SUNDAY, November 8, 2026 Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006
Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor Worship Music: Rosalyn McClore

PRELUDE "Sing with All the Saints of Glory" Rosalyn McClore

WELCOME AND INVOCATION Pastor Park

*** OPENING PRAISE** "I Go to the Rock" Together

Where do I go when there's nobody else to turn to
Who do I talk to when nobody wants to listen
Who do I lean on when there's no foundation stable
I go to the rock….I know that stable
I go to the rock

I go to the rock of my salvation
I go to the stone that the builders rejected
I run to the mountain
And the mountain stands by me
When earth all around me is sinking sand
On Christ the solid rock I'll stand
When I need a shelter, when I need a friend
I go to the rock

Where do I go, where do I go
When the storms of life are threatening
Who do I turn to when the winds of sorrow blow
Is there a refuge in the time of tribulation
I go to the rock
I know that stable
I go to the rock

I go to the rock of my salvation
I go to the stone that the builders rejected
I run to the mountain
And the mountain stands by me
And when the Earth all around me is sinking sand
On Christ the solid rock I'll stand
When I need a shelter
And when I need a friend
I go to the Rock

Cause…on Christ the Solid Rock I Stand, All other ground is sinking sand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, You spoke, and the world came to be. Your Word is life-giving, yet we confess that we so often fail to study your Word and let it take root in our lives. And we often let different cares of life to take precedence over the care of our soul and faith. We often love with conditions and fail to follow Jesus in all that we do. By Your Holy Spirit, cleanse our hearts and heal our brokenness. Remove the barriers we have built between ourselves and others, and realign our wills with Yours. Shape us more into the image of Christ, so that we may not just hear Your Word, but bear good fruit and serve You in the world. In Christ's name, we pray. 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 Pastor Park

GATHERING SONG "Thou Art Worthy" TFWS # 2041

Thou art worthy,
Thou art worthy,
Thou art worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory,
Glory and honor,
Glory and honor and power
For Thou hast created,
hast all things created,
Thou hast created all things;
And for Thy pleasure
they are created -
Thou art worthy, O Lord

SCRIPTURE Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

1 Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders,
leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.
2 Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says:
'Long ago your forefathers, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor,
lived beyond the River and worshiped other gods.
3 But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the River and led him throughout
Canaan and gave him many descendants.
14 "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods
your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.
15 But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this
day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or
the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household,
we will serve the LORD."

16 Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods!
17 It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our fathers up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled.
18 And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God."
19 Joshua said to the people, "You are not able to serve the LORD. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins.
20 If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you."
21 But the people said to Joshua, "No! We will serve the LORD."
22 Then Joshua said, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the LORD." "Yes, we are witnesses," they replied.
23 "Now then," said Joshua, "throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel."
24 And the people said to Joshua, "We will serve the LORD our God and obey him."
25 On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people, and there at Shechem he drew up for them decrees and laws.

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM	"Give Me Jesus"	Rosalyn McClore
MESSAGE	"The Cost of Faithful Living"	Pastor Park
OFFERING	Worshiping God through our gifts	

***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** Pastor Park

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE Pastor Park

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 PRAISE** "I Have Decided" TFWS # 2129

1. I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back; no turning back.

2. The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back; no turning back.

3. Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.

*** BENEDICTION** Pastor Park

POSTLUDE "Dear Lord Lead Me Day by Day" Rosalyn McClore

*Stand as able

Announcements:

We welcome all of you to our morning worship service today. We are glad that you are joining us this morning in person as well as online.

Altar flowers this morning are given by Gail Plumstead to the Glory of God.

Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.

We are looking for volunteers to join us in our ministry. Every helping hand makes a difference! Please prayerfully consider filling out and submitting a Ministry Sign-Up Form. Thank you in advance for your participation and support as we serve God and our community together.

Please note that the Country & Western show originally scheduled for Sunday, November 15 has been postponed. A new date will be shared when it is determined.

There will be a Tea & Coffee Social on Friday, November 13th from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. Join us in the Guyn Room to celebrate our fourth anniversary. All are welcome!

Happy Birthday
Glenn Plumstead – November 10
Dana Stelter – November 14
Tony Gazzillo – November 14

Happy Anniversary
Liz & Bruce Ciccone – November 14

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