

**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, February 5, 2023, 10:00 am



Glimpses of the Kin-dom

Prelude	"Soldiers of Christ, Arise" arr. L. Smth	Kim Crom
Welcome		Rev. Deb Wacker
Church Opportunities		Rev. Judy
Choral Opening		Chancel Choir
*Call To Worship		Rev. Judy
Leader:	We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.	
People:	We are the salt of the earth.	
Leader:	We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.	
People:	We are the light of the world.	
Leader:	We are called to follow the commandments and the law.	
People:	The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.	
Leader:	Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.	
People:	Come, let us love one another with the love of God. Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.	
*Opening Hymn	"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"	UMH #140
Children's Message		Rev. Judy
Our Prayers		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.	
Choral Response		Chancel Choir
Offering Our Tithes and Gifts		
Offertory	"Think About His Love/The Love of God" arr. C. Tornquist	Kim Crom
*Doxology	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Praise God, From Whom All Blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen	UMH #95
* Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev. Deb

Hymn Of Preparation

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

TFWS #2173

Scripture

Matthew 5:13-20 (NRSV)

Reader: Rev. Judy

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The Law and the Prophets

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

“You Are”

Rev. Deb

Celebrating Holy Communion

Rev. Deb/Rev. Judy

Sharing the Meal

Communion Servers:

Rev. Deb & Bob Rummel and Rev. Judy & Maxine Rummel

(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.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Closing Hymn**

“This Little Light of Mine”

UMH #585

***Benediction**

Rev. Deb

Choral Closing

Chancel Choir

Postlude

“Hosanna to the Living Lord” F. Zachow

Kim Crom

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

*Standing for those who wish

Lyrics***Opening Hymn**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH #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!

Hymn Of Preparation

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

TFWS #2173

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory, blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire; flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy, send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining in the midst of the darkness shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.
2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence from the shadows into your radiance; by the blood I may enter your brightness, search me, try me, consume all my darkness. Shine on me, shine on me.
3. As I gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness; ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory, blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire; flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy, send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

***Closing Hymn**

“This Little Light of Mine”

UMH #585

1. This little light of mine, I’m goin’ a let it shine, this little light of mine, I’m goin’ a let it shine; this little light of mine, I’m goin’ a let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2. Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine,
everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
3. All through the night, I'm goin'a let it shine,
all through the night, I'm goin'a let it shine;
all through the night, I'm goin'a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

PRAYERS: Kathy Cole's son in law, Henry Robinson, June Salladay; Trae Gilbert-DeGraffe; Mike Wheat; Chelsea Bosick, and Billie Owings; 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 35, Fellowship Hall 0, Online 23, Nursery 0 **Total: 58**

GIFTS:	Jan 29	Jan 22	Jan 15	Jan 8	Jan 1
	\$2,317.00	\$2,865.00	\$3,371.80	\$5,485.00	\$3,811.00

SERVICE: Thank you to everyone who has been bringing food to donate to Mercy's Gate.

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

FEBRUARY MISSION FOCUS: "Bundles of Love" are SOCKS & UNDERWEAR for students at near-by schools: Mitchell High, Swigert Middle School and Wilson Elementary. Please bring socks/underwear to church each Sunday in February and pile them in the basket near the altar. You also may contribute coins or cash in the basket in hall or by check made payable to Central UMC, designated "Bundles of Love."

Please see bottom for shopping list

FOOD GIFTS **How Many Cans Can a Food Cart Contain If Each Can Can Contain Some Fruit??** A silly tongue twister ... or a serious call for help? The pantry at Mercy's Gate needs canned fruit, and other non-perishable food and hygiene items. Let's see how many cans a cart can contain!! (We'll publish the count in the Messenger next month,) You may bring donations to the cart in the entry on any Sunday or weekday. **Thanks for caring!**

LOOK for upcoming Lenten program, and let's all "Walk to Jerusalem" together. More information in The Messenger.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: *New Testament Stories from the Backside.* Using an approach similar to his other "Back Side" books, J. Ellsworth Kalas opens up new possibilities of insight into selected New Testament stories (12 familiar stories) by entering them through the "back side" -- through a unique starting point, a creative retelling, a new "lens," or the eyes of a minor or unsympathetic character. Begins on Tuesday morning, February 7th, led by Rev. Judy, in person or online.

HANDBELL CONCERT: The Pikes Peak Ringers will present a free concert this afternoon, at 3:00 pm, at First Lutheran Church, 1515 N. Cascade Ave.

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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.

Senior Pastor	Debra Wacker
Pastor Emeritus	Judy Owsley
Quiet Disciple	Karen Hobson
Office Manager	Marie Nieto
Bookkeeper	Cheryl James
Bell Choir Director	Priscilla Tracy
Chancel Choir/Praise Band Director	Jon Ainsworth
Nursery Caregivers	Chelsea Bosick & Lani Bosick
Sensory Room	Melissa James
Facility Manager	John Cox
Worship Production Team	Rod Rockwell & John Cox
Accompanists	Jo Jackson & Kim Crom
Ministers	All the members of the congregation



**Shopping list for
BUNDLES OF LOVE**

Wilson Elementary

Children's socks and underwear

For K-3rd, ages 5-8:

Leggings or knit pants for girls

Sweat pants for boys

Swigert Middle School

Girls socks, sz. 10-12

Boys socks, sz. 14-16

Girls bikini briefs (Girls, M-L)

Boys knit boxer briefs (Boys, M-L)

Mitchell High School

Girls tights (S-XXXL)

Girls short socks (M-L)

Boys sport socks, not short (M-L)

Boys knit boxer briefs (Adult S-XL)

Girls bikini/boxer briefs (Adult S-XL)

**Bring to basket in Sanctuary
by Sunday March 5th**