

SUNDAY, August 9, 2026

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

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Music: Rosalyn McClore



PRELUDE

“Love Lifted Me”

Rosalyn McClore

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

*** OPENING HYMN**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

UMH # 110

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
 a bulwark never failing;
 our helper he amid the flood
 of mortal ills prevailing.
 For still our ancient foe
 doth seek to work us woe;
 his craft and power are great,
 and armed with cruel hate,
 on earth is not his equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide,
 our striving would be losing,
 were not the right man on our side,
 the man of God's own choosing.
 Dost ask who that may be?
 Christ Jesus, it is he;
 Lord Sabaoth, his name,
 from age to age the same,
 and he must win the battle.

3. And though this world, with devils filled,
 should threaten to undo us,
 we will not fear, for God hath willed
 his truth to triumph through us.
 The Prince of Darkness grim,
 we tremble not for him;
 his rage we can endure,
 for lo, his doom is sure;
 one little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly powers,
 no thanks to them, abideth;
 the Spirit and the gifts are ours,
 thru him who with us sideth.
 Let goods and kindred go,
 this mortal life also;

the body they may kill;
 God's truth abideth still;
 his kingdom is forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, as we come before you today, we confess that we have not always lived the way you call us to live. We were quick to judge others while overlooking our own faults. Sometimes we chose anger instead of kindness, pride instead of humility, and fear instead of trust. Too often, we tried to carry our burdens on our own instead of bringing them to you. Forgive us, Lord. Heal what is broken within us, free us from the things that keep us from you. Help us become more like Jesus in our daily life—people who love generously, forgive freely, and serve others with compassion. Thank you for your grace, which never gives up on us and always offers us a new beginning. In Jesus' 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

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

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 37:1-4,12-28

Kathy Zajac

1 Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan.

2 This is the account of Jacob's family line. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.

3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him.

4 When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

12 Now his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem,

13 and Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them." "Very well," he replied.

14 So he said to him, "Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me." Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron.

When Joseph arrived at Shechem,

15 a man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, "What are you looking for?"

16 He replied, "I'm looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are grazing their flocks?"

17 "They have moved on from here," the man answered. "I heard them say, 'Let's go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan.

18 But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him.

19 "Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other.

20 "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams."

21 When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. "Let's not take his life," he said.

22 "Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don't lay a hand on him." Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father.

23 So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing—

24 and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it.

25 As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt.

26 Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood?"

27 Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed.

28 So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels[b] of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Simple Gifts"

CUMC Bell Choir

MESSAGE

"Family Conflict 101"

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

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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**

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

UMH # 560

1 Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
 teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
 Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe
 we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

2 Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
 we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
 Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
 to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

3 Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
 in living situations to do the truth in love;
 to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
 the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

4 Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
 who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
 we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
 renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

"Wade in the Water"

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.
- Special thanks to Chris King for hosting the time of fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.
- Today we welcome our bell choir: Carol Gallentine, Rosalyn McClore, Paige Moeller, Jee Young Park, Erin Redd, Kathy Zajac and thank them for sharing their talent with us this morning.
- An Online Giving card is now available to help you participate in the offering during worship. If you have made your offering online to support our ministry, please complete the card and place it in the offering plate during the offering. Thank you for your faithful prayers and generous support of our ministry.



Happy Birthday

Horatio Mercer – August 12