

**Central United Methodist Church
of Colorado Springs**

“A Place to Begin...Belong...Become”

**THE CENTRAL FAMILY OF FAITH
GATHERED IN PRAISE AND CELEBRATION**

Sunday, January 2, 2022, 10:00 am



To those who wish to worship in the parking lot, please come to the front door and let us know you are in the parking lot and we will hand you a bulletin. Also, please bring your offering and food donations to the door.

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Central United Methodist Church

PRELUDE

“Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring” arr. D. Wells

Kim Crom

WELCOME

Pastor Eunjoo Yi

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Judy Owsley

Leader: Come and see!

People: **The light of God has come into our world to proclaim God's justice and love.**

All: *It has overcome the darkness and brought new life.*

Leader: Come and follow!

People: **Christ our savior has redeemed our world**

All: *He draws us into a loving family*

From every tribe and family and culture.

Leader: Go and tell!

People: **The Spirit has equipped us for service**

All: *To love our neighbors as we do ourselves*

To bring God's salvation to the ends of the earth.

Leader: Come and see, come and follow, go and tell!

All: *In God's love the nations of the earth will put their hope.*

*HYMN

“The Apostles' Creed”

Hymnal, No. 731

(Sung to the tune of “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”)

I believe in God the Father, Maker of the heav'n and earth. And in Jesus Christ, our Savior, God's own Son of matchless worth; Laid aside His heav'nly glory. By the Holy Ghost conceived. Born unto the Virgin Mary, He in whom I believed.

At God's right hand He is seated, till His coming as He said. Final judgement will be meted to the living and the dead. I confess the Holy Spirit has been sent thru Christ the Son. To apply salvation's merit, God Almighty, Three in One.

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Crucified for me He died; Laid within the grave so silent, gates of hell He opened wide. And the stone-sealed tomb was empty, on the third day He arose. Into heaven made His entry. Mighty conqueror of His foes.

I believe the Church of Jesus forms one body as a whole. All are one throughout the ages, with the saints I my soul. I believe sins are forgiven, that our bodies will be raised: Everlasting life in heaven. May God's holy name be praised!

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

Rev. Judy

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Judy

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”

cello solo: Jackson Schipfer

OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Eunjoo

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.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory “We Three Kings/Fur Elise” arr. T. Fettke Kim Crom

*Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymnal, No. 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 up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Blessing the Offering Rev. Judy

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 147:12-20 (NIV)

Rev. Judy

Exult the Lord, Jerusalem; praise your God, Zion. He strengthens the bars of your gates and blesses your people within you. He grants peace to your borders and satisfies you with the finest of wheat. He sends his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly. He spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like ashes. He hurls down his hail like pebbles. Who can withstand his icy blast? He sends his word and melts them; he stirs up his breezes, and the waters flow. He has revealed his word to Jacob, his laws and decrees to Israel. He has done this for no other nation; they do not know his laws. Praise the Lord.

MESSAGE

“Why Praise God?”

Pastor Eunjoo

HYMN

“As a Fire Is Meant for Burning”

TFWS, No. 2237

1. As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame, so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care, we join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.
2. We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way. We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.

By our gentle, loving actions we would show that Christ is light.

In a humble, listening Spirit we would live to God's delight.

3. As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed, so may we be signs of oneness 'mid earth's peoples, many hued. As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone, may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.

DEDICATION & BLESSING OF ALL LAY MINISTERS IN THEIR MINISTRY FOR 2022

Those to be dedicated may stand as Joyce Rockwell comes forward on behalf of all lay ministers. Pastor Eunjoo will offer a blessing

DEDICATION & BLESSING OF THE PASTOR IN HER MINISTRY FOR 2022

The congregation may stretch their hands toward Pastor Eunjoo as Gordon Crom, Chair of Staff-Parish Relations Committee, blesses her.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Leaders: Pastor Eunjoo and Rev. Judy

Servers: Pastor Eunjoo & Gordon Crom; Rev. Judy & Joyce Rockwell

Inviting

Leader: Our Lord said, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though die.”

When God sets the table of the Lamb, all are welcome.

Come, sing praises and thanks to God for the last year.

