

SUNDAY, August 16, 2026

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

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Music: Rosalyn McClore



PRELUDE

“Rock of Ages”

Rosalyn McClore

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 8:3-4)

Rev. Frederick Boyle

Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

People: The moon and the stars that you have established;

Leader: What are human beings that you are mindful of them,

People: Mortals that you care for them?

*** OPENING HYMN**

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

TFWS # 2171

**Make me a channel of your peace.
 Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
 Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
 And where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

**Make me a channel of your peace
 Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
 Where there is darkness, only light
 And where there's sadness, ever joy.**

**Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
 So much to be consoled as to console
 To be understood as to understand
 To be loved as to love with all my soul.**

**Make me a channel of your peace
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
 In giving to all men that we receive
 And in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

**Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
 So much to be consoled as to console
 To be understood as to understand
 To be loved as to love with all my soul.**

OPENING PRAYER

Listening to the sounds of morning, I am aware of your presence in all things. I pray I will speak and fulfill my contribution to your plan, Blessed Lord. Grant that I will sing your praise while dancing my own unique dance and completing my own unique task given according to your wisdom and abundance. I pray you will

help me encourage all voices and dances as essential to my own. In the name of Jesus. Amen

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Tracy Voca

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

Tracy Voca

Exodus 14:21-31

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Here I Am to Worship”

Rosalyn McClore

MESSAGE

“Heavenly Wisdom”

Rev. Frederick Boyle

RESPONSIVE HYMN

“God Will Take Care of You”

UMH #130

**1. Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
beneath his wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.**

Refrain:

**God will take care of you,
through every day, o'er all the way;
he will take care of you,
God will take care of you.**

**2. Through days of toil when heart doth fail,
God will take care of you;
when dangers fierce your path assail,
God will take care of you. [Refrain]**

**3. All you may need he will provide,
God will take care of you;
nothing you ask will be denied,
God will take care of you. [Refrain]**

**4. No matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you;
lean, weary one, upon his breast,
God will take care of you. [Refrain]**

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Rev. Frederick Boyle

Together: Holy God, we give thanks that your love is shed abroad and poured forth into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. Your love is perfected and completed in us. We are rooted and grounded in love. Nothing can separate us from your love.

We pray that our lives are blessing people because everywhere we go, we are committed to planting seeds of love. We confess that by this all people will know that we are your disciples, because we have love for one another. In the blessed name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

Leader: The love of God overcomes all darkness, sorrow, anger, disbelief, and fear. Receive God's grace in the secret places of your heart, where there are no words. For

the forgiveness of God is too marvelous for words. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Amen.

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**

Rev. Frederick Boyle

PASTORAL 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**

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

UMH # 431

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, may this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

*** BENEDICTION**

Rev. Frederick Boyle

POSTLUDE

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

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.**

- We extend a special welcome and our thanks to Rev. Frederick Boyle who will be leading us in worship today.
- Altar flowers this morning are given by Roseangela DeLuca to the Glory of God.
- Special thanks to Tracy Voca for hosting the time of fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.
- 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.
- Our 21st Annual Golf Outing will take place on September 29th! This is a wonderful event that benefits not only our church but also our community, as a portion of the proceeds will support the West Essex First Aid Squad.

We invite you to come and be part of this special event as a golfer, dinner guest, or volunteer. You can also make a difference by making a special donation or becoming a sponsor. Our goal this year is to have 80 golfers, and we need your help to reach it! Last but not least, please keep the Golf Outing in your prayers and pray for a safe, enjoyable, and successful event. Thank you for your support!



Happy Birthday

Bruce Ciccione – August 17