

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025**

**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**

**“Softly and Tenderly”**

**UMH # 348**

**WELCOME AND INVOCATION**

**Pastor Park**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L: God called Abraham and Sarah and promised to bless them.**

**P: Through faith, they obeyed and received God’s inheritance.**

**L: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the convictions of things not seen.**

**P: Like Abraham, let us follow God, even when we don’t know where we are going.**

**L: God calls us to follow in the footsteps of Abraham and all those who lived a life of true faith.**

**P: We come before God in faith, assured by the hope that was fulfilled in the lives of your faithful servants.**

### **\* OPENING HYMN**

**“From the Rising of the Sun” (2X)**

**TFWS # 2024**

**From the rising of the sun  
to the going down of the same,  
the name of the Lord shall be praised.**

**From the rising of the sun  
to the going down of the same,  
the name of the Lord shall be praised.**

**So praise ye the Lord.  
Praise ye the Lord.**

**From the rising of the sun  
to the going down of the same,  
the name of the Lord shall be praised.**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Jesus Christ, God of our mothers and fathers, you are a God who acts in history. Yet we confess that we are too busy with our own lives to perceive you at work in our time. We fall into fear and despair about our troubled world, as if you had no care for us. Forgive our lack of faith and help us to join you as you labor to bring new life on earth; in the name of Jesus Christ, 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

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Kathy Zajac, reader

1 Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

**2 This is what the ancients were commended for.**

3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

**8 By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.**

9 By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

**10 For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.**

11 By faith Abraham, even though he was past age-- and Sarah herself was barren-- was enabled to become a father because he considered him faithful who had made the promise.

**12 And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.**

13 All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth.

**14 People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own.**

15 If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return.

**16 Instead, they were longing for a better country -- a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.**

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

“My Tribute”

Rosalyn McClore

MESSAGE

“By Faith”

Pastor Park

**PRAISE**

**“Through It All”**

**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**

**PRAYER**

**Pastor Park**

**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**

**Pastor Park**

**POSTLUDE**

**\*Stand as able**

**Announcements:**

- Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.
- Special thanks to 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 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**

***Happy Birthday to:***

*Horatio Mercer – August 12th*