

**SUNDAY, May 18, 2025**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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

**Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor**



**PRELUDE**

**“You Are the King of Glory”**

**Helen Jung**

**WELCOME AND INVOCATION**

**Pastor Park**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: From the highest heavens to the deepest seas,

**P: let all creation praise the Lord.**

L: From the rising sun to the waning moon,

**P: let all creatures praise the Lord.**

L: From the new heaven and new earth,

**P: let everything that draws breath praise the Lord.**

L: Come! Let us worship.

**\* OPENING HYMN**

**“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”**

**UMH # 158**

**1 Come, Christians, join to sing:**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**loud praise to Christ our King:**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**Let all, with heart and voice,**

**before his throne rejoice;**

**praise is his gracious choice.**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**2 Come, lift your hearts on high:**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**Let praises fill the sky:**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**He is our guide and friend;**

**to us he'll condescend;**

**his love shall never end:**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**3 Praise yet the Lord again:**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**Life shall not end the strain:**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**On heaven's blissful shore**

**his goodness we'll adore,**

**singing forevermore:**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

"Holy God, you command us to love one another, yet we hold grudges and refuse to work for peace. You command us to care for all of creation, yet we neglect the earth and abuse nature through carelessness. You command us to walk in the ways of Jesus, yet we too often walk our own way. Forgive us, O God. Guide us as we work toward a new heaven here on earth. Lead us to reconciliation and a vision for your beloved community, as we share your love with your people everywhere." In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

P: In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

### 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.

#### SCRIPTURE

Psalm 148

1 Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

**2 Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

**4 Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.**

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created,

**6 and he established them for ever and ever—he issued a decree that will never pass away.**

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

**8 lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,**

9 you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

**10 wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,**

11 kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,

**12 young men and women, old men and children.**

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

**14 And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart**

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

**All:** Thanks be to God

**ANTHEM**                      **“Jesus, We Enthroned You/Goodness of God”**                      **Helen Jung**

**MESSAGE**                      **"Praise the Lord!"**                      **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**                      “How Great Thou Art”                      UMH # 77

**1 O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hand have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the \*rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

**Refrain:**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!**

**2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;**

when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]

3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! [Refrain]

**\* BENEDICTION**

**Pastor Park**

**CLOSING VIDEO**

**\*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 Tracy Ripa to the Glory of God and in honor of young hearts and happy smiles.
- Special thanks to Kathy Zajac 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 is ongoing. Parking in the lot behind the church may not be available through next week.
- 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.



***Coming Up This Week***

*Ongoing - food pantry donations gratefully accepted*

*Happy Anniversary to Doug & Cathy Wallace – May 20<sup>th</sup>*

***Celebrating Birthdays This Week:***

*John Taylor – May 20<sup>th</sup>*

*Alissa Wallace – May 23<sup>rd</sup>*