

SUNDAY, September 8, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Jackie Han, Music Minister



PRELUDE

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Jackie Han

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Lord, open our hearts this morning to hear your words of compassion.

P: Lord, help us to truly listen to you.

L: Lord, open our spirits this morning to strengthen our faith.

P: Lord, help us to work for you.

L: Lord, make us ready to serve.

P: Lord, make us ready to witness to your healing love. AMEN.

*** OPENING HYMN**

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

UMH # 66

**1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to the throne thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Praise the everlasting King.

**2. Praise the Lord for grace and favor
to all people in distress;
praise God, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Glorious now God's faithfulness.

**3. Father-like, God tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame God knows;
mother-like, God gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Widely yet God's mercy flows.

**4. Angels in the heights, adoring,
you behold God face to face;
saints triumphant, now adoring,
gathered in from every race.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Gracious God, we come before you today knowing that we often fall short of your call to love one another. We allow ourselves to be blinded by wealth and power. We ignore those around us who suffer injustice, poverty, and rejection. We tune out the cries of the poor and those on the edges of our communities. Help us to see your great generosity, hear your word of mercy, and feel your great love for all who need your redemptive grace. Strengthen us to reach out in service to those who are in need. Make us aware of those outside our own communities, that we may see them as your precious children and serve them in humility and joy. May we continue to grow in grace as we learn how to serve you in the name of the great Servant, even Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

"Thou Art Worthy"

TFWS # 2041

SCRIPTURE

Mark 7:24-37

24 Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret.

25 In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an evil spirit came and fell at his feet.

26 The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

27 "First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs."

28 "Yes, Lord," she replied, "but even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

29 Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter."

30 She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

31 Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis.

32 There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged him to place his hand on the man.

33 After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue.

34 He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means, "Be opened!").

35 At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

36 Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it.

37 People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

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

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM "He Leadeth Me" **CUMC Choir**

MESSAGE "Relentless Faith and Grace" **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

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** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" **UMH # 526**

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
 all our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry
 everything to God in prayer!
 O what peace we often forfeit,
 O what needless pain we bear,
 all because we do not carry
 everything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations?
 Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged;
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Can we find a friend so faithful
 who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our every weakness;
 take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
 cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge;
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
 thou wilt find a solace there.

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

“Nothing but the Blood”

Jackie Han

Please remain seated for the postlude

***Stand as able**

Announcements:

Altar Flowers are given by Louise Woodcox to the Glory of God and in celebration of her birthday.

Special thanks to Louise Woodcox for hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.

A big thank you to Jackie Han and her parents for dry cleaning all the choir robes. It is very much appreciated!

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

- **Finance Committee Meeting – Tuesday, September 10 @ 7:00 PM**
- **Trustees Meeting – Tuesday, September 10 @ 8:00 PM**
- **Prayer & Chant Circle – Tuesday, September 10 @ 10:00 AM**
- **Birthdays This Week:**

September 9	Cooper Jack Winkler
September 12	Brett Mitstifer

September 12 Tracy Plumstead
September 12 Bogdan Voca
Happy Birthday to All!

- September 10 Happy Anniversary to Howard & Amy Hansen!