

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Worship Music: Rosalyn McClore



PRELUDE

“Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior”

UMH # 351

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come seeking refuge in a world where goodness and good news can feel far away.

P: God is our hope and our refuge.

L: We come searching for safety in a world that often calls foolishness wisdom and wisdom foolishness.

P: God is our hope and our refuge.

L: We come longing for rest in a world that bombards us with all the ways people work against the abundant life and flourishing of their neighbors.

P: God is our hope and our refuge.

L: Come, children of God, to find refuge and hope in God who delivers and restores us.

P: May God teach us and guide us to find refuge and be refuge with and for our neighbors today and every day.

OPENING HYMN

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

UMH # 348

**1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.**

Refrain:

**Come home, come home;
you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!**

**2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]**

**3 Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,
passing from you and from me;
shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming,
coming for you and for me. [Refrain]**

**4 O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Most Patient God, we recognize how much we need you for life itself. But how often have we behaved as if we did not know or even care about you? How often have we become the ones who do not carry out justice? How often have we tried to dominate others, even as you stand with them? How often have we participated in the desolation of your creation by our treatment of the heavens, the earth, and its waters? Forgive us for these times when we have lost our way. All Loving God, we want to be among those whom you seek. Shower your mercy upon us. Find us and lead us safely home to faithfulness. In the name of Christ 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

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

Exodus 32:7-14

7 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt.

8 They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, ‘These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.’

9 “I have seen these people,” the Lord said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people.

10 Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.”

11 But Moses sought the favor of the Lord his God. “Lord,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand?

12 Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people.

13 Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.'"

14 Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

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

All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

"Take Me Back/Soon and Very Soon"

Rosalyn McClore

**Take me Back/Soon and Very Soon
Take me back, take me back dear Lord
To the place where I first received you
Take me back, take me back dear Lord where I
First believed**

**I feel that I'm so far from you Lord
But still I hear you calling me
Those simple things that I once knew
Their memories keep drawing me**

**I must confess, Lord I've been blessed
But yet my soul's not satisfied
Renew my faith, restore my joy And dry my weeping eyes**

**Take me back, take me back dear Lord
To the place where I first received you
Take me back, take me back dear Lord where I
First believed**

**Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!**

**No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!**

**No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,**

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're goin' to see the King!**

MESSAGE

"Standing in Between"

Pastor Park

PRAISE

"I Must Tell Jesus"

Rosalyn McClore

I Must Tell Jesus
I must tell Jesus all of my trials;
I cannot bear these burdens alone;
In my distress He kindly will help me;
He ever loves and cares for His own.

Refrain:

I must tell Jesus!

I must tell Jesus!

I cannot bear my burdens alone;

I must tell Jesus!

I must tell Jesus!

Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.

I must tell Jesus all of my troubles;
He is a kind, compassionate friend;
If I but ask Him, He will deliver,
Make of my troubles quickly an end

RECEIVING THE MORNING'S OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY # 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

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.

*** CLOSING HYMN**

"Grace Greater Than our Sin"

UMH # 365

1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
 grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
 Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
 there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain:

Grace, grace, God's grace,
 grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
 grace, grace, God's grace,
 grace that is greater than all our sin!

2. Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
 threaten the soul with infinite loss;
 grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
 points to the refuge, the mighty cross.
 (Refrain)

3. Dark is the stain that we cannot hide.
 What can avail to wash it away?
 Look! There is flowing a crimson tide,
 brighter than snow you may be today.
 (Refrain)

4. Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
 freely bestowed on all who believe!
 You that are longing to see his face,
 will you this moment his grace receive?
 (Refrain)

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

Please remain seated for the postlude

***Stand as able**

Announcements:

- Altar Flowers are given by Louise Woodcox to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her dear mother Rachel Rotter.
- Special thanks to Kathy Zajac 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 October. 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 October. 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, today in the sanctuary immediately following the fellowship time.
- The September copy of the Voice is ready for pick up. Please take a copy from the table in the lobby.



Coming Up This Week

Today immediately following fellowship time – Choir Workshop

September 16 @ 7:30 pm – Church Council meeting

September 20 & 27 @ 10:30 am—Church Leadership Conference

Happy Birthday to:

Taylor Pierce – September 17

Rameeza Narine – September 20