SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025 **Thanksgiving Sunday**
Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006
Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor **Worship Music: Rosalyn McClore**

PRELUDE **"Abide With Me"**

THANKSGIVING REFLECTION **Multimedia**

CALL TO WORSHIP
L: The time of gathering is here.
P: We have come from far and wide to offer our praise to God for God's many blessings to us.
L: In the midst of difficulty, the Lord sets a table of rejoicing for us.
P: Though the world seems focused on turmoil, yet will we praise God!
L: Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with love and hope.
P: Praise be to God who provides for us.
L: May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude by the ways in which we live and care for others.
P: Hallelujah!

*** OPENING HYMN** **"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"** **UMH # 694**

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown
are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last

in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient Lord, we are rushing headlong into the holiday season, forgetting that the word "holiday" is actually comprised of two words: "holy and day." Help us move past the busyness of the day into the attitude of gratitude we should display for all the many wonders and blessings you have poured on us. Remind us that there are those for whom this day holds little delight and hope. Help us reach out to them with love, listening to their hearts and trying to meet their needs. Help us to never forget the love you have given to us and come to know the joy of serving you by helping others. In Jesus' 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

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 **Hebrews 11:1-12**

1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.
2 This is what the ancients were commended for.
3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

4 By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.
5 By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: “He could not be found, because God had taken him away.” For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.
6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.
7 By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.
8 By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.
9 By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.
10 For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.
11 And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise.
12 And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God
All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM **“Count Your Blessings”** **CUMC Choir**

When upon life’s billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your many blessings see what God has done

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,
And you will be singing as the days go by.

When you look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold.
Count your many blessings, money cannot buy
Your reward in heaven, nor your Lord on high.

Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your many blessing see what God has done
Repeat

MESSAGE **"Faith and Thanksgiving"** **Pastor Park**

OFFERING HYMN **"Now Thank We All Our God"** **UMH # 102**

** As we sing this hymn, you are invited to come to the front and place your Thanksgiving Offering in the plated provided in the front. Please use the center aisle to come. Thank you*

1. Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore

GIVING OF THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION **Pastor Park**

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 "Give Thanks" TFWS # 2036**

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy one,
Give thanks because He's given,
Jesus Christ His Son.

And now, let the weak say I am strong.
Let the poor say I am rich.
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

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Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks.

*** BENEDICTION Pastor Park**

POSTLUDE

***Stand as able**

Announcements:

- **We welcome all of you to our Thanksgiving 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 Louise Woodcox to the Glory of God and in memory of her dear husband Jeff Woodcox.**
- **Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service. We will gather in the gym for a potluck Thanksgiving luncheon.**

- **Fellowship Hour hosts are very much needed throughout the month of December. There is a signup sheet in the Guyn Room. Your ministry of welcome and hospitality is truly appreciated.**

- **As we enter into the season of Advent we will have our annual Hanging of the Greens next Saturday, November 29th from 9:30 am. We invite you to come and join us.**

- **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".**

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 25 @ 7:30 pm – Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Coming Soon

Saturday, November 29 @ 9:30 pm – Hanging of the Greens