

SUNDAY, September 1, 2024

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

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Jackie Han, Music Minister



PRELUDE **“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”** **Jackie Han**

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Welcome, Beloved of God! For truly, you are deeply, wonderfully, beautifully loved by the God of all creation!

P: Come, let us worship God who loves us!

L: Whether your week was filled with mountain-high joys or valley-low sorrows, peace like a gently flowing river, or stress like a stormy gale, this is the time to rise and come away to worship God who sustains and tends to you.

P: Come, let us worship God who loves us and tends to us!

Leader: In a world that pulls us this way and that, God’s love is our True North, guiding us with an uncommon wisdom through all that life brings us.

P: Come, let us worship God who loves us and guides us!

Leader: Beloved, the time for singing has come, because God’s love, care, and wisdom sustain and guide us wherever we go.

P: Come, let us worship and sing to the God who loves, tends, guides, and sustains us! Amen!

*** OPENING HYMN** **“For the Beauty of the Earth”** **UMH # 92**

**1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;**

**Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light; (Refrain)**

**3. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight; (Refrain)**

**4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild; (Refrain)**

**5. For thy church, that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love; (Refrain)**

**6. For thyself, best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth, and joy in heaven: (Refrain)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Ever-faithful God, you create each of us to be a presence of healing and love in our world. You equip us to resist intentions and actions that hurt ourselves and others. You invite us into ministries of love, peace and justice. But we have far too often turned our back on opportunities for service and witness to your transformational love. Forgive us when we forget your desire for us. Forgive us when we put aside your vision. Forgive us when we fail to put our faith into action and live according to your will for us. Draw our hearts close to you and help us to love you not just with our words but with all of our heart, mind, soul and strength. Amen.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

“Thou Art Worthy”

TFWS # 2041

SCRIPTURE

James 1:17-27

17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

18 He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

19 My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,

20 for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.

21 Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror

24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

25 But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.

26 If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.

27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

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

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

“Blessed Assurance”

CUMC Choir

MESSAGE

“The Nike Faith”

Pastor Park

RECEIVING THE MORNING'S OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY #94**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*** DEDICATION**

Pastor Park

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH # 13

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
 one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
 until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
 all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**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**

“Together We Serve”

TFWS # 2175

**1 Together we serve, united by love,
 inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
 We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
 extending your love to the last and the least.**

**2 We seek to become a beacon of hope,
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
 until we see Christ in each person we meet.**

**3 We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
 the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
 We offer a home to those who will come,
 our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.**

**4 Together, by grace, we witness and work,
 remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
 Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
 remembering love is the strength of our song.**

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

“Walk with Me“

Jackie Han

Please remain seated for the postlude

***Stand as able**

Announcements:

Altar Flowers are given by Pastor Karen & Tony Gazzillo to the Glory of God and in prayer as their grandchildren start college.

Special thanks to Carol O'Donnell for hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.

The After-School Program for Grover Middle School students, the HUB, will launch in September. We need your prayers and people who can come and help on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 pm - 5 pm. The volunteer sign up form is located on the table outside the Guyn Room. Please see Christine Waddington, Tracy Voca or Kathy Zajac for more info or questions.

The preparation for our 19th Annual Golf Outing is in full swing. We need your help in making this another successful year. We need ads in our journal and volunteers to help on the day of the outing (September 24). Please see Christine Waddington or Ken Ingra for more info or questions.



Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera or visit caldwellchurch.org to register for the golf outing



Coming Up This Week

- **Golf Outing Committee Meeting – Tuesday, September 3 @ 7:30 PM**
- **The HUB meeting – Friday, September 6 @ 11:30 AM**
- **September 4th Happy Birthday to Keagan Spencely**
- **September 5th Happy Birthday to Ryan Wallace**
- **September 7th Happy Birthday to Louise Woodcox**