

SUNDAY, September 6, 2026

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Music: Rosalyn McClore



PRELUDE

“How Great Thou Art”

Rosalyn McClore

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

*** OPENING HYMN**

“We Gather Together”

UMH # 131

1. We gather together
to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens
his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing
now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name;
he forgets not his own.

2. Beside us to guide us,
our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining
his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning
the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side,
all glory be thine!

3. We all do extol thee,
thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still
our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation
escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised!
O Lord, make us free!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.

We love with condition. We judge and condemn.

We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes.

We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. 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

Pastor Park

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

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING**SCRIPTURE**

Romans 13:8-14

8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

9 The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

10 Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

11 And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

12 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

13 Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.

14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"If It Had Not Been for The Lord on My Side"

Rosalyn McClore

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.

* HYMN

"The Gift of Love"

UMH # 408

1 Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

2 Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.

Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

* BENEDICTION

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

“Love Divine All Loves Excelling”

Rosalyn McClore

Please remain seated for the postlude

*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.
- Altar flowers this morning are given by Carol Pho-O'Donnell to the Glory of God and in honor of her grandchild Keegan's birthday.
- Special thanks to Carol Pho-O'Donnell for hosting the time of fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.
- 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

Louise Woodcox – September 7
Cooper Jack Winkler – September 9
Tracy Ripa – September 12
Bogdan Voca – September 12



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