



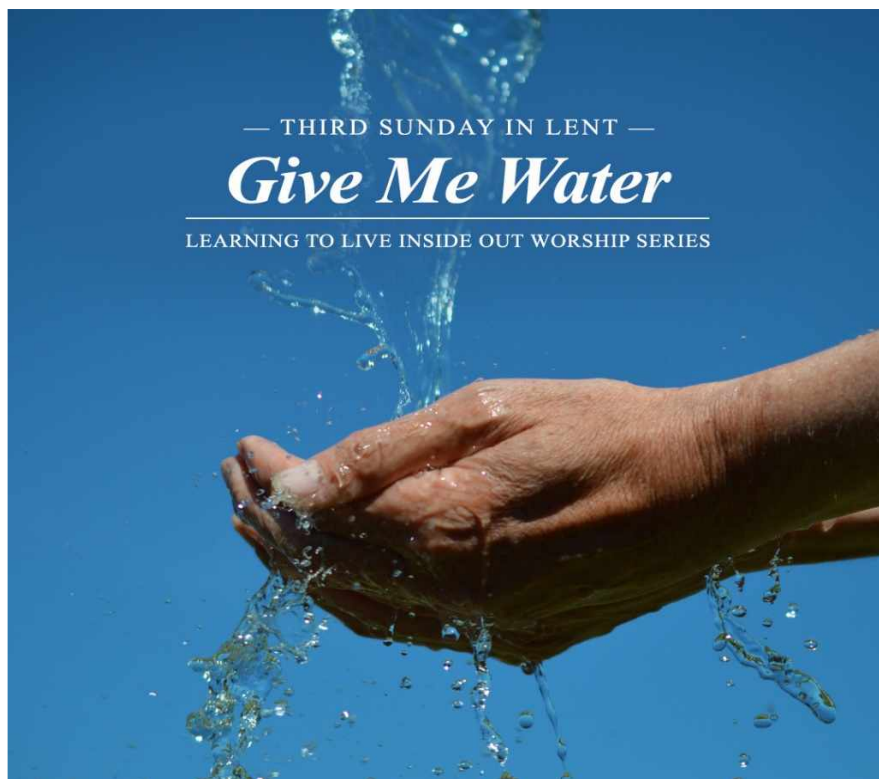
**Central United Methodist Church
of Colorado Springs**

“A Place to Begin...Belong...Become”

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

Rev. Debra Wacker

Sunday, March 12, 2023, 10:00 am



Lenten Series

Prelude “Lamb of God” Paris/Hayes Jo Jackson

Welcome Rev. Deb Wacker

Church Opportunities Diane Black

Choral Opening Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship** Diane Black

Leader: Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

People: **We are learning to follow Jesus.**

Leader: The way is long, and we are thirsty.

People: **We seek the living waters of Jesus.**

Leader: We feel the weight of scarcity warring with hopeful whispers of abundance.

People: **We need the living waters of Jesus.**

Leader: We wonder if God will provide us with what we need, here and now.

People: **As God gives us the living waters of Jesus, so God calls us to quench the thirst and meet the needs of our neighbors.**

Leader: Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

People: **We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.**

***Opening Hymn** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” UMH #64

Children’s Message Rev. Judy

Unison Prayer of Confession Rev. Deb

People: **We are dry, Lord, like the pavement on a sweltering summer day. Our lives are heated, and the streams of our souls sometimes run dry. We catch our tears, but they cannot ease our thirst. We drip in sweat, but this cannot ease the heat. So, we beg for only a few drops of refreshing rain to moisten the dryness in our world.**

Time of Silent Confession

LITANY FOR “HEALING THE WATERS”

Leader: In the Two-Thirds World hauling water is one of women’s main daily occupations.

Response: **May all waters be healed.**

Leader: Many people in large cities worldwide do not drink water out of the faucets because the water is polluted.

Response: May all waters be healed.

Leader: The Bagmati River in Kathmandu is characteristically dirty brown and full of particles that carry waterborne diseases.

Response: May all waters be healed.

Leader: Many urban areas in the United States are working to clean up their rivers, while others fear that their rivers are drying up.

Response: May all waters be healed.

Leader: In many parts of rural India women walk many miles in search of water because the rivers are dammed to irrigate commodity crops like sugarcane.

Response: May all waters be healed.

Leader: Across the world, rains fail and drought prevails followed by rains that arrive in torrents and flood communities with disastrous consequences.

Response: May all waters be healed.

Leader: May all waters be healed by the One who said, “The water I will give will become in them spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”

Response: God our Creator, heal us that we may heal the waters of our world. Amen.

Adapted from Diann L. Neu, “Healing the Waters,” in Return Blessings: Ecofeminist Liturgies Renewing the Earth (Pilgrim Press, 2002), 65-67.

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 “Londonderry Air” Irish Folk Song Jo Jackson

*Doxology “Alleluia” UMH #186

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

* Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Deb

Hymn Of Preparation “Let All Things Now Living” The Celebration Hymnal #794

Scripture John 4:5-42 (NRSV) Diane Black

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Give Me Water” Rev. Deb

***Closing Hymn** “Freely, Freely (God Forgave My Sin)” UMH #389

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

Choral Closing Chancel Choir

Postlude “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us/ He Leadeth Me” Berry Jo Jackson

(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** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” UMH #64

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Hymn Of Preparation “Let All Things Now Living” The Celebration Hymnal #794

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God’s banners are o’er us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces, the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;

The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
 The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.
 We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
 With glad adoration a song let us raise
 Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
 "To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"

***Closing Hymn**

“Freely, Freely (God Forgave My Sin)”

UMH #389

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus’ name, I’ve been born again in Jesus’ name, and in Jesus’ name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to.
2. All power is given in Jesus’ name, in earth and heaven in Jesus’ name, and in Jesus’ name I come to you, to share his power as he told me to.

