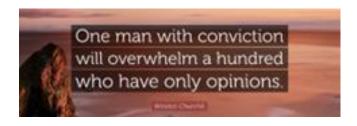
SUNDAY, July 14, 2024 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006 Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor Jackie Han, Music Minister



PRELUDE "Be Still, My Soul" Jackie Han

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, give to the Lord your praises of thanksgiving.

P: We come this day, grateful for God's wondrous gifts to us!

L: Sing with great enthusiasm of God's mighty power and love.

P: We celebrate that love that frames our lives.

L: It is a wonderful thing to praise God!

P: May God's praise always be in our hearts and in our lives. AMEN.

* OPENING PRAISE "What a Faithful God" & "Shepherd of My Soul" Insert

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

In the midst of our "summer" lives, O Lord, so many things have claimed our attention. We worked hard this year to earn a little rest and recreation, to break away from the stresses of our everyday living. But in the midst of all this change, we have too often pushed our worship of you aside. We have focused so much on our needs for physical change and peace that we have neglected our spiritual hungers and thirst. Forgive us when we are tempted to stray from our worship of you and focus entirely on ourselves and our own needs. As we celebrate this day, help us to remember all the wondrous things you continue to do for us. And when we encounter situations in which sorrow and hurt abound, help us to be ready to bring hope and peace. Be with us in this warm days of summer, preparing us for ministry and mission, in your holy name we pray. 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 6:14-29

14 King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him."

- 15 Others said, "He is Elijah." And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago."
- 16 But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, the man I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!"
- 17 For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married.
- 18 For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."
- 19 So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to,
- 20 because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him.
- 21 Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee.
- 22 When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you."
- 23 And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom."
- 24 She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" "The head of John the Baptist," she answered.

25 At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

26 The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her.

27 So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison,

28 and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother.

29 On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

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

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM "My Tribute" CUMC Choir

MESSAGE "Two Different Lives" 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

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 "Take My Life, and Let It Be" UMH # 399

* BENEDICTION Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

"Blessed Assurance"

Jackie Han

*Stand as able

Announcements:

- Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Kathy and Joe Zajac and in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary.
- Altar Flowers also given to the Glory of God by the CUMC family and in celebration of Pastor Park's first anniversary at Caldwell United Methodist church and his ministry.
- Flowers on the baptismal font are given to the Glory of God by Paige Moeller and in memory of her dear father, Norman Moeller's birthday.
- Special thanks to Kathy and Joe Zajac for hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.
- Our very first Men's Breakfast Meeting (aka Boys' Morning Out) will take place August 3rd in the Guyn Room at 9:00 am.
- The preparation for our 19th Annual Golf Outing is in full swing. We need your help in making this another successful year. We need ads in our journal and volunteers to help on the day of the outing (September 24). Please see Christine Waddington or Ken Ingra for more info or questions.
- The After-School Program for Grover Middle School students, the HUB, will launch in September. We need your prayers and people who can come and help on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 pm - 5 pm. Please see Christine Waddington, Tracy Voca or Kathy Zajac for more info or questions.



Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera or visit caldwellchurch.org to register for the golf outing.

Opening Hymn insert

What a Faithful God

Lord, I come before Your throne of grace I find rest in Your presence,
And fullness of Joy
In worship and wonder,
I behold Your face
Singing what a faithful God have I

What a faithful God have I What a faithful God What a faithful God have I Faithful in every way

Lord, I come before Your throne of grace I find rest in Your presence,
And fullness of Joy In worship and wonder, I behold Your face
Singing what a faithful God have I

What a faithful God have I What a faithful God What a faithful God have I Faithful in every way

Lord of mercy, You have heard my cry Through the storm You're the beacon My song in the night In the shelter of Your wings Hear my heart's reply, Singing what a faithful God have I

What a faithful God have I What a faithful God What a faithful God have I Faithful in every way Lord, all sovereign
Granting peace from heaven
Let me comfort those who suffer
With the comfort You have given
I will tell of Your great love
For as long as I live
Singing what a faithful God have I

What a faithful God have I What a faithful God What a faithful God have I Faithful in every way