them that they have given us. Forgive us, Lord, for our shortcomings and for any moments of neglect or disrespect. Help us to renew our gratitude for their love, to show them our appreciation in tangible ways, and to live in a way that reflects the love and care they have given us. **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.**

Golf Outing Presentation Kick-off

Ken Ingra

SCRIPTURE

Acts 9:36-43

Greg Elphinstone, reader

36 In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor.

37 About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room.

38 Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, “Please come at once!”

39 Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

40 Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, “Tabitha, get up.” She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up.

41 He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive.

42 This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

43 Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

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

All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM “I Stand in Awe of You” **Helen Jung**

MESSAGE “Seven Dimensions of a Christian Life” **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** “Faith of Our Mothers” **Insert**

*** BENEDICTION** **Pastor Park**

CLOSING VIDEO **CUMC Multimedia**

***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 Jackie Davidson to the Glory of God and in celebration of her daughter's birthday.
- Special thanks to the men who will be hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.
- Reshingling of the church roof has begun and should be finished by May 13th (weather permitting). The parking lot behind the church will not be available through May 13th.
- 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. Reading the Bible each day will help us to grow in our faith. We are reading the Book of Leviticus.
- We are now accepting orders for geraniums to decorate the sanctuary for Pentecost. The flowers can be ordered in memory or in honor of someone dear to you. To order flowers please see the insert in this bulletin.
- The Caldwell Food Pantry is in need of these items: oatmeal, pancakes, syrup, peanut butter & jelly, canned tuna, snacks, cookies, shelf fruit. Collection deadline is Sunday, June 8th. Thank you for your contributions.



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Coming Up This Week

Today- Happy Mother's Day!
Today-Golf Outing Kick-off at worship
Saturday, May 17th-Fish & Chips Dinner
Ongoing - food pantry donations gratefully accepted

Celebrating Birthdays This Week:

Nicole Pierce – May 15th