Refrain

*He said, “Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.
 Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live.”*

WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

PRAYERS: Bob & Maxine Rummel's grandson Michael & his wife Brittney Rummel welcomed Adelaide Georgina Rummel into the world on March 6th; Barbra Morris with Covid June Salladay still in rehab, doing well. Ace Heyms. broke his ankle. Kathy Andrew, Lani and Chelsea Bosick for their health. Norm Pechacek surgery is postponed due to blood clot Sandy Kirkpatrick, Adrienne Schipfer’s mom, as she finishes her treatments. Lillian Bauserman on a walker and with oxygen but doing very well. Kathy Cole’s son in law, Henry Robinson, Trey 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 66, Fellowship Hall 2, Online 11, Nursery 6 **Total: 85**

GIFTS:	March 5	Feb 26	Feb 19	Feb 12	Feb 5
	\$5,666.25	\$4,883.00	\$7,438.00	\$6380.00	\$4,880.00

SERVICE: Thank you to everyone who assisted in Billie Owens funeral.

CHURCH OPPORTUNTIES

MARCH MISSION FOCUS: “MONUMENTAL FAITH” We can help it to grow. In Espanola, NM, this summer some children will be enriched by 6 weeks of “Camp Stars,” a program of McCurdy Ministries which is our March Mission Focus. Each week, 50 children (K thru 6th) will learn about God’s awesome creations that surround the area, along with Bible School lessons and STEM education. Field trips are scheduled to nearby Ghost Ranch, Rio Grande Gorge, Los Luceros Historic Ranch, and several Pueblo archaeological ruins.

Most of the students are from low-income families and will only be able to participate if they receive scholarships. WE CAN HELP! At a cost of \$200 per child [for camp supplies, 2 meals per day and transportation], how many children can we sponsor? You may contribute with a check to Central UMC, designated “McCurdy” or with coins or cash on Sundays.

FOOD GIFTS Oodles of Noodles!! This month, the pantry at Mercy’s Gate has asked for Ramen noodles and pasta and chicken noodle soup. Let’s help by bringing oodles of noodles!! You may bring noodles, pasta, soup or any non-perishable food items to the grocery cart in the church entry on any Sunday morning or weekday. Thanks for sharing.

EASTER FUN FOR EVERYONE!! The youth are planning an Easter Egg hunt for all ages after church on **Palm Sunday, April 2nd**. Come join the fun and be a kid again!! There will be a children’s area and another location for youth and adults. **ASAP**, please bring individually wrapped candies and small toys to the plastic bin in Fellowship Hall by **Sunday the 26th**.

Thank You to all of my wonderful church family for all of the wonderful thoughtful get-well cards and prayers. I'm doing better and rehab is coming to my home for now. I'm hoping to soon be able to return to church sooner rather than later. (if I have my way, that is!) However, till then thanks to all for the notes, cards, and prayers.

Love, Lillian Bauserman

SO MUCH LOVE! Joyce Rockwell and Joyce Witt delivered 632 "Bundles of Love" (underwear and socks) for students of Mitchell HS. Swigert MS and Wilson Elementary. The community liaisons who received our gifts were extremely grateful.

WALKING TO JERUSALEM: We reached Dakar, the capital of Senegal, West Africa, a country where 95% of the people are Muslim yet their president is Catholic. The ethnic majority are Wolof though French is the official language. We saw many beautiful mosques and minarets topped with green orbs. We experienced an emotional visit to the House of Slaves, a museum and memorial for the processing center used for the slave trade to the Americas. After our lion encounter at the Fathala Wildlife Reserve, we feasted on thieboudienne (fish and rice), the national dish of Senegal. Dakar will host the youth Olympic games in 2026, the first time the games will be played on the African continent.

Total miles walked this week: 997
Total miles walked as of last Sunday: 4,833

If you missed putting your miles, or steps in the boot,
do so at any time.

KEEP UP THE WALKING!

KINDNESS CHALLENGES THIS WEEK

March 12th – 18th

Focus: SERVE AND SHARE

Kindness Challenges:

- 1. Leave canned goods at a soup kitchen.**
- 2. Be kind with your words. You never know what someone is struggling with.**
- 3. Write a note thanking the nursing staff at a local clinic or hospital.**
- 4. Tell your siblings what they mean to you.**
- 5. Tape some loose change in an envelope next to a vending machine for the next person to find.**
- 6. Be kind to our planet: buy items in bulk from loose bins to reduce packaging.**
- 7. Be kind to yourself: start a journal that captures one good thing each day.**

LILIES FOR EASTER

This Easter you will be able to order 6-inch Easter Lilies to be used to adorn the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 9th. If you would like to contribute to the beauty of the sanctuary, please fill out the order form below and put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. You will be able to take the plants you order with you on Easter Sunday.

Your order form, along with your check or cash for \$17.50 per plant, should be received at the church by Sunday, **March 26th**. Checks should be made payable to Central UMC and have the words "Easter Flowers" on the memo line. The church office will still be open between 9-2 pm Mon - Fri. or checks mailed at CUMC 4373 Galley Rd. C/S 80915. **Please call Judy Day for any questions at 231-4380.**



Number of Plants:

Easter Lily _____

Total number of plants _____ x \$17.50 = _____ amount attached.

_____ would like to order a plant...

Your Name

In Honor of _____

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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.

