



**Central United Methodist Church
of Colorado Springs**

“A Place to Begin...Belong...Become”

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

Rev. Debra Wacker

Sunday, June 4, 2023, 10:00 am



Trinity Sunday - Go Therefore

Prelude "Immortal, Invisible" arr. E. Broughton Kim Crom

Welcome Rev. Deb Wacker

Church Opportunities Rev. Judy Owsley

***Hymn of Praise** "How Great Thou Art" UMH #77

***Call to Worship** Rev. Judy

Leader: We come today to worship the Triune God, even as we, like the Eleven on the mountainside, have our doubts.

People: **Holy Trinity, meet us in our questions and help us embrace your mystery.**

Leader: We come to encounter the God who is both immense and particular, greater than words can describe, and yet intimately present with us.

People: **Holy Trinity, surround us with your love that brings order to chaos and community to individualism.**

Leader: We come to give thanks to the God who created and sustains us, and who calls us to steward the earth and all that live in it.

People: **Holy Trinity, empower us to enter into partnership with you for the flourishing of all creation with gratitude and joy.**

Leader: We come to receive Christ's commission to make disciples, to baptize, and to teach the gospel wherever we go.

People: **God, immerse us in the life of the Holy Trinity that we might go and welcome others into the dance of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Children's Message Rev. Judy

Graduation Recognition Rev. Deb

Alex Good & Tori Dudgeon

Prayers of the People Rev. Deb

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.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** Rev. Deb
Offertory "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart/O Breath of Life" Kim Crom
arr. C. Berry

***Doxology** "Bind Us Together" TFWS #2226
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.

Hymn of Preparation: "Morning Has Broken" UMH #145

Scripture Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Matthew 28:16-20 Rev. Judy

Genesis 1:1-2:4a In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. And God saw that the light was good;

Matthew 28:16-20 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Go Therefore" Rev. Deb

Holy Communion Communion Servers: Herb and Lee Scheierman

Liturgy Rev. Deb

Sharing the Meal

(As you are able, please come forward, two servers wearing gloves will place a piece of bread and a cup of juice into your hand.)

***Closing Hymn** "For the Beauty of the Earth" UMH #92

***Benediction of the People** Rev. Deb

Postlude Congregation Sings "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" UMH#334

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

*Stand as you wish

***Hymn of Praise** "How Great Thou Art" UMH #77

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.
2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;
3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin;
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

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Hymn of Preparation: "Morning Has Broken" UMH #145

1. Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

***Closing Hymn** "For the Beauty of the Earth" UMH #92

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;

Communion Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

Postlude Congregation Sings "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" UMH#334

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know
that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.*

WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

PRAYERS: Josephine Yacoub's niece, Cathy; Family of Doug Thomas; Judy Day's brother, Roger Hanousek; Jim and Carolyn Howard, Sheri Weichers, Norm Pechacek, Angie Edwards' nephew Christopher Roberts; and our "WAVES," our country and its leaders.

Serving in mission: Kutela Katembo: Missionary in Angola, Africa
Our World: Turkey, Syria, and Russia

PRESENCE: Sanctuary 76, Fellowship Hall 4, Online 8, & Nursery 5 **Total: 93**

GIFTS:	May 28 th	May 21 st	May 14 th	May 7 th	April 30 th
	\$3,200.00	\$5,870.00	\$1,519.00	\$8,742.00	\$4,833.00

SERVICE: Thank you to Adrienne Schipfer for all she has done to recruit VBS volunteers and begin the vast amount of needed preparations.

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

JUNE MISSION FOCUS: Native Grace A United Methodist Ministry in Southern Colorado. We are part of a remarkable story! We at Central 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 our Christmas offering raised funds to purchase replacement propane tanks for homes of the elderly. In 2021 we helped Native Grace to purchase a utility trailer so that experienced craftsmen in the church could partner with young men and women to repair rundown homes on the reservation. That service will continue for many years.

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 reed basket at the sanctuary doors.

Vacation Bible School is almost here! Monday, June 26th – Thursday, June 29th 9 a.m. to Noon. The week is going to be MONUMENTAL! Wanna Help with this fantastic and fun outreach/mission? Contact Adrienne Schipfer at 719-640-6397 or mschipfer@yahoo.com Join us to have fun watching our children grow their faith!

Food Gifts in June: Every Sunday is CEREAL SUNDAY in June! Cereal seems to fly off the shelves of the pantry at Mercy's Gate because it is a favorite food of all ages. It's easy to prepare and requires no cooking.

Boxes of cereal are large, so it should be easy to fill the cart by the south entrance. We're serious; they need cereal! Please bring boxes of cereal (or other non-perishable food or hygiene items) on any Sunday or weekday in June.

That would be snap, crackle, pop wonderful!!

Special Invitation: The Rockwells are inviting everyone to their 60th Wedding Anniversary Party in their home, 2217 Shalimar Drive, on **Saturday, June 10th**, 3:00 - 6:00 pm. Please RSVP with the meal-selection cards on the table at south entrance no later than today. Looking forward to a casual fun gathering with friends and family. No gifts please.

Time to Sign up for our Summer Baseball Game! Come watch VIBES baseball with VBS families and several churches. Wednesday, June 28th - Game starts at 6:35pm But don't wait for the game, come early for the pre-game potluck! The Tailgate Party starts at 5:15pm in the parking lot of UCHealth Park stadium 4385 Tutt Blvd., Colorado Springs, 80922 (east of Powers and Barnes). [Look for balloons on a car, hopefully on the north side of the parking lot, near the grass. Bring blankets or chairs to sit on.] Dress for the weather. Sign-up sheet is near church entrance, sign up and pay \$2/person (to office or Cindy Medina) by Sunday, June 11th.

Sign up early and get your tickets early or at the tailgate party. Parking is \$2/car upon arrival. Helpers are welcome!

During the Annual Conference Rev. Judy will be preaching at Central on **Sunday, June 25th**.