

SUNDAY, July 26, 2026

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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Music: Rosalyn McClore



PRELUDE

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

Rosalyn McClore

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

*** OPENING HYMN**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

UMH # 117

1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!
2. Under the shadow of thy throne,
still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting, thou art God,
to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages, in thy sight,
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night,
before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all who breathe away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.
6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, we come before You acknowledging our need for Your wisdom. In our life pursuits, we often ask for the wrong things, chasing after wealth, recognition, and our own desires rather than the discernment to follow Your will. We confess that our hearts are easily troubled, and we lean on our own understanding rather than trusting in Your sovereign care. We confess that we harbor anxiety, doubt, and fear, acting as though Your Holy Spirit does not

intercede for us. Heal our divisions, forgive our trespasses, and pour out Your grace upon us. Free us from everything that prevents Your plans of love from being fulfilled in our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Pastor Park

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

CELEBRATING A FAITHFUL JOURNEY:

Barbara Ingra

Honoring the ministry of the Gazzillos

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:26-39

Tony Gazzillo

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

31 What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?

32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all-- how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

34 Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died-- more than that, who was raised to life-- is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

36 As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,

39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Just A Little Talk with Jesus Makes it Right" Rosalyn McClore

MESSAGE "An Antidote for What Ifs in Life" 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** "Seek Ye First" UMH # 405

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Allelujah!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and you shall find.

Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, Allelujah!

* BENEDICTION

Pastor Karen

POSTLUDE

“Happy Trails to You”

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 Jee Young Park to the Glory of God.
- Please join us for a special Time of Fellowship immediately following the worship service. We will honor Pastor Karen & Tony Gazzillo for their years of faithful service to our church and send them off with our love and best wishes as they begin a new chapter in their lives.
- 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.



Happy Birthday

Ruth Carrara – July 26
Carlene Starke – July 26

Happy Anniversary

Joe & Kathy Zajac – July 28
Eric & Donna Pierce – July 28