

SUNDAY, October 13, 2024

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Jackie Han, Music Minister



PRELUDE

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

Jackie Han

## WELCOME AND INVOCATION

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Karen

L: Welcome to worship today. Bring your joys and sorrows to the Lord.

**P: We come from busy lives, filled with a host of banes and blessings.**

L: Give your fears to the Lord, for God will heal your souls.

**P: Praise to God who listens to our cries and heals us.**

L: Open your ears and your hearts to the Lord.

**P: We open our lives to do God's will. AMEN.**

### \* OPENING HYMN

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

UMH # 138

1. The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never.  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth;  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me;  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;

and oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)**

**Pastor Karen**

O Lord, you are our shepherd, and yet we want.  
We lie down when we could act,  
We stir the pot when we could offer peace,  
We wander tempting paths instead of following you.  
We see courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in you.  
We hate our enemies and refuse to break bread with them,  
We see scarcity even when you offer us abundance.  
We pray for forgiveness, for your goodness and mercy,  
So that we might dwell in You, in your grace, forever. Amen.

**CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**Tracy Voca**

**GATHERING SONG**

**“Thou Art Worthy”**

**TFWS # 2041**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>**He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;**

<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,**

**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.**

#### **John 10:11-18**

<sup>11</sup> “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

<sup>12</sup> **The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.**

<sup>13</sup> The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup> **I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me,**

<sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

<sup>16</sup> **I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.**

<sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

<sup>18</sup> **No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”**

#### **John 3:16-24**

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> **“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.**

<sup>18</sup> Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

<sup>19</sup> **And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.**

<sup>20</sup> For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed.

<sup>21</sup> **But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.**

<sup>22</sup> After this Jesus and his disciples went into the region of Judea, and he spent some time there with them and baptized.

<sup>23</sup> **John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim because water was abundant there, and people kept coming and were being baptized.**

<sup>24</sup> (John, of course, had not yet been thrown into prison.)

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

People: Thanks be to God

**ANTHEM**                      **“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**                      **CUMC Choir**

**MESSAGE**                      **“Writing Life a Few Small Checks”**                      **Rev. Wayne Plumstead**

**HYMN**    **“Jesu, Jesu”**    **UMH # 432**

**1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them.**

**(Refrain)**

**Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love, show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.**

**2 Neighbors are rich and poor,  
neighbors are black and white,  
neighbors are near and far away.**

**(Refrain)**

**3 These are the ones we should serve,  
these are the ones we should love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you.**

**(Refrain)**

**4 Loving puts us on our knees,  
serving as though we are slaves,  
this is the way we should live with you.**

**(Refrain)**

**5 Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
silently washing their feet,  
this is the way we should live with you.**

**(Refrain)**

**RECEIVING THE MORNING’S OFFERINGS**

**Rev. Wayne Plumstead**

**\*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**

**Rev. Wayne Plumstead**

**PRAYER**

**Pastor Karen**

**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 Lord's My Shepherd I'll Not Want”**

**UMH # 136**

1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

2 My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e'en for his own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear no ill;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

4 My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me;  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling place shall be.

**\* BENEDICTION**

**Rev. Wayne Plumstead**

POSTLUDE

**“Are Ye Able”**

Jackie Han

*Please remain seated for the postlude*

**\*Stand as able**

**Announcements:**

- We would like to extend our very special welcome and thanks to Rev. Wayne Plumstead for worshiping with us and bringing God’s Word to us today. Thank you!
- Altar Flowers are given by Tracy Voca to the Glory of God and in memory of her mother Marion Rangnow.
- Special thanks to Louise Woodcox for hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.
- Thank you for praying for the victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton. We invite you to pray not only in words but also with your hands and feet. One way that we can do that is by providing tangible help and resources to them. So, we will collect special offerings through the month of October. You can give by using the labeled envelope inserted in the bulletin or by using the online giving portal in the church website. Your prayers and generosity are greatly appreciated!
- The After-School Program for Grover Middle School students, the HUB, will launch on November 12<sup>th</sup> and will be offered 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 Homecoming Sunday is October 27<sup>th</sup>. We will celebrate the special blessing of our church home with special worship service, music and BBQ lunch. We will also have a program for children. Invite your family and friends, especially those who do not have a church home. The sign-up sheet for bringing a dish to share is provided on the table outside of the Guynn room. We thank you in advance for your help and support. Please reach out to Christine Waddington or Tracy Voca if you have any questions.



**Coming Up This Week**

- **Happy Birthday, Howard Hansen – October 13<sup>th</sup>.**
- **October 17<sup>th</sup> – Happy Anniversary to Leslie & Alan Pierce**
- **October 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm Choir practice for the Christmas Cantata.**
- **October 19<sup>th</sup> between 5-7 PM - Pulled Pork & BBQ Chicken Dinner.**