



**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, April 9, 2023, 10:00 am



Easter Sunday

Processional/Opening Hymn “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” UMH #302
Led by Chancel Choir

Welcome Rev. Deb Wacker

***Call to Worship** Karen Hobson

Leader: The dark night is behind us; the morning light erased all darkness
and doubt.

People: **All that remains is the empty tomb and the wrappings of pain and death.**

Leader: The Lord has risen; he’s no longer among the dead.

People: **He lives. The Lord has risen!**

Leader: Yes, the Lord lives! The new morning fills our hearts with joy and hope.

All: ***Let us then worship together, extinguishing all doubt and fear with
joyful songs and an unbreakable faith in our redeemer.***

***Hymn of Praise** “He Lives” UMH #310

Children’s Message Rev. Judy

Reading and Choral Response of Psalm 118 Karen Hobson and Chancel Choir

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.**

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts

Rev. Deb

Offertory/Soloist

“Jesus Paid it All”

Jon Ainsworth & Kim Crom

***Doxology**

“Glory Be to the Father”

UMH #71

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Deb

Time of Preparation

“Because He Lives” arr. Tornquist

Jo Jackson

Scripture

John 20:1-18 The Resurrection of Jesus

Karen Hobson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“The End that Wasn’t”

Rev. Deb

***Closing Hymn**

“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

UMH #304

***Benediction of the People**

Rev. Deb

Postlude

“Christ Arose!” Lowry

Jo Jackson & Kim Crom

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

*Standing for those who wish

Processional/Opening Hymn**“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”****UMH #302**

Led by Chancel Choir

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where’s the victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!
5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia! Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!
6. King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia! Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia! Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

Hymn of Praise*“He Lives”****UMH #310**

1. I serve a risen Savior, he’s in the world today; I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer, and just the time I need him, he’s always near.
2. In all the world around me I see his loving care, and though my heart grows weary, I never will
despair. I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast; the day of his appearing will come
at last.
3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find; none other is so loving, so good and kind.

*Refrain**He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!**He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way.**He lives, he lives, salvation to impart! You asked me how I know he lives?**He lives within my heart.****Closing Hymn****Easter People, Raise Your Voices****UMH #304**

1. Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring
Christ has brought us heaven’s choices; heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.
2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.
3. Every day to us is Easter with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.



Easter Lily Honors and Memorials

Jan Adams	In Memory of Katherine & John Cox
Jon Ainsworth	In Memory of The Ainsworth & Harney Families
Lillian Bauserman	In Honor of Joseph Bauserman and Frank & Ellen Mae Michener
Gordon & Kim Crom	In Honor of our loved ones
Roger & Judy Day	In Honor of Pastor Deb Celebrating the Risen Christ
Dunbar	In Honor of Doreen Hodder
Karen Hobson	In Honor of Mildred Webb In Memory of my parents
Joan Jackson	In Memory of my parents, grandparents & brother
Robert LaHair	In Memory of Betty, Judy, & Ellen
Rev. Judy Owsley	In Memory of Hartley E. "Bud" Owsley
Rod & Joyce Rockwell	In Honor of our families
Robert & Maxine Rummel	In Honor of our children & grandchildren In Memory of our parents
Edna Mae Ulmer	In Memory of my parents, brother

WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

PRAYERS: Don Bunce's daughter, Sheri Weichers; Carol Zemple; Norm Pechacek; Lillian Bauserman; Henry Robinson, Trae Gilbert-DeGraffe, Mike Wheat, Our "WAVES," our country and its leaders.

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

PRESENCE: Sanctuary 92, Fellowship Hall 2, Online 5, Nursery 8 **Total: 107**

GIFTS:	April 2nd	March 26	March 19	March 12
	\$5,115.00	\$4,259.00	\$2,371.75	\$4,009.75

SERVICE: Thank you to the performers of the Cantata last Sunday.

Choir Director/Baritone: Jon Ainsworth

Accompanists/Altos: Kim Crom & Joan Jackson

Sopranos: Nancy Carson, Janet Dunbar,
Kristin Hunt, & Amy Ray

Altos: Judy Day, Cynthia Pechacek,
& Mildred Webb

Baritones: Ernie Dunbar & Bob Edwards

Narrators: Clem Malone & Bob Spaete

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

COMPANY'S COMING! On Sunday, April 23, we will begin a week of hosting homeless families in our building. Central is one of 30 churches assisting families through the Interfaith Hospitality Network. Please check the sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall this morning to see how you might help. Volunteers provide a hot meal each evening, share friendly conversation as an evening host, spend the night to assure comfort and safety for our guests, and set out breakfast items each morning. Our guests will be 3 families with children. They will arrive each evening at 5:30 and leave the next morning by 7:00. Questions? Contact Pat Dudgeon, (951) 255-5538 or patdudgeon84@gmail.com

FOOD GIFTS "National Peanut Butter Month for Central" The pantry is always in need of more peanut butter! CAN YOU HELP? Let's each bring a jar of peanut butter or other non-perishable food items during April. Please bring food to grocery carts in the hallway on any Sunday or weekday during April. Last year we gave 51 jars of peanut butter. Can we top that this year?!

APRIL MISSION FOCUS:

Interfaith Hospitality Network “New Life for Families with Children” As we celebrate new life with nature awakening all around us, we can help provide new hope to families with children by offering them a place to sleep, home-cooked suppers, along with our friendship and encouragement. IHN is a program of Family Promise supported by 30 congregations in Colorado Springs. “Host Congregations” provide hospitality in their facility for one week (2 - 4 weeks per year). “Support Congregations” bring a meal or two during the week to a host facility. Other support congregations contribute financially. Central has been a HOST CONGREGATION since IHN began in 1997! Think how many families we have helped!

Family Promise is blessed to have the volunteers in churches who step up to support families in such a unique, hands-on way. We want to also help financially this month. Your contribution to Family Promise will support the staff and programs that provide each family an opportunity to re-group and move toward financial and personal stability. Can you help? You may write a check to CUMC, designated Family Promise, or drop coins or cash in the little ‘house’ at the sanctuary entrance on Sundays. Thank you for your gift of New Life for families with children!

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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.

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| Senior Pastor | Debra Wacker |
| Pastor Emeritus | Judy Owsley |
| Quiet Disciple | Elyse Brunner |
| 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 |

KINDNESS CHALLENGES THIS WEEK

Week 7: April 9th – 15th

Focus: Spiritual Gifts

Kindness Challenges:

1. Write a list of 5 things you would like to accomplish in the next few months.
2. Hide a positive note in a library book.
3. Plan to do one thing new and different today.
4. Spread some happiness in your home.
5. Try to avoid judging others.
6. Be kind to our planet: shorten your shower by a few minutes.
7. Be kind to yourself: turn on your favorite music and dance!!

