

**Central United Methodist Church
of Colorado Springs**

“A Place to Begin...Belong...Become”

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

Sunday, July 17, 2022, 10:00 am



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PRELUDE “I’m Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing” arr. M. Hayes Kim Crom

WELCOME Rev. Debra Wacker

God of Liberation, We are gathered to meet with you this morning. Open our hearts to the many ways you will speak to us. As you did with the prophets, you call us out of our everyday lives to share your message of love and grace. Challenge us today to look within ourselves so that we may be your disciples. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP Diane Black

Leader: God calls us to worship today.

People: We are here!

Leader: All are invited– the sick, the well, the believer, and the doubter.

People: **We are here!**

Leader: Wash us, O God! May we be cleansed by your holy love.

People: We are here! AMEN.

*HYMN “Shall We Gather at the River” UMH, #723

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES Diane Black

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Diane Black

PRAYER HYMN “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” UMH, #382

OUR PRAYERS Rev. Deb

God of Grace and Glory, We confess that we lose sight of our identities, finding our worth in our status, our demographic, or even our location. Forgive us of our idolatry Forgive us for placing our worldly identities above your love for us. Forgive us for when we get distracted by elaborate rituals, holding ourselves superior, simply due to our place of birth. You, O God, are the source of our identity. You, O God, call us to love our neighbor. You, O God, challenge us to learn from one another. You, O God, tell us to be different! May we swim in your healing waters, resting in the fullness of being children of God.

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.

WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

PRAYERS: Lee Scheierman and family in the loss of Bob Talcott, her brother-in-law; Bob Adams, Donna Jones, the people of Ukraine, our "WAVES," our community and our nation, first responders, the military, medical service providers, leaders of government and churches.

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

PRESENCE: Sanctuary: 86, Online 10 **Total: 96**

GIFTS:	July 10	July 3	June 26	June 19	June 12
	\$6,827.00	\$4,607.00	\$3,342.00	\$ 4,322.00	\$2,156.00

SERVICE: Thank you to everyone who assisted in making Rev. Debra's welcome potluck a success.

JULY MISSION FOCUS: In early August the staff of La Puente Social Services in Alamosa, CO, will be giving out 300 BACKPACKS filled with school supplies to low-income children at several sites throughout the San Luis Valley. Our goal is 300 Capri Sun juice boxes, 300 Gold Fish individual packs of crackers, and 300 individual packs of gummy snacks of whatever type.

Please bring juice, crackers or gummy snacks to the basket in the entryway any time during July. You may also contribute by check payable to Central UMC and designated La Puente.

CEREAL SUNDAY: Every Sunday is CEREAL SUNDAY in July! Please bring boxes of cereal (or other non-perishable food or hygiene item) on any Sunday or weekday in July. Please see newsletter on the literature rack for more information.

ACOLYTES Looking for youth in 5th through 9th grades that are interested in being an acolyte (candle lighter) for our church service. Your child would light the candles on the altar during the prelude and extinguish the candles and carry the light out during the postlude. If your child is interested in this opportunity to serve, please contact the office at 719-597-6642.

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.

UPPER ROOMS are now located on the literature rack on the left when exiting the sanctuary.

ATTEND CHURCH: You are invited to worship in the sanctuary, the Fellowship Hall, the parking lot or at home by Zoom.

SPIRIT SINGERS: practice next Sunday at 9:30 am

*HYMN

“Shall We Gather at the River”

UMH, #723

1. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
2. On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.
3. Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down; grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.
4. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

PRAYER HYMN

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

UMH, #382

1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting yielded and still.
2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Search me and try me, Savior today! Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now, as in thy presence humbly I bow.
3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Wounded and weary, help me I pray! Power, all power, surely is thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!
4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway. Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!

*HYMN

“Trust and Obey”

UMH # 467

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and to all who will trust and obey.
2. Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he doth richly repay; not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey.
3. But we never can prove the delights of his love until all on the altar we lay; for the favor he shows, for the joy he bestows, are for them who will trust and obey.
4. Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he sends we will go; never fear, only trust and obey.

Refrain

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.