

SUNDAY, May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor



PRELUDE

Helen Jung

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come together this day, drawn by the light of God's love!

P: In God's eternal kingdom, darkness and despair are vanquished.

L: In God's eternal realm, peace and hope reign!

P: Let all the people praise God with their music and their voices!

L: Let all the people praise God with their deeds of loving-kindness!

P: Praise be to God. AMEN!

*** OPENING HYMN**

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

UMH # 64

**1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.**

**4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God Emmanuel, God with us, you promise to dwell with us in all situations of life. But we often worry and feel anxious rather than trust in your promise for us. We desire to keep your word, yet there are times when we fall short, we lack courage, and our faith falters. Despite your gift of peace, we are troubled and afraid.

Forgive us when we close our hearts and shut you out. Save us from the idolatry of self-sufficiency and our lack of trust in you. Be with us as our God and help us to live in your peace. 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

John 14:23-29

23 Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

24 **Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.**

25 “All this I have spoken while still with you.

26 **But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.**

27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

28 **“You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.**

29 I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

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

All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

Helen Jung

MESSAGE

“Living In Abiding Peace”

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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

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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**

"It Is Well With My Soul"

UMH # 377

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
 when sorrows like sea billows roll;
 whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
 It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,
 it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
 let this blest assurance control,
 that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
 and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 (Refrain)

3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
 My sin, not in part but the whole,
 is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
 praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 (Refrain)

4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
 the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
 the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
 even so, it is well with my soul.
 (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 to the Glory of God and in celebration of spring.
- Special thanks to Kathy Zajac and JeeYoung Park who will be hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.
- Reshingling of the church roof 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

Celebrating Birthdays This Week:

Jeannie Laureano – May 25th

Matthew Wallace – May 29th

Bendan O'Donnell – May 30th