SUNDAY, September 29, 2024 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006 Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor Jackie Han, Music Minister



PRELUDE

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Jackie Han

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Sometimes we wonder how we have gotten through some difficult situations.

P: God has been with us, lifting and comforting our spirits.

L: We often struggle and worry.

P: But God's loving presence sustains and strengthens us.

L: So, listen for God's call to you.

P: Lord, we are listening and seeking your guidance. AMEN.

* HYMNSING

(Call out the number of your favorite hymn from UMH or The Faith We Sing. We will sing the FIRST verse of your favorite hymn.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Patient Lord, we know that you call us to service, but we often feel inadequate. Remind us again of your loving and guiding presence. Forgive us when we stumble and falter. Turn us again to you, serving joyfully and confidently. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

"Thou Art Worthy"

TFWS # 2041

SCRIPTURE

James 5:13-20

¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.

¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.

¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.

- ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.
- ¹⁷ Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.
- ¹⁸ Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.
- ¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back,
- ²⁰ remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

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

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM "Oh, the Best Friend to Have is Jesus" Organ: Jackie Han

MESSAGE "Why Not Pray?" 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

PRAYFR

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

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

UMH # 496

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,

and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

- 2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return! With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face, and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!
- 3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless. And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

* BENEDICTION Pastor Park

POSTLUDE "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" Jackie Han

Please remain seated for the postlude

*Stand as able

Announcements:

- Altar Flowers are given by Beth Ann Rueter to the Glory of God and in memory of her mother
- Flowers on the Baptismal Font are given by Zorina D'Emilo to the Glory of God and in memory of her mother.

- Special thanks to Patty Sampson and Susan Drastal 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. 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
 <u>caldwellumcnj@gmail.com</u> 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.

• 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

- October 1st is the last day to bring your baby items for the Outreach Mission.
- Happy Birthday, Alan Pierce October 1st!
- October 5th @ 7 pm Choir practice for the Christmas Cantata begins.
- October 5th from 9:15—11:45 am we will share our space with our neighbors from Temple Agudath as they celebrate Rosh Hashanah.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kil Jae Park
Music Minister: Jackie Han
Bass Player: Alan James
Lay Leader: Barbara Ingra

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