

SUNDAY, September 22, 2024

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Jackie Han, Music Minister



PRELUDE

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Jackie Han

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Jesus calls us to servant ministry.

P: We must be willing to help others, not counting the cost or rewards.

L: Pretense, disharmony, greed have no place in discipleship.

P: Serving God means receiving each person as though they were a beloved child.

L: Lord, help us to truly become your disciples.

P: Create in us hearts for ministries of compassion and kindness. AMEN.

*** OPENING HYMN**

“Maker, in Whom We Live”

UMH # 88

**1. Maker, in whom we live,
in whom we are and move,
the glory, power, and praise receive
for thy creating love.**

**Let all the angel throng
give thanks to God on high,
while earth repeats the joyful song
and echoes to the sky.**

**2. Incarnate Deity,
let all the ransomed race
render in thanks their lives to thee
for thy redeeming grace.
The grace to sinners showed
ye heavenly choirs proclaim,
and cry, "Salvation to our God,
salvation to the Lamb!"**

**3. Spirit of Holiness,
let all thy saints adore
thy sacred energy, and bless**

thine heart-renewing power.
 Not angel tongues can tell
 thy love's ecstatic height,
 the glorious joy unspeakable,
 the beatific sight.

4. Eternal, Triune God,
 let all the hosts above,
 let all on earth below record
 and dwell upon thy love.
 When heaven and earth are fled
 before thy glorious face,
 sing all the saints thy love hath made
 thine everlasting praise

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

God of patience and mercy, we come to you today confessing that we have failed to serve you faithfully in our lives. We have failed to love you with all of our heart, our soul, our mind, and our strength. Even though we said we will serve you, when things get difficult; when we are called to do something which is hard for us, we shied away from the duty and the opportunity. We turned our back on service out of fear of failure. Forgive us, gracious Lord. Heal our fears and our weaknesses. Strengthen us and give us courage to truly be your disciples, not counting the rewards, but rejoicing in the work. In Jesus' Name, we pray. **AMEN.**

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

"Thou Art Worthy"

TFWS # 2041

SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:30-37

30 They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were,

31 because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise."

32 But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

33 They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?"

34 But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

35 Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all."

36 He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them,

37 "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

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

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM "Jesus Loves Me" **CUMC Choir**

MESSAGE "God's Measure of True Greatness" **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** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" **UMH # 430**

1. O Master, let me walk with thee
 in lowly paths of service free;
 tell me thy secret; help me bear
 the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2. Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong;

4. In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

“Make Me a Captive, Lord”

Jackie Han

Please remain seated for the postlude

***Stand as able**

Announcements:

- **Altar Flowers are given by Ann Calvin to the Glory of God.**
- **Special thanks to Pastor Karen 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 October. 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.**
- **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.

- Please note that there will be a training session for the HUB volunteers after church today.
- 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

- Training session for HUB volunteers – September 22nd after worship
- 19th Annual Golf Outing – Tuesday, September 24th

Pastor: **Rev. Dr. Kil Jae Park**

Music Minister: **Jackie Han**

Bass Player: **Alan James**

Lay Leader: **Barbara Ingra**

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