

SUNDAY, September 15, 2024

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Jackie Han, Music Minister



PRELUDE

“Take Up Thy Cross”

Jackie Han

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Just as the heavens burst forth in praise to God.....

P: We celebrate God’s abundant and powerful love.

L: Day by day, and night by night.....

P: God watches over us, loving and healing us.

L: Come, celebrate with joy the love of God.

P: Open our hearts and spirits, Lord, and teach us your ways. AMEN

*** OPENING HYMN**

“How Great Thou Art”

UMH # 77

**1 O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hand have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
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how great thou art, how great thou art!**

**2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]**

**3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]**

**4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.**

Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! [Refrain]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Lord, it is easy for us to say that we will follow you; and then turn our backs and act as though our commitment to you does not mean anything to us. Jesus challenges us to take up our crosses, and when we don't understand what that means, we just shrug and turn away. Forgive us for our lack of commitment and faith. Heal us of our greed and fears. Give us courage to be disciples and enable us to joyfully proclaim your healing mercies and your transformational love. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

"Thou Art Worthy"

TFWS # 2041

SCRIPTURE

James 3:1-12

1 Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.

2 We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

3 When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal.

4 Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go.

5 Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark.

6 The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

7 All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind,

8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness.

10 Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.

11 Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring?

12 My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

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

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM "I Then Shall Live" **CUMC Choir**

MESSAGE "More Than Words" **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 "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak" **UMH # 463**

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
 in living echoes of thy tone;
 as thou hast sought, so let me seek
 thine erring children lost and lone.

2. O strengthen me, that while I stand
 firm on the rock, and strong in thee,
 I may stretch out a loving hand
 to wrestlers with the troubled sea.

3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious things thou dost impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

4. O fill me with thy fullness, Lord,

until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

5. O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as thou wilt, and when, and where,
until thy blessed face I see,
thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

* BENEDICTION

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

“Still”

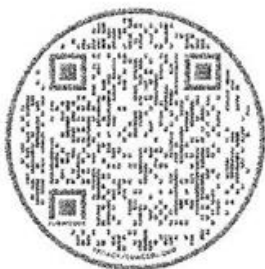
Jackie Han

Please remain seated for the postlude

*Stand as able

Announcements:

- Altar Flowers are given by Gail Plumstead to the Glory of God and in celebration of her daughter Tracy's birthday.
- Special thanks to Gail Plumstead 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

- Our annual Pulled Pork & BBQ Chicken Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 19th from 5 to 7 PM. Dinner includes pulled pork, BBQ chicken or combo platter with mac & cheese, cole slaw, corn bread, rolls and a brownie. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$14 for children 10 & under and must be pre-paid by October 12th. Use the QR code below to purchase your tickets or go to caldwellchurch.org. You can also email caldwellumcnj@gmail.com or call the church office at 973-226-4410.



Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera or visit caldwellchurch.org to buy tickets for the Pulled Pork/BBQ Chicken Dinner.

- Girls' Night Out is September 17th. All women of the church & friends are invited to join us at 6:30 PM at Frank's Trattoria, 802 Bloomfield Ave., West Caldwell (in the West Caldwell Shopping Center) for dinner and fellowship. Separate checks will be provided. Call Myrtle at 973-214-3437 to reserve your place.
- Please note that there will be a training session for the HUB volunteers after church on September 22nd.
- The Outreach program is continuing through the month of September. Your donations will be greatly appreciated and help young mothers and children.



Coming Up This Week

- **Girls' Night Out – Tuesday, September 17 @ 6:30 PM**
- **Tea & Coffee Social – Friday, September 20 from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM**
- **Happy Birthday to Taylor Pierce – September 17th**
- **Happy Birthday to Rameeza Narine – September 20th**