

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025

Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor



PRELUDE

“Above All”

Helen Jung

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come as children of God.

P: We come, unsure where to seek God’s presence.

L: The wind blows,

P: but God is not in the wind.

L: The earth quakes,

P: but God is not in the earthquake.

L: The fire burns,

P: but God is not in the flame.

L: There is nothing but utter stillness.

P: God is there in the silence.

L: In silence, we will wait for God.

P: God is with us now.

*** OPENING HYMN**

“Maker in Whom We Live”

UMH # 88

1. Maker, in whom we live,
in whom we are and move,
the glory, power, and praise receive
for thy creating love.
Let all the angel throng
give thanks to God on high,
while earth repeats the joyful song
and echoes to the sky.

2. Incarnate Deity,
let all the ransomed race
render in thanks their lives to thee
for thy redeeming grace.
The grace to sinners showed
ye heavenly choirs proclaim,
and cry, "Salvation to our God,
salvation to the Lamb!"

3. Spirit of Holiness,
let all thy saints adore
thy sacred energy, and bless

thine heart-renewing power.
 Not angel tongues can tell
 thy love's ecstatic height,
 the glorious joy unspeakable,
 the beatific sight.

4. Eternal, Triune God,
 let all the hosts above,
 let all on earth below record
 and dwell upon thy love.
 When heaven and earth are fled
 before thy glorious face,
 sing all the saints thy love hath made
 thine everlasting praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We long for you, O God, discouraged by our flagging efforts. We are afraid of what the future may bring. We separate ourselves from our siblings in Christ because they are different from us. When we pray, we don't always feel that you hear us. Be present with us. Heal the places of our doubt, despair, and alienation. Cure us from hatred and discrimination. Cast out all that keeps us from you and from one another. 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

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

UMH # 328

Surely the presence
 Of the Lord is in this place
 I can feel His mighty power
 And His grace
 I can hear the brush of angel's wings
 I see glory on each face
 Surely the presence
 Of the Lord is in this place

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 19:1-15

1 Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.

2 So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them."

3 Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there,

4 while he himself went a day's journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors."

5 Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat."

6 He looked around, and there by his head was a cake of bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

7 The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you."

8 So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

9 There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

10 He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

11 The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake.

12 After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.

13 When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

14 He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

15 The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus.

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

All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

"Give Thanks/You Are My All In All"

Helen Jung

MESSAGE

"Finding Strength"

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

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**

"God Will Take Care of You"

UMH # 130

1. Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
beneath his wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.

Refrain:

God will take care of you,
through every day, o'er all the way;
he will take care of you,
God will take care of you.

2. Through days of toil when heart doth fail,
God will take care of you;
when dangers fierce your path assail,
God will take care of you. [Refrain]

3. All you may need he will provide,
God will take care of you;
nothing you ask will be denied,
God will take care of you. [Refrain]

4. No matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you;
lean, weary one, upon his breast,
God will take care of you. [Refrain]

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

"Shout to the Lord"

Helen Jung

Please remain seated for the postlude

***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 celebration of Anthony Ripa and Kelly Winkler on their birthdays.
- Special thanks to Gail Plumstead, Donna Pierce and Tracy Ripa who will be hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.
- 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 Numbers.



Happy Birthday to
Anthony Ripa – June 20th
Kelly Winkler – June 22nd