SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025

Laity Sunday

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Worship Music: Rosalyn McClore

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PRELUDE

"We are Called to Be God's People"

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Tracy Voca

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus said we are his witnesses.

P: We know God's Spirit is at work in our lives.

L: We listen for his voice in the cries of our neighbors.

P: We know your plan is to gather all in love.

L: As God's own people, we are Spirit-strong, agents of grace when we follow your wisdom and instruction for a "whole" way of life.

P: We thank God that God has called us to be co-laborers with God, bringing healing, hope and salvation to this world.

OPENING HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH # 140

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Susan Drastal

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it,

15 and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- 4:1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge:
- 2 Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.
- 3 For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.
- 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

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

All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM "Oh For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" CUMC Bell Choir

STORIES OF FAITH JOURNEY

Tony Gazzillo Pastor Karen Gazzillo

Erin Redd Rosalyn McClore

PRAISE "He'll Understand and Say Well Done"

Rosalyn McClore

If when you give the best of your service, Telling the world that the Savior is come, Be not dismayed when men don't believe you He understands, he'll say "Well done."

Refrain:

Oh, when I come to the end of my journey,

Weary of life and the battle is won;

Carrying the staff and the cross of redemption,

He'll understand and say, "Well done."

But if you try and fail in your trying,

Hands sore and scarred from the work you've begun Take up your cross and run quickly to meet him;

He'll understand, he'll say, "Well done."

Refrain

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

Tracy Voca

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

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

UMH # 172

1. My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

- 2. I love thee because thou hast first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree; I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
- 3. In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright; I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

* BENEDICTION Pastor Karen

POSTLUDE

Please remain seated for the postlude

*Stand as able

Announcements:

- Altar Flowers are given by Leslie & Alan Pierce to the Glory of God and in celebration of their anniversary.
- Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.
- Fellowship Hour hosts are very much needed throughout the month of November. 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".
- The 2025-2026 HUB program lauched Tuesday, October 7th. We are looking for volunteers to help with the program. Please reach out to Kathy Zajac with questions or for more information.



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Coming Up This Week

October 24 @ 7:30 pm - Church Council meeting

Happy Birthday to:

October 24 - Tim Pierce

Coming Soon

October 26 @ 4 pm—Doo Wop Concert