

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025**

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

**Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Worship Music: Rosalyn McClore**



**PRELUDE**

**“In the Garden”**

**UMH # 314**

**WELCOME AND INVOCATION**

**Pastor Park**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L: Give thanks to God,**

**P: for God’s steadfast love lasts forever.**

**L: God accompanies us in our distress,**

**P: as we cross the threshold to worship’s blessings.**

**L: Give thanks to our God,**

**P: for God’s steadfast love abides with us.**

**L: Let us enter this space for worship,**

**P: celebrating God’s works for humankind.**

**\* OPENING HYMN**

**“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”**

**UMH # 133**

**1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Refrain:**

**Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.  
(Refrain)**

**3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.  
(Refrain)**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Loving God, You have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, steadfast brothers and sisters in the faith who endured hardship and remained loyal to You.**

Yet we are humbled by the weight of our own sin. We admit that we get tripped up by many things. We have not laid aside every burden. At times, we have acted selfishly, harbored resentment, and allowed fear to get the better of us. We confess that we have taken our eyes off Jesus. Forgive us, Lord, for growing weary and losing heart. Cleanse our hearts from the sin that so easily entangles us. Renew in us the commitment to follow You closely. We thank You for Your promise of full restoration and for the joy that is always possible in Jesus. 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

Luke 12:13-21

Pastor Karen, reader

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

**14 Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?"**

15 Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

**16 And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop.**

17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

**18 "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.**

19 And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."

**20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'**

21 "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

#### ANTHEM

“Communion Medley”

Rosalyn McClore

**MESSAGE**

**“The Rich Fool”**

**Pastor Park**

**PRAISE**

**“Without Him”**

**Rosalyn McClore**

**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**

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.

\* CLOSING HYMN                      "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"                      TFWS # 2153

1 I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

2 I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

**4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**\* BENEDICTION**

**Pastor Park**

**POSTLUDE**

*Please remain seated for the postlude*

**\*Stand as able**

**Announcements:**

- **Altar Flowers** are given by Louise Woodcox to the Glory of God and in memory of my dear mother Rachel Rotter.
- **Special thanks** Carol O'Donnell for 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 month of 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 month of 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***

*Golf Outing Meeting Tuesday, August 5 @ 7:30 pm*