Come, start the New Year with hope and faith.

Come, open yourself to receive the blessings that God has prepared.

Come, eat and drink with Jesus as the disciples did.

Come, everyone. The only requirement is a sincere heart

Praying with Assurance of Pardon

Leader: *So we confess our sins to God because we all fall short of God's plan of perfect love.*

People: We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We hear the good news, but do not heed it. Forgive us and free us for joyful obedience. Remove the barriers that we construct, and empower us to be a people doing the real, holy, graceful, loving work of Christmas every day. Forgive us.

Silence is kept

Leader: *When we confess, we are forgiven and made new.*

People: Thanks be to God for forgiveness. Amen.

Remembering and Giving Thanks

Leader: Now, as we receive the gift of this New Year, with grateful joy we remember Jesus.

**People: We remember Jesus' birth and His presence as God with us.
We remember Jesus' life and His love.
We remember Jesus' suffering and death on the cross.
We remember the resurrection and the promise of life.
We remember that we are waiting in hope to see Jesus again.**

Leader: *We remember one special meal, foretaste of the banquet that is to come, that He ate with His closest friends.*

People: Gathering them together to share the story of liberation, He prepared them for liberation.

Consecrating the Elements

Leader:.....Do this and remember me

People: We remember how He poured out His love for all He met, and we look forward to His return and the coming reign of peace, love, and justice.

**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again!**

Leader: *Pour your Spirit upon us gathered here. As we eat and drink, may we know your presence. As we eat and drink, may we be open to your hope and power.*

Serving

(As Pastor Eunjoo & Gordon Crom; Rev. Judy & Joyce Rockwell serve those who are in the sanctuary and those in the Fellowship Hall, please prepare your bread and juice at home. Please wait until all have been served.)

(When everyone is served, we will partake together at Pastor Eunjoo's guidance.)

**All: The Bread we break is the Bread of Life.
The Cup we Share is the Cup of Salvation.**

Praying Following Communion

All: God of hope, God of yesterday, God of today, and God of tomorrow, thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. In this meal we have been replenished and strengthened. Help us to be followers of Jesus, a community of hope in a broken world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

*HYMN

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Hymnal, No. 140

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.
2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Eunjoo

POSTLUDE

“He Shall Feed His Flock” arr. E. Broughton

Kim Crom

(Please remain seated until the music has stopped. The service is still being streamed live on zoom.)

*Standing for those who are able



WELCOME TO CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH – A warm greeting is extended to all who are visiting with us today. We are delighted that you chose to worship with us this morning. It is our prayer that this service will be a source of comfort and inspiration to you. If we can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Ministers	All the members of the congregation		
Senior Pastor	Eunjoo Yi	Chancel Choir/Praise Band Director	Jon Ainsworth
Pastor Emeritus	Judy Owsley	Nursery Supervisor	Tami Hawkins
Quiet Disciple	Mike Wheat	Nursery Caregivers	Chelsea Bosick & Lani Bosick
Office Manager	Marie Nieto	Sensory Room	Melissa James
Bookkeeper	Cheryl James	Facility Manager	John Cox
Bell Choir Director	Priscilla Tracy	Worship Production Team	Rod Rockwell & John Cox

WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

PRAYERS: Janet Dunbar's mother, Doreen Hodder; Lillian Bauserman, Lee Helmbrecht, Rod Rockwell and family; Pam Newman; Edna Mae Ulmer; victims of Corona Virus; protection of all our Central family, our community, our nation, and the Korean Peninsula; First Responders and medical service providers; leaders of government and churches

Serving in mission: Kutela Katembo, Missionary in Angola, Africa

PRESENCE: Sanctuary: 53, and Online: 7 **Total: 60**

Christmas Eve: 5:00 pm- Sanctuary 50 - Online 6 **Total 56**

7:00 pm- Sanctuary 61 - Online 5 **Total 66**

GIFTS:	Dec 26	DEC 24	Dec 19	Dec 12	Dec 5
	\$4,588.01	\$523.00	\$4,300.47	\$10,343.50	\$6,147.33

SERVICE: Thank you to the Bell Players and Priscella Tray, our new director who made our worship beautiful on Dec. 19; and thank you to John Cox for putting up the lighting over the Bell Choir.

