

SUNDAY, November 17, 2024

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Jackie Han, Music Minister



PRELUDE

“The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young”

Jackie Han

## WELCOME AND INVOCATION

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let our hearts rejoice in the God of hope and faithfulness.

**P: Our strength is in the maker of heaven and earth.**

L: Our foundation is the cornerstone that never fails.

**P: The rock of ages is a foundation like no other.**

L: Hope arises, as the tools of war are broken and the weak are given strength.

**P: Hope lives when the hungry are fed and the poor are lifted up.**

L: God comes bringing judgment to the ends of the earth,  
calling us to hope and faithfulness.

**P: Come, rock of ages, come quickly now.**

### \* OPENING HYMN

“O Worship the King”

UMH # 73

1. O worship the King, all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;  
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

3. The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;  
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

**5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)**

**O God who loves us, hear our prayer. So often we come to you at a loss – at a loss for the right words, the right deeds, the right feelings. We know all is not right, but we cannot say with certainty what is wrong. There are deep divisions between us and others. There are too many who live in poverty and fear. There are too many horrific stories, and not enough hopeful ones. So we pray to you, our Creator and Redeemer, to make things right, and to make us right with you and each other. Turn us around from that which destroys toward that which heals and brings joy. And hear us again, as we offer you our confession in silence.**

*Take a moment for silent confession.*

L: Friends, let us proclaim the Good News:

**P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

L: Let us go out into the world as people made new by God.

**All: Amen.**

#### **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

##### **GATHERING SONG**

**“Thou Art Worthy”**

**TFWS # 2041**

##### **SCRIPTURE**

**Acts 9:36-43**

**Ken Ingra**

**36** In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor.

**37 About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room.**

**38** Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, “Please come at once!”

**39 Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.**

**40** Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, “Tabitha, get up.” She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up.

**41 He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive.**

**42 This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.**

**43 Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.**

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

**People: Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM** "Sweet Hour of Prayer" **CUMC Choir**

**MESSAGE** "Generosity: A Powerful Christian Witness and Life" **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**

#### **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** "Freely, Freely" **UMH # 389**

#### **Verse 1**

**God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,**

**I've been born again in Jesus' name;**

**And in Jesus' name I come to you**

**To share His love as He told me to.**

#### **Chorus**

**He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received,**

Freely, freely give;  
Go in My name, and because you believe  
Others will know that I live.

**Verse 2**

All power is given in Jesus' name,  
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name;  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share His power as He told me to.

**Chorus**

**\* BENEDICTION**

**Pastor Park**

**POSTLUDE**

**“ Jesus Is All the World to Me“**  
*Please remain seated for the postlude*

**Jackie Han**

**\*Stand as able**

**Announcements:**

- **Altar Flowers** are given by Louise Woodcox to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her dear husband Jeff.
- **Special thanks** to Kathy Zajac for hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.
- **Christmas Cantata** rehearsal will take place today in the church sanctuary after Fellowship time.
- **A Doo Wop** concert will be held on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm to benefit the church. Tickets are priced at \$20 and are on sale now. Tickets can be purchased through the church website ([caldwellchurch.org](http://caldwellchurch.org)) or by check made payable to Caldwell United Methodist Church. See the insert in this bulletin for more information or see Ken Ingra.
- **The 2024 Stewardship** campaign is in full swing. Everyone will be receiving an estimate of giving card. These caeds will be offered to God at our

December 1<sup>st</sup> service. All cards received by this date will be presented at this service. People can continue to send in their cards until December 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Oasis is seeking donations of new, unwrapped toys and games for children aged infant through 16 for their Christmas Toy Drive from now until December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please see the insert for more information.
- There will be a turkey drive on November 24<sup>th</sup> to collect turkeys for the NJ Foodbank and our local food pantry. Please see the insert for more information.
- Next Sunday is our Thanksgiving Sunday. We invite you to come and worship with us and offer God your special praise and thanksgiving. We will also have special luncheon after worship service.

**Coming Up This Week**

**Happy Birthday!**  
**November 20 Jan Taylor**

**Happy Anniversary!**  
**November 19 Christine & Jon Waddington**

- November 17<sup>th</sup> after Fellowship - Choir practice for the Christmas Cantata.