

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025

Third Sunday after Pentecost

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: In freedom, we are called to live the law of love.

P: In freedom, we are given the Spirit.

L: For it is the Spirit that leads us to grow:

P: in love, joy, peace and patience;

L: in kindness, generosity, and faithfulness;

P: in gentleness and self-control.

L: It is the Spirit who invites us to this time of worship

P: May we be empowered to live a life of true freedom in Christ.

*** OPENING HYMN**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

UMH # 110

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

3. And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,

we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours,
thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you give us freedom. In fact, in you, we live in perfect freedom. Fear tries to bind us. Idolatry comes chasing after us. Divisive arguments try to trap us in corners and keep us locked away from one another. These are not the freedoms you have in mind for your children, loving God. We confess, we have submitted to them in the past, but no more. Inspire us to live in the freedom you have given us for love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. You set us free. Give us the courage to enjoy it. We pray this in Jesus' name. 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

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Mona Odom

1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

13 You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

15 If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery;

20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions

21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

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

All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

Helen Jung

MESSAGE

"Saved for Freedom"

Pastor Park

RECEIVING THE MORNING'S OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH # 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

VIDEO

CUMC Multimedia

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** **“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”** **UMH # 430**

1. O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2. Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong;

4. In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

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 Louise Woodcox to the Glory of God and in memory of her dear husband Jeff Woodcox.
- Special thanks to Christine Waddington and Patty Sampson who will be hosting the time of fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.
- Fellowship Hour hosts are very much needed throughout the months of July & August. Keep it simple; bagels, croissants, a fruit platter, cookies or cake are always appreciated whether homemade or store bought. There is

a signup sheet in the Guyn Room. Please consider hosting a Fellowship Hour if you are able.

- 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.
- We are looking for volunteers to serve as liturgists and/or scripture readers for the months of July and August. Please contact the church office or Pastor Park if you are able to volunteer.



Happy Birthday to

Barbara Ingra – June 29th

Zorina D'Emilio – June 29th

Joyce Francavilla – June 30th

Paige Moeller – July 4th

Kate Volz – July 4th

Linda Wahlers – July 4th