

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Worship Music: Rosalyn McClore



PRELUDE

“We’re Marching to Zion”

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Children of God: welcome!

P: Welcome to this place of love and grace,

L: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

P: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

L: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

P: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

L: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

*** OPENING HYMN**

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

UMH # 66

**1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to the throne thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.**

**2. Praise the Lord for grace and favor
to all people in distress;
praise God, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious now God's faithfulness.**

**3. Father-like, God tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame God knows;
mother-like, God gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet God's mercy flows.**

**4. Angels in the heights, adoring,
you behold God face to face;
saints triumphant, now adoring,
gathered in from every race.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.

We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. In the name of Jesus 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

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

Luke 6:43-45

43 “No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit.

44 Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars.

45 A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

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

All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

“The Goodness of God”

Joyce Francavilla

I love You, Lord
For Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

***'Cause all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good***

***With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God***

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God, yeah
Chorus

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I surrendered now
I give You everything, oh Lord
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me (oh yeah, oh yeah)
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it keeps running after me
Chorus

MESSAGE

“The Heart of the Matter”

Pastor Park

PRAISE

“Change My Heart, O God”

Rosalyn McClore

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God, May I be like you
Repeat

You are the Potter, I am the clay;
Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God, May I be like you
Jesus Oh Jesus Come and build your land
Jesus Oh Jesus Come and build your land

Oh Let the Son of God enfold you
With his spirit and his love
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
Oh, let him harness things that hold you
And his spirit like a dove will descend upon your life
And make you whole

Jesus Oh Jesus Come and build your land
Jesus Oh Jesus Come and build your land

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

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

"Create in me a Clean Heart"

Insert

* BENEDICTION

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

Please remain seated for the postlude

*Stand as able

Announcements:

- We welcome all of you to our Sunday morning worship service. We are glad that you are joining us this morning in person as well as online.
- Altar Flowers are given today by Jeeyoung Park to the Glory of God and in celebration of Jeremy's birthday.
- Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.
- Fellowship Hour hosts are very much needed throughout the months of November and December. There is a signup sheet in the Guyn Room. Your ministry of welcome and hospitality is truly appreciated.
- Come join us for our Sundays at the Movies series 2, this Friday, November 21 @ 7pm. We will see the movie "Little Boy".

- 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 launched 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.



If you wish to give electronically scan this QR code using the camera function on your smart phone. You will be taken directly to the donations page on our website.



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Coming Up This Week

*November 18 @ 7:30 pm – Church Council Meeting
Friday, November 21 @ 7 pm – Friday @ the Movies*

Happy Birthday to:

November 20 – Jan Taylor

Happy Anniversary to:

November 19 – Christine & Jon Waddington

Coming Soon

November 25 @ 7:30 pm – Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service