



**We Walk in the Light**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 28, 2024**  
**Order of Worship**

**WE GATHER**

**Opportunities** Joyce Witt

**Prelude** Kim Crom  
*"Brother James' Air"* arr D. Wood

**Welcome** Rev. Deb Wacker

**Choral Introit** Chancel Choir

**\*Call to Worship** Joyce Witt  
 Easter people, we have been saved by the Risen Christ, the life-giving Vine.

**We abide in Love, the life-giving Vine.**

We are branches of the Vine—sustained, nurtured, and pruned by Love.

**We have no life apart from Love, the life-giving Vine.**

When we make our home in the Vine, and the Vine makes a home in us, we bear the fruit of Love.

**We produce the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine.**

Easter people, how shall we bear the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine?

**We will love and learn to love as we rest, play, work, and build community with God and one another. Amen.**

**Special Music:** "Leaning of the Everlasting Arms"  
 Heavenly Bells, Priscilla Tracy, Director

**Children's Message** Priscilla Tracy  
 (Bible Storytime for Children K-3rd grade. Follow Melissa.)

**\*Opening Hymn** UMH #89 vs 1,3 &4  
*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Three"*

**PREPARATION TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture:** John 15:1-8 Joyce Witt

**Leader:** The Word of God for the People of God

**People:** Thanks be to God

**Sermon** "We Bear Fruit" Rev. Deb

**We Respond**

**Hymn of Prayer:** TFWS #2130 vs. 1,4&5  
*"The Summons"*

**Prayers of the People** Rev. Deb

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

**Choral Response** Chancel Choir

**Offertory Prayer** Rev. Deb

**Offertory** Kim Crom  
*"O God, Thou Faithful God"* arr. E. Broughton

**\*Doxology** UMH #95

**WE GO FORTH**

**Closing Hymn:** UMH #671  
*"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"*

**\*Benediction** Rev. Deb

**Choral Closing** Chancel Choir

**Postlude** Kim Crom  
*"Postlude"* L. Bottazzo

## Prayers

**Judy Lykins**, at St. Francis undergoing tests, no visitors, please.

**Rhonda Von Lührte**, a friend of Sara Simon, for comfort and strength after post-hip surgery complications.

**Michael Greene**, a friend of Sara Simon, whose son Tristan (19) is currently missing and that Tristan's safe.

**Wanda Heyns** is struggling with medical care, high blood pressure, Apnea, and Asthma.

**Pam Newman** recovering from surgery at home.

**Jack Whitney** fell on his bad hip, diagnosed with a blood clot; awaiting surgery in mid-May.

**Walter Irwin**, cousin-in-law of Sharon Irwin, received a double lung transplant in North Carolina.

**Jan Adams** had a successful surgery on Wed., April 17th on her Right shoulder. She is at home recovering.

**Lee Scheierman**: Health issues.

**Brian Salladay**, son of June and brother of Christy Malone, recovering from surgery.

**Vicky Sams** for health issues.

**Ken Wacker Sr.** overcoming cancer.

Our "WAVES", our country and its leaders; Our World Serving in mission: Kutela Katembo, Angola, Africa.

## Opportunities

### **NATIVE GRACE**

#### **A United Methodist Ministry in Southern Colorado May Mission Focus**

We are part of a remarkable story! We at Central first learned about Native Grace in 2019 and have been able to support them in their ministry with several heartwarming projects.

Native Grace is a native American fellowship that holds Sunday worship in the building of the Cortez United Methodist Church. The two congregations work together to support families (especially the elderly) living on the Navajo Reservation in the Four Corners area.

In 2020, we raised funds to purchase replacement propane tanks for homes of the elderly. In 2021, we helped Native Grace to purchase a utility trailer for a new ministry.

We want to continue supporting Native Grace as they offer a place where Christian faith and Native traditions come together ... a place where children can learn about their heritage as they grow to love Jesus Christ. If you're able to help, you may write a check, payable to CUMC and designated for Native Grace or drop currency in the pottery bowl at the sanctuary doors.

## **MANY WAYS TO HELP**

### **Welcoming Families to Be Our Guests**

**May 19-26, 2024**

Once again, our church (ALL of us!) is preparing to host four families who are temporarily homeless. On Sunday, May 19, beginning at noon, we will set up a private sleeping room for each family. Then, every evening, we will share dinner with our guests, and someone will spend the night, sleeping in the Chapel.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! Please, consider how you might help:

1. assisting with set-up on 5/19 or take-down on 5/26
2. providing dinner one evening
3. being an evening host (5:00 – 8:30)
4. spending one night
5. making a donation to help with the cost of groceries. (Write a check payable to CUMC, marked IHN.)

Sign-up sheets are in Fellowship Hall

QUESTIONS? Talk with Pat Dudgeon: 951-255-5538  
patdudgeon84@gmail.com

### **AND AGAIN: CANNED VEGETABLES**

#### **Groceries for the Backpack Project**

Our church fills 60 backpacks every month for 3 schools: Mitchell HS, Swiegert MS and Wilson Elementary.

We need a total of 60 cans of **Cut Green Beans** or **Peas** or **Sweet Corn** (not creamed corn). The Walmart store brand is the lowest cost.

We didn't quite reach our goal in April, so we're extending into May.

Can we bring enough canned veggies to fill those backpacks?? You bet we CAN!!

### Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2024

9:00 AM - Breakfast Burrito Bar

10:00 AM – Our Worship Service Welcomes

Bishop Isaiah Deye, Bishop of Kenya,

and Dr. Don Messer, Executive Director of  
the Center for Health and Hope

### Presence

Sanctuary 61, Fellowship 4, Online 12

Total: 77

### Gifts:

Apr 21 <sup>st</sup>	Apr 14 <sup>th</sup>	Apr 7 <sup>th</sup>	Mar 31 <sup>st</sup>
\$1045	\$6364	\$6637	\$2805