

SUNDAY, May 24, 2026
Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006
Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Pentecost Sunday
Worship Music: Rosalyn McClore



PRELUDE **“Holy Spirit Come Confirm Us”** **Rosalyn McClore**

OPENING VIDEO

*** OPENING HYMN** **“Sweet, Sweet Spirit” (2X)** **UMH # 334**

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
 And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
 There are sweet expressions on each face,
 And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
 Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
 And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
 Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
 When we shall leave this place

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE **Pastor Park**

GATHERING SONG **“Spirit of the Living God”** **UMH # 393**

Spirit of the Living God,
 Fall afresh on me,
 Spirit of the Living God,
 Fall afresh on me.
 Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
 Spirit of the Living God,
 Fall afresh on me.

HYMN OF UNITY **“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”** **UMH # 557**

1. Blest be the tie that binds
 our hearts in Christian love;
 the fellowship of kindred minds
 is like to that above.

2. Before our Father's throne
 we pour our ardent prayers;
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
 our comforts and our cares.

**3. We share each other's woes,
our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.**

**4. When we asunder part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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Ajit Lakra, Jaya Lakra, Elsa Nickl, Erin Redd, & Gillian Railey-Weah,

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2: 1-21

Gillian Railey-Weah

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. 5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs-- we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" 13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." 14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. 18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. 20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. 21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

CUMC Bell Choir

* BENEDICTION

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

Rosalyn McClore

*Stand as able

Announcements:

- We welcome all of you to our Sunday worship service today. We are glad that you are joining us this morning in person as well as online. We extend our special welcome to five families who will be joining our church family today as members.
- A note of thanks to all who purchased geraniums to decorate our sanctuary in celebration of Pentecost.
- Special thanks to Elsa Nickl for hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.
- Today we welcome our bell choir: Carol Gallentine, Rosalyn McClore, Paige Moeller, Jee Young Park, Erin Redd, Kathy Zajac and thank them for sharing their talent with us this morning.



Happy Birthday:

Jeannie Laureano – May 25

Matthew Wallace – May 29

Brendan O'Donnell – May 30