

**SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2025**

**Fourth 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:** Sing praise to God, who changes our mourning to dancing.

**P:** Sing praise to Christ, who offers healing to our sickness.

**L:** Sing praise to the Spirit, who brings peace to our turmoil.

**P:** Sing praise to God, who gives us strength for the journey.

**L:** Singing God's praises,

**P:** we come to worship and pray.

**\* OPENING HYMN**

**"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"**

**UMH # 66**

**1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
to the throne thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore God's praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.**

**2. Praise the Lord for grace and favor  
to all people in distress;  
praise God, still the same as ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious now God's faithfulness.**

**3. Father-like, God tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame God knows;  
mother-like, God gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Widely yet God's mercy flows.**

**4. Angels in the heights, adoring,  
you behold God face to face;  
saints triumphant, now adoring,  
gathered in from every race.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, Fountain of all blessing and grace: we confess there are times when we look at our work, at our accomplishments, with prideful ambition as if we were the source of our abilities and gifts. At other times, we look at our efforts with despair and regret, as if your gifts in us are not enough. Forgive our pride and our despair, Holy God. Renew in us a humble trust in your guiding hand and a hope that your grace is sufficient for every step. Give us the courage to persevere, to begin again, and to jump into a new start with you and one another. We ask 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 6:7-16

**7** Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

**8** Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

**9** Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

**10** Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

**11** See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand!

**12** Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ.

**13** Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh.

**14** May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

**15** Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation.

**16** Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God.

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM**

**Helen Jung**

**MESSAGE**

**“Don’t Give Up!”**

**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**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**UMH # 13**

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,  
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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.

#### 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

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

UMH # 474

1. Precious Lord, take my hand  
 Lead me on, let me stand  
 I am tired, I am weak, I am worn  
 Through the storm, through the night  
 Lead me on to the light  
 Take my hand, precious Lord  
 Lead me home

2. In my way grows drear  
 Precious Lord, linger near  
 When my life is almost gone  
 Hear my cry, hear my call  
 Hold my hand, lest I fall  
 Take my hand precious Lord  
 Lead me home

3. When the darkness appears  
 And the night draws near  
 And the day is past and gone  
 At the river, I stand  
 Guide my feet, hold my hand  
 Take my hand precious Lord  
 Lead me home

**\* BENEDICTION**

**Pastor Park**

**POSTLUDE**

**Helen Jung**

**\*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.
- Special thanks to 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.
- To those who write checks for their offering-our bank has requested that you write out the full name of the church ie: "Caldwell United Methodist Church" instead of using an abbreviation such as "CUMC".



***Happy Birthday to***  
*Matthew Dolce – July 9<sup>th</sup>*  
*Norah Winkler – July 9<sup>th</sup>*