

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025

Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006
Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Music: Rosalyn McClore



PRELUDE

"It Is Well"

Rosalyn McClore

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Children of God, in Jesus, God of love became flesh and moved into our world.

P: We gather to worship Christ, the perfect Love of God made visible.

L: In Jesus, we meet the fullness of God with no barriers to access.

P: We gather to worship Christ, the perfect Love of God made tangible.

L: In Jesus, our separation from God, neighbor, self, and creation has been removed.
 We are free for divine and loving connection once again.

P: We gather to worship Christ, the perfect Love of God made real in our lives.

L: Children of God, come! Come, let us worship God, whose power makes Love come
 alive in us so that we might reflect Love to the world.

P: We come to worship Christ, who came to dwell among us and within us!

*** OPENING HYMN**

"For the Beauty of the Earth" (vss. 1-4)

UMH # 92

**1. For the beauty of the earth,
 for the glory of the skies,
 for the love which from our birth
 over and around us lies;**

**Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
 this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**2. For the beauty of each hour
 of the day and of the night,
 hill and vale, and tree and flower,
 sun and moon, and stars of light; (Refrain)**

**3. For the joy of ear and eye,
 for the heart and mind's delight,
 for the mystic harmony
 linking sense to sound and sight; (Refrain)**

**4. For the joy of human love,
 brother, sister, parent, child,
 friends on earth and friends above,
 for all gentle thoughts and mild; (Refrain)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we often approach you with our own expectations and preferences. We are quick to judge your ways, questioning your methods and doubting your power when they don't align with our understanding. We struggle with pride and can be slow to recognize our need for healing and cleansing. We have been slow to accept your grace and mercy, often preferring our own ways over your will. Forgive us, Lord, for our arrogance, our resistance to your guidance, and our lack of faith. Help us to humble ourselves before you and to trust in your wisdom and power, even when it doesn't make sense to us. 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

2 Kings 5:1-14

Greg Elphinstone, reader

1 Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the Lord had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.

2 Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife.

3 She said to her mistress, “If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.”

4 Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said.

5 “By all means, go,” the king of Aram replied. “I will send a letter to the king of Israel.” So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing.

6 The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: “With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy.”

7 As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, “Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!”

8 When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: “Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel.”

9 So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house.

10 Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."

11 But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy.

12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage.

13 Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed'!"

14 So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

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

All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

"Center of My Joy"

Rosalyn McClore

MESSAGE

"Faith Heroes"

Rev. Dr. Grace Pak

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

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.

*** CLOSING HYMN**

"Trust and Obey"

UMH # 467

1 When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,

what a glory he sheds on our way!
 While we do his good will,
 he abides with us still,
 and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
 to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

2 Not a burden we bear,
 not a sorrow we share,
 but our toil he doth richly repay;
 not a grief or a loss,
 not a frown or a cross,
 but is blest if we trust and obey. [Refrain]

3 But we never can prove
 the delights of his love
 until all on the altar we lay;
 for the favor he shows,
 for the joy he bestows,
 are for them who will trust and obey. [Refrain]

4 Then in fellowship sweet
 we will sit at his feet,
 or we'll walk by his side in the way;
 what he says we will do,
 where he sends we will go;
 never fear, only trust and obey. [Refrain]

*** BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Grace Pak

POSTLUDE

Rosalyn McClore

Please remain seated for the postlude

***Stand as able**

Announcements:

- **Welcome to our Sunday morning service. We are glad that you have joined us. We extend our special welcome to Rev. Dr. Grace Pak who is our guest preacher today.**
- **Altar Flowers are given by Patty Sampson to the Glory of God and in honor of her children and her church family.**

- Special thanks those 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. There is a signup sheet in the Guyn Room. Your ministry of welcome and hospitality is truly appreciated.
- 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 Deuteronomy.
- 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 i.e.: "Caldwell United Methodist Church" instead of using an abbreviation such as "CUMC".



Coming Up This Week

Happy Birthday to:

Beth Rueter – July 21st
Nancy Blesser Taylor – July 24th
Ruth Carrara – July 26th
Carlene Starke – July 26th