



**Central United Methodist Church
of Colorado Springs**

"A Place to Begin...Belong...Become"

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

Rev. Deb Wacker

Sunday, September 10, 2023, 10:00 am



Worship Bulletin

(Please settle into a posture of worship)

*Stand as you wish

WE GATHER

Prelude "Oh How He Loves You and Me" arr. M. Arison Kim Crom

Welcome Rev. Deb Wacker

***Gathering Hymn** "Come to the Table of Grace" TFWS #2264

Choir: Come to the table of love

Come to the table of love

This is God's table, it's not yours or mine

Come to the table of love!

Congregation: Come to the table of love

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***Taking Our Place, Opening to Others: (Call to Worship)** Cheryl James

Leader: We come to this table not only for food, but for friendship and family.

People: We are here not only to eat, but to serve.

Leader: We prepare our meal of bread and fruit of the vine with compassion.

People: We invite everyone to join in the feast.

Leader: We are all part of one human family.

People: We are united in love.

***Opening Hymn** "Lord, I Want to be a Christian" UMH #402 vs.1,2,4
(Children are to come forward during the singing of the last verse.)

Children's Message Melissa James
(Bible Storytime follows Children's Message for Children K-2nd grade. Follow Melissa.)

Opportunities Cheryl James

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation "Come to the Table" TFWS #2264

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Scripture: Romans 13: 8-14 and Matthew 18: 15-20 (MSG)
Dramatic Reading By: Rev. Deb, Cheryl and Mark James, Bob Rummel

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon: Come to the Table of Love Rev. Deb

WE RESPOND

Hymn of Prayer: "At This Table" Marcia McFee and Chuck Bell

Choir: At this table we lift our voices in prayer
At this table we seek your peace
At this table we know you have drawn near
At this table we find release

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Prayers of the People: Rev. Deb

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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:

Offertory: "Love Can Build A Bridge" arr. B. George Kim Crom

***Doxology:** "Bind Us Together" Kim Crom

WE GO FORTH

***Closing Hymn** "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" TFWS #2223

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

Postlude "Love Lifted Me" arr. H. Smith Kim Crom
(Please remain seated until the music has stopped. The service is still being streamed live on zoom.)

THE CHURCH WE SERVE

PRAYERS:

- Jack Whitney is waiting for surgery on a broken hip he sustained he fell earlier this summer.
- Juanita Phillips, niece of Anita Hanson, passed away August 30th from cancer. She and Anita's sister attended Central in 2013. Juanita was 74 years old and mentally handicapped, was living in a private, assisted living home in Colorado Springs.
- Rena Prescott for health issues.
- Sandy, Josephine's sister-in-law has Ball's Palsy at 27 years.
- Jo Jackson as we prepare for Edna Mae's Celebration of Life.
- Lillian Bauseman's niece's daughter, Lori Friday, she has diagnosed with stage 4 liver cancer. She is 52 and has two boys. No available treatment.
- Jazz Dudgeon as she waits to move into a new home.
- Wanda Heynes with health issues.
- Our "waves," our country and its leaders.

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

PRESENCE: Sanctuary 56, Nursery 4, Online 8, **Total: 68**

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| GIFTS: | Sept 3 rd | August 27 th | August 20 th | August 13 th | August 6 th |
| | \$4218.00 | \$3707.00 | \$1285.00 | \$3871.00 | \$7645.00 |

SERVICE: Thank you to Diane Black, Karen Hobson and Cerne Rieves for agreeing to help the Kathy Andrew our Financial Secretary count offering.

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

A New and Exciting Outlook for “Family Promise”

September Mission Focus

Our church has been a vital part of Family Promise since it began in Colorado Springs in 1996. We were one of the 13 founding churches of the Interfaith Hospitality Network that now is one of several programs of Family Promise.

Through those 27 years, there have been many changes and some ups and downs. Now, the future is very bright. Family Promise’s mission is assisting families with children to transition from a place of defeat and housing insecurity to a promising future living in independent affordable housing. The staff of professionals and a vast network of volunteers work with the families, providing them hospitality, along with training and support to assure they will *never* face homelessness again.

Please help as you are able with a check payable to CUMC and designated "Family Promise" or with coins or cash in the tray as you leave the sanctuary.

Questions Jesus Asked

New study on Tuesday mornings

Jesus challenged his disciples and his audiences by asking questions, such as “Why are you anxious? What do you live for? Who do you say that I am?” Magrey DeVega, Senior Minister of Hyde Park UMC in Tampa, FL, poses six questions, each one based on a passage in one of the Gospels. YOU are invited to join the lively discussion, beginning on Tuesday, September 12, at 9:30, at the church or on Zoom. Books titled “Questions Jesus Asked” (\$14) are available in the office or in class. No Bible knowledge needed ... come and enjoy wrestling with the questions in this friendly group led by Rev. Judy.

Fresh and Clean for School and Work!

The pantry at Mercy’s Gate is requesting donations of **toiletries**, such as shampoo, deodorant, shaving foam, razors, tooth paste and tooth brushes, soaps and feminine hygiene products.

These are items not covered by food stamps.

Please bring donations to the cart at south entrance on any weekday or Sunday.

Rally Day is September 17th!

Come for worship at 10:00 outside on the lawn, and stay for a potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share if you're able. EVERYONE is invited!

COMPANY'S COMING! Our church will be "home" for 4 struggling families for two weeks, beginning **next Sunday, September 17th**. *We need overnight hosts!!*

Please stop by the sign-up table in Fellowship Hall TODAY and talk with Pat Dudgeon.