**SUNDAY, November 15, 2026 Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**
**Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006**
**Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor Worship Music: Rosalyn McClore**

**PRELUDE** "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" Rosalyn McClore

**WELCOME AND INVOCATION** Pastor Park

*** OPENING HYMN** "For the Beauty of the Earth" UMH # 92

**1. For the beauty of the earth,**
**for the glory of the skies,**
**for the love which from our birth**
**over and around us lies;**

**Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise**
**this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**2. For the beauty of each hour**
**of the day and of the night,**
**hill and vale, and tree and flower,**
**sun and moon, and stars of light; (Refrain)**

**3. For the joy of ear and eye,**
**for the heart and mind's delight,**
**for the mystic harmony**
**linking sense to sound and sight; (Refrain)**

**4. For the joy of human love,**
**brother, sister, parent, child,**
**friends on earth and friends above,**
**for all gentle thoughts and mild; (Refrain)**

**5. For thy church, that evermore**
**lifteth holy hands above,**
**offering up on every shore**
**her pure sacrifice of love; (Refrain)**

**6. For thyself, best Gift Divine,**
**to the world so freely given,**
**for that great, great love of thine,**
**peace on earth, and joy in heaven: (Refrain)**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
**God of goodness and love, when you created us and placed us here on earth, you blessed each of us with many good gifts, both tangible and intangible, so that we might live lives of joy, meaning, and purpose. Yet we confess that too often we**

**have hidden or hoarded the talents, resources, skills, and knowledge you have entrusted to us, rather than using them to serve others and care for those in need. Forgive us for our failure to be faithful stewards of your gifts. Help us to recognize, cultivate, and generously share all that you have given us, so that our lives may bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name.**
**In the name of Jesus Christ, 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** Matthew 25:14-30

14 "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them.
**15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.**
16 The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more.
**17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more.**
18 But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.
**19 "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.**
20 The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'
**21 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'**
22 "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'

**23 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'**
24 "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed.
**25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'**
26 "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed?
**27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.**
28 "'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags.
**29 For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.**
30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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

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| **ANTHEM** | "Lead Me Guide Me" | Rosalyn McClore |
| **MESSAGE** | "Faithful Stewardship" | 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.**

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| *** CLOSING HYMN** | "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" | TFWS # 2153 |

**1. I'm gonna live so**
**God can use me**
**anywhere, Lord, anytime!**
**I'm gonna live so**
**God can use me anywhere,**
**Lord, anytime!**

**2. I'm gonna work so**
**God can use me**
**anywhere, Lord, anytime!**
**I'm gonna work so**
**God can use me**
**anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**3. I'm gonna pray so**
**God can use me**
**anywhere, Lord, anytime!**
**I'm gonna pray so**
**God can use me**
**anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**4. I'm gonna sing so**
**God can use me**
**anywhere, Lord, anytime!**
**I'm gonna sing so**
**God can use me**
**anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

*** BENEDICTION** Pastor Park

**POSTLUDE** "Faith While Trees Are Still in Blossom" Rosalyn McClore

Please remain seated for the postlude

*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 Jee Young Park to the Glory of God.

Special thanks to Gail Plumstead & Donna Pierce for hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service

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.

Happy Birthday
*Jan Taylor – November 20*

Happy Anniversary
*Christine & Jon Waddington – November 13*

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