

SUNDAY, August 23, 2026

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Music: Rosalyn McClore



PRELUDE

Carol Gallentine

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

*** OPENING HYMN**

“Maker, In Whom We Live”

UMH # 88

1. Maker, in whom we live,
in whom we are and move,
the glory, power, and praise receive
for thy creating love.

Let all the angel throng
give thanks to God on high,
while earth repeats the joyful song
and echoes to the sky.

2. Incarnate Deity,
let all the ransomed race
render in thanks their lives to thee
for thy redeeming grace.
The grace to sinners showed
ye heavenly choirs proclaim,
and cry, "Salvation to our God,
salvation to the Lamb!"

3. Spirit of Holiness,
let all thy saints adore
thy sacred energy, and bless
thine heart-renewing power.
Not angel tongues can tell
thy love's ecstatic height,
the glorious joy unspeakable,
the beatific sight.

4. Eternal, Triune God,
let all the hosts above,
let all on earth below record
and dwell upon thy love.
When heaven and earth are fled
before thy glorious face,
sing all the saints thy love hath made
thine everlasting praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we hold tightly to human rules and traditions while letting our hearts drift from you. We judge others by outward appearances, yet harbor secret pride and bitterness within. Forgive us, Lord. Cleanse our hearts from inner evil, and teach us true worship that honors you in spirit and truth. 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

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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

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15

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Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him,

2 they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them.

3 (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders,

4 and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash, and there are also many other traditions that they observe: the washing of cups and pots and bronze kettles and beds.)

5 So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders but eat with defiled hands?”

6 He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;

7 in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

8 “You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

14 Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand:

15 there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM **“Go Light Into Your World”** **Carol Gallentine**

MESSAGE **“Tradition at its Best”** **Rev. Tom Korkuch**

OFFERING Worshipping God through our gifts

OFFERING ANTHEM	“Here I Am, Lord”	Carol Gallentine, Joyce Francavilla & Erin Redd
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***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 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.**

*** HYMN “God of Grace and God of Glory” UMH # 577**

**1 God of grace and God of glory,
on the people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story,
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**

**2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.**

3 Cure thy children's warring madness,
 bend our pride to thy control;
 shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
 rich in things and poor in soul.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
 lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
 to the evils we deplore;
 let the search for thy salvation
 be our glory evermore.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 serving thee whom we adore,
 serving thee whom we adore.

*** BENEDICTION**

Rev. Tom Korkuch

POSTLUDE

"The Blessing"

**Carol Gallentine,
 Joyce Francavilla & Erin Redd**

***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 thanks Rev. Tom Korkuch who will sharing God's word with us today.
- We also welcome Carol Gallentine who is our substitute musician today and thank her for sharing her musical talent during worship with us.
- 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!