

SUNDAY, June 16, 2024

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Jackie Han, Music Minister



PRELUDE

“How Great Thou Art”

Jackie Han

OPENING VIDEO

Multimedia

WELCOME

Christine Waddington

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christine Waddington

L: Come to God who gathers us in.

P: We come to God who nurtures us like a father.

L: Come to God whose arms are open and waiting.

P: We come to God who welcomes and forgives us.

L: Come to God who journeys with us.

P: We come to God who sees us as we really are and loves us anyway.

L: Come, praise our loving nurturing God!

*** OPENING HYMN**

“Goodness of God”

Song Leader: Jill Land

**I love You, Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God**

**Cause all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God**

**I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
And in darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father**

I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God, yeah

And all my life You have been faithful, ohh
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'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything

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'Cause Your goodness is running after, it keeps running after me

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

O God, Father that you are, you know what is right for us,
but too often we only want our way instead of your way.

Have mercy upon us when we turn from you.

Forgive us when we do not realize your fatherly love and direction for us.

Have mercy upon us and teach us anew how to follow you.

We pray this through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, 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.**

SCRIPTURE**Mark 4:26-34****Christine Waddington**

26 He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground.

27 Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how.

28 All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head.

29 As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

30 Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it?

31 It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground.

32 Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade."

33 With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand.

34 He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

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

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

**"This Is My Father's World"
 "Take Me To The Alley"**

**Alan James, soloist
 Jill Land, soloist**

MESSAGE

"God's Kingdom and Parenthood"

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

FATHER'S DAY SLIDESHOW

FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

* CLOSING HYMN

"Hymn of Promise"

UMH # 707

1 In the bulb there is a flower;
 in the seed, an apple tree;
 in cocoons, a hidden promise:
 butterflies will soon be free!
 In the cold and snow of winter
 there's a spring that waits to be,
 unrevealed until its season,
 something God alone can see.

2 There's a song in every silence,
 seeking word and melody;
 there's a dawn in every darkness
 bringing hope to you and me.
 From the past will come the future;
 what it holds, a mystery,
 unrevealed until its season,
 something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning;
 in our time, infinity;
 in our doubt there is believing;
 in our life, eternity.
 In our death, a resurrection;
 at the last, a victory,
 unrevealed until its season,
 something God alone can see.

* BENEDICTION

Pastor Park

CLOSING VIDEO

Multimedia

***Stand as able**

Announcements:

- **We welcome you to Caldwell United Methodist Church on this Father's Day Sunday. We extend our special welcome to all the fathers and father figures who have joined us in worship today. Please note that a small gift bag has been prepared for fathers and father figures. Be sure to take one with you after the worship service.**
- **Altar Flowers are given by Stephanie and Donald DeBruyne to the Glory of God and in memory of Anna DeBruyne.**
- **Flowers on the Baptismal Font are given by Louise Woodcox to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her dear father, John Rotter.**
- **Special thanks to Joyce Francavilla for hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.**
- **We are in need of volunteers for altar flower donations and also for hosting the time of fellowship. The sign up sheet can be found by the entrance of the gym where we have our fellowship. Please see Louise Woodcox for more info or questions.**
- **There is a Finance & Trustees meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, June 18th.**

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