

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Worship Music: Rosalyn McClore



PRELUDE

“Jesus Is All the World To Me”

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather today to worship God, who listens when we call.

P: We gather to rest in the shadow of God’s wings.

L: We gather to pray to God, who answers us when we call.

P: We gather to lift our voices in the shadow of God’s wings.

L: We gather to praise God, who rescues us when we call.

P: We gather to rejoice in the shadow of God’s wings.

L: Beloved, come! Let us worship God, who covers and delivers us in Love.

P: We gather to worship in the shadow of God’s wings.

OPENING HYMN

“To God Be the Glory”

UMH # 98

**1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

Refrain:

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!**

**O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!**

**2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)**

**3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, in our quest for riches and success, we often wander away from
your ways and pierce ourselves with many pains. Forgive us and help us to be**

content with what we have, for we brought nothing into this world and take nothing from it when we leave. Teach us to focus on things that endure: righteousness, godliness, faith, love, and gentleness. Help us fight the good fight, that we might taste the sweetness of your salvation and touch the glory of eternal life in your name. 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

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Erin Redd

SCRIPTURE

Luke 16:19-31

19 "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day.

20 At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores

21 and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried.

23 In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.

24 So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

25 "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.

26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

27 "He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house,

28 for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

29 "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'

30 "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

31 "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

"Trust In God"

Rosalyn McClore

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine
 He's been my fourth man in the fire, time after time
 Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood
 And what He did for me on Calvary is more than enough
 Perfect submission, all is at rest
 I know the author of tomorrow has ordered my steps
 So this is my story and this is my song
 I'm praising my risen King and Savior all the day long

*I trust in God, my Savior The one who will never..... fail
 He will never fail*

*I trust in God, my Savior The one who will never..... fail
 He will never fail*

I sought the Lord and heard
 and he answered (repeat)
 That's why I trust him,
 That's why I trust Him

MESSAGE

"Just Beyond the Gate"

Pastor Park

PRAISE

"Lily In the Valley"

Rosalyn McClore

There's a lily.... in the valley Bright as the morning star
 There is a lily in the valley...Bright as the morning star
 There is a lily in the valley...Bright as the morning star
 Amen(3x)

JESUS is in the valley Bright as the morning star
 Somebody found JESUS in the valley
 Bright as the morning star
 Somebody found Jesus in the valley
 Bright as the morning star
 Amen(3x)

Somebody found love in the valley Bright as the morning star
 Somebody found love in the valley Bright as the morning star
 Somebody found in the valley

Bright as the morning star
Amen(3x)

Somebody found peace in the valley Bright as the morning star
Somebody found peace in the valley Bright as the morning star
Somebody found peace in the valley Bright as the morning star
Amen(3x)

Somebody found Joy..... in the valley
Somebody found Love....in the valley
Somebody found peace...in the valley
Somebody found God...way down in the valley

RECEIVING THE MORNING'S OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

UMH # 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

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PRAYER

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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

"The Summons"

TFWS # 2130

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

4. Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?
 Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
 Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
 Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
 In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
 Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

***Stand as able**

Announcements:

- Altar Flowers are given by Carol O’Donnell to the Glory of God.
- Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service. Refreshments are provided by the church family today.
- 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.
- 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”.
- We will participate in the Caldwell Street Fair on October 5th. We will use this opportunity to share our ministry with the people in our community. We invite you to come and join us any time between 12 noon to 5 pm.
- We invite you to come and worship with us on October 5th to celebrate the World Communion Sunday. On this Sunday we will give a special offering to provide food for the starving people of Gaza.
- We are preparing to launch the 2025-2026 HUB program and are looking for volunteers to sign up to help with the program. Please reach out to Kathy Zajac with questions or for more information.



If you wish to give electronically scan this QR code using the camera function on your smart phone. You will be taken directly to the donations page on our website.



Coming Up This Week

Happy Birthday to:

September 30 - Ginny Carnrick

October 1 – Alan Pierce

Coming Soon

October 5 @ 10 am—World Communion Sunday

October 12 @ 10 am—Friends & Family Sunday

October 19 @ 10 am—Laity Sunday

October 26 @ 4 pm—Doo Wop Concert