JANUARY MISSION FOCUS: **Our Special Missionary: *Kutela Katembo*** Our church is blessed to be able to support Kutela Katembo, an energetic agriculturist missionary in Angola, Africa. Kutela is in charge of the Quessua Agriculture Center that supports the surrounding community and a school.

He shared several fun and inspiring stories in his latest newsletter: building fish tanks and making fish food, helping Mama Israel replace her rabbits lost in a fire, and partitioning the 'piggery' to keep the pigs from fighting!

In church each Sunday of January we will hear one of the stories and see some pictures. You'll be glad you came to church, and we hope you'll be inspired to help Kutela with your financial support of any amount.

If you'd like to make a contribution, please make your check payable to Central UMC, designated Kutela. Your gifts go far in helping Kutela and his community.

HOT SOUP ON A COLD DAY: Hungry families in Colorado Springs will appreciate some soup or other meal items as the winds blow in January. Hundreds of families come to Mercy's Gate each month for food and other assistance, and we can offer them the warmth of God's love. Please bring soup or any non-perishable food items to the grocery cart in the church entry area any time during January. Mmm, good!

Planning Ahead:

Monday, January 3rd:

Thursday, January 6th, at 10:00 am:

Saturday, January 8th, at 10:00 am:

Sunday, January 9th, at 9:30 am:

Monday, January 10th, at 6:00 pm:

Tuesday, January 11th, 9:30 am:

Wednesday, January 12th, at 7 pm:

Tuesday, January 11th, at 7 pm:

To be determined:

Office will be closed

Naomi Circle (Fellowship Hall)

United Methodist Men (Gunther Toody's)

Spirit Choir

Trustees Meeting

New Bible Study begins

Bell Choir

Finance Meeting

Ad Council Meeting

90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY! June Salladay's 90th birthday is January 6th, and her family is planning a party. All of us are invited! **Saturday, January 8th, 2 - 4:00 p.m.** at The Open Door Church, 2055 N. Log Road, Calhan, CO 80808

YOUTH SLEDDING: There will be a youth sledding day at John Wesley Ranch on Sunday, January 16th. We will go up after church and return late in the afternoon. Bring a sack lunch. There will be hot cocoa and a small snack after sledding. There will be a \$5 fee for each youth that will need to be paid at the ranch.

SUPPORT FOR TORNADO VICTIMS: On Friday, December 10th, a devastating series of tornados destroyed homes and businesses in a 6-state area, resulting in at least 88 deaths. If you wish to contribute to recovery efforts, you may write a check to Central UMC designated for UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief). 100% of your contribution will be used for this disaster response. Contributions to UMCOR increase in value because many church volunteers are organized to help.

SIMON PETER STUDY BEGINS ON JANUARY 11th!An ordinary fisherman, Simon Peter, left everything to follow Jesus. Poor, uneducated, quick-tempered, and full of doubts and fears, Peter was an ordinary guy who heard and followed God's extraordinary call. In this 12-week study, we'll expand our acquaintance with Peter and discover how his story can enrich our own journey. YOU are invited to join the lively discussion led by Rev. Judy, at church or on Zoom, **Tuesday mornings, 9:30 -- 10:30 a.m.** The book, "Simon Peter" by Adam Hamilton, is available in the church office (\$10) or at the first class. Questions? Contact Rev. Judy, 719-237-9395, bjowsley@msn.com.

ATTEND CHURCH: Those not vaccinated must still wear masks. Masks are optional for anyone who is fully vaccinated. Everyone must continue to practice social distancing between non-household groups. You are invited to worship in the sanctuary, the fellowship hall, the parking lot or at home by Zoom (on computer or by phone). For parking lot worship, tune to **88.5 FM** on your car radio.

VAN MINISTRY: If you need a ride to church, the van ministry is ready to serve. Just call the office (719-597-6642) BEFORE NOON on Fridays. Please do not leave a phone message on Friday afternoon, Saturday or Sunday; no one will be available to hear it. We look forward to seeing you in church