

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025

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

Twelveth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Music: Rosalyn McClore



PRELUDE

"The Old Rugged Cross"

UMH # 504

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

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CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus said, "Love one another, even as I have loved you."

P: Love is more powerful than fear; it is mightier than hatred.

L: Let the love which God has lavished upon us be poured out to those in need.

P: Help us, O Lord, to witness to you by the ways in which we care for others.

L: Remind us, Lord, that we are called to be your disciples.

P: As we worship this morning, heal our hearts and spirits and prepare us for service. AMEN

HYMNSING

- *Do you have a hymn that you enjoy singing? Call out the number and we will sing the first verse together! You can call out a hymn or praise song from the United Methodist Hymnal as well as the Faith We Sing. We will sing the hymns seated.*

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 14:1, 7-14

1 One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

7 When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable:

8 "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited.

9 If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this man your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important

place.

10 But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests.

11 For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

12 Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid.

13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,
14 and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM	"Lord Lift Us Up Where We Belong"	Rosalyn McClore
MESSAGE	"The Way of Jesus"	Pastor Park
PRAISE	"He Touched Me"	Rosalyn McClore

Shackled by a heavy burden
'Neath a load of guilt and shame
Then the hand of Jesus touched me
And now I am no longer the same

He touched me, oh, He touched me
And oh, the joy that floods my soul
Something happened, and now I know
He touched me, and made me whole

Since I've met this blessed Savior
Since He's cleansed and made me whole
Oh, I will never cease to praise Him (to praise Him)
I'll shout it while eternity rolls

Oh, He touched me, oh He touched me, He touched me
And oh, the joy that floods my soul
Something happened and now I know
He touched me and made me whole

RECEIVING THE MORNING'S OFFERINGS

***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.

*** CLOSING HYMN**

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

UMH # 432

**1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.**

[Refrain:]

**Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.**

**2 Neighbors are rich and poor,
neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are near and far away.
(Refrain)**

**3 These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.
(Refrain)**

**4 Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves,
this is the way we should live with you.
(Refrain)**

**5 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you.
(Refrain)**

*** BENEDICTION**

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POSTLUDE

Please remain seated for the postlude

***Stand as able**

Announcements:

- **Altar Flowers** are given by Tracy Ripa to the Glory of God and in celebration of a new school year.
- **Special thanks** to Mary & Walter Hartmann 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 September. There is a signup sheet in the Guyn Room. Your ministry of welcome and hospitality is truly appreciated.
- **We are looking for volunteers** to serve as liturgists and/or scripture readers for the month of September. 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".
- **All are invited to join the choir workshop** given by Rosalyn McClore our music ministry leader, on September 14th immediately following worship. Please let Rosalyn know at RMCCLORE@gmail.com if you plan to attend.



Coming Up This Week

*Happy Birthday to **Louise Woodcox** – September 7*