

SUNDAY, July 12, 2026

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Music: Rosalyn McClore



PRELUDE

“I Am Thine O Lord”

Rosalyn McClore

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

*** OPENING HYMN**

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

UMH # 158

1 Come, Christians, join to sing:

Alleluia! Amen!

loud praise to Christ our King:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,

before his throne rejoice;

praise is his gracious choice.

Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky:

Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend;

to us he'll condescend;

his love shall never end:

Alleluia! Amen!

3 Praise yet the Lord again:

Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain:

Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore

his goodness we'll adore,

singing forevermore:

Alleluia! Amen!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, You spoke, and the world came to be. Your Word is life-giving, yet we confess that we so often fail to study your Word and let it take root in our lives. And we often let different cares of life take precedence over the care of our soul and faith. We often love with conditions and fail to follow Jesus in all that we do. By Your Holy Spirit, cleanse our hearts and heal our brokenness. Remove the barriers we have built between ourselves and others, and realign our wills with Yours. Shape us more into the image of Christ, so that we may not just hear

Your Word, but bear good fruit and serve You in the world. In Christ's name, 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

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake.

2 Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore.

3 Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed.

4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.

5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow.

6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.

7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants.

8 Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

9 Whoever has ears, let them hear."

18 "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means:

19 When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path.

20 The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy.

21 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.

22 The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.

23 But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Rosalyn McClore

MESSAGE "Life of Immeasurable Abundance" Pastor Park

OFFERING Worshipping God through our gifts

***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

PRAYER Pastor Karen

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.

*** HYMN** "Wonderful Words of Life" UMH # 600

1. Sing them over again to me,
wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see,
wonderful words of life;
words of life and beauty
teach me faith and duty.

Refrain:
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.

Beautiful words, wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.

2. Christ, the blessed one, gives to all
wonderful words of life;
sinner, list to the loving call,
wonderful words of life;
all so freely given,
wooing us to heaven.
(Refrain)

3. Sweetly echo the gospel call,
wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and peace to all,
wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior,
sanctify forever.
(Refrain)

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

“Marching to Zion”

Rosalyn McClore

***Stand as able**

Announcements:

- We welcome all of you to our Sunday worship service today. We are glad that you are joining us this morning in person as well as online.
- Altar flowers this morning are given by Roseangela DeLuca to the Glory of God.
- Special thanks to Gail Plumstead for hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.
- Please continue to remember the people of Venezuela in your prayers in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake. A special love offering will continue until the end of this month. If you are giving by check please write “Venezuela” in the memo field on your check.