

SUNDAY, October 27, 2024

Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006
Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Homecoming Sunday
Jackie Han, Music Minister



PRELUDE

“This is My Father's World”

Jackie Han

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: When distance separates us, love cannot.

P: Near or far, we are a family, united by God’s love.

L: We’re grateful for a place to call HOME, and people we call FAMILY.

P: Our unending love for one another leaves a legacy for generations to come!

L: Home is more than sentimentality or traditions.

P: Home is toys on the floor.

L: Home is a mess in the kitchen.

P: Home is a welcome at the door.

L: Home is a hug of acceptance.

P: Home is the laughter around the table, bread and cup.

L: Home is remembering promises made in water and spirit.

P: Home is seeing where God is leading us

L: And going there together. Welcome home to Caldwell UMC

P: where we welcome all, care for each other, learn how to love and follow Jesus.

L: Welcome Home.

*** OPENING HYMN**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

UMH # 557

**1. Blest be the tie that binds
 our hearts in Christian love;
 the fellowship of kindred minds
 is like to that above.**

**2. Before our Father's throne
 we pour our ardent prayers;
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
 our comforts and our cares.**

**3. We share each other's woes,
 our mutual burdens bear;**

and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

4. When we asunder part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG	“Thou Art Worthy”	TFWS # 2041
CHILDREN’S TIME		Tracy Voca
SCRIPTURE	Luke 15:11-24	Jane Vogelsang

¹¹ Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³ “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

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

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM	“Great is Thy Faithfulness”	CUMC Choir
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MESSAGE "There's No Place Like Home" **Pastor Park**

OFFERING PRAISE "As the Deer" **Jill Land**

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** "Together We Serve" **TFWS # 2175**

1 Together we serve,
united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray
through sorrow and joy,
extending God's love to the last and the least.

2 We seek to become
a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year,
to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

3 We welcome the scarred,
the wealthy, the poor,

the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
 We offer a home
 to those who will come,
 our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

4 Together, by grace,
 we witness and work,
 remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
 Together we serve
 in Spirit and truth,
 remembering love is the strength of our song.

* BENEDICTION

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

“In The Garden“

Jackie Han

Please remain seated for the postlude

*Stand as able

Announcements:

- We extend our very special welcome to everyone who came to worship with us on this special Homecoming Sunday. We are so glad that you are here, both in person as well as online. May our hearts be filled with God's love, joy and peace as we worship God and fellowship with one another today.
- Altar Flowers are given by Kim & Alan James to the Glory of God and in celebration of their anniversary.
- Thank you to all who contributed to today's Homecoming Sunday celebration.
- Christmas Cantata rehearsal - Due to the many absences Thursday nights we would like to meet after the fellowship every Sunday from Nov. 3rd.
- October 31st is the last day to participate in the outreach program to help the victims of Hurricane Helene and Milton. You can give by using the

labeled envelope inserted in the bulletin or by using the online giving portal on the church website. Your prayers and generosity are greatly appreciated!

- The After School Program “Hub” will launch from Tuesday, November 12th. Please continue to pray for this ministry and for all the volunteers who will work together to serve our community.



Coming Up This Week

- Happy Birthday, Jane Vogelsang – October 27th.
- Happy Birthday, Jaxon Wallace – October 28th.
- Happy Anniversary, Kim & Alan James.
- November 3rd after Fellowship - Choir practice for the Christmas Cantata