

SUNDAY, October 20, 2024

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Jackie Han, Music Minister



PRELUDE

“Jesu, Jesu”

Jackie Han

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Power and might and majesty belong to God who created and is creating.

P: Thanks be to God for God’s mighty wonders.

L: Like the image of the powerful wind, and heavens as a garment, God’s majesty is revealed in all creation.

P: We look around us at the wonders and marvel and the infinite variety and beauty which God has created.

L: Who are we, that God should pay attention to us?

P: We are God’s beloved children, the stewards whom God has selected to care for God’s world. AMEN.

* OPENING HYMN

“How Great Thou Art”

UMH # 77

**1 O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the *worlds thy hand have made,
I see the stars, I hear the *rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!**

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how great thou art, how great thou art!**

**2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]**

**3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;**

that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! [Refrain]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

We can get caught up in selfish pursuits and completely overlook the wonders of your creation, O God. All around us are majestic reminders of the beauty you offer to us. But we are weak and easily trapped into attitudes of indifference or destructive behavior. You have not given this world to us that we should destroy it, but rather that we should cherish it and make sure that all receive from its bounty. Forgive our overwhelming greed and selfishness. Help us to let go of the petty desires for wealth, position, and power, and bring us into a ministry which proclaims your love and justice for all your people. These things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

“Thou Art Worthy”

TFWS # 2041

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 4:12-16

¹² For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

¹³ **Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.**

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

¹⁵ **For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.**

¹⁶ Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM	"God will Take Care of You"	CUMC Choir
MESSAGE	"Jesus Understands"	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**

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** **"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"** **UMH # 526**

**1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.**

**2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?**

**Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.**

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

“Only Him”

Jackie Han

Please remain seated for the postlude

***Stand as able**

Announcements:

- **Altar Flowers are given by Myrtle Connell to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her parents Stuart & Myrtle Carroll.**
- **Special thanks to Pastor Karen Gazzillo for hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.**
- **Our outreach program for the victims of Hurricane Helene and Martin continues until the end 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 Homecoming Sunday is October 27th. 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.**

- The choir practice for Christmas Cantata, scheduled for Sunday, December 15, has begun. Everyone who would like to celebrate Christmas through singing are welcome to join. The practice takes place on Thursdays in the church sanctuary at 7 PM.
- The After-School Program for Grover Middle School students, the HUB, will launch on November 12th 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.



Coming Up This Week

- Happy Birthday, Tim Pierce – October 24th.
- Happy Birthday, Jane Vogelsang – October 27th.
- October 22nd @ 10 am Prayer & Chant Circle in the sanctuary
- October 22nd @ 7:30 pm Church Council Meeting
- October 24th @ 7 pm Choir practice for the Christmas Cantata
- Homecoming Sunday – October 27th