



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, January 15, 2023, 10:00 am



Glimpses of the Kin-dom  
Martin Luther King Sunday - Not Lacking  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9, Psalm 40:1-11

PRELUDE "Here I Am, Lord" Arr. Hayes Jo Jackson

WELCOME Rev. Deb Wacker

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES Clem Malone

CHORAL OPENING Chancel Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 40) Clem Malone

Leader: I waited patiently for GOD; who turned to me and heard my cry,  
who lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire;  
and set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand

People: **We sing a new song!  
Our mouths are full of the praise of God.**

Leader: Blessed are we when we make the Lord our trust;  
when we do not turn aside to false gods.

People: **We sing of all your many wonders, O God,  
too many to declare them all.**

Leader: Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,  
but our ears you have pierced and a body you have prepared for us.

People: **We sing, "Here I am, I have come—  
I desire to do your will, O my God;  
your law is in my heart."**

\*OPENING HYMN "How Great Thou Art" UMH #77 (vs. 1, 2,& 3)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Bob Spaete

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 "Love Lifted Me" Schram Jo Jackson  
\*Doxology "Alleluia" UMH #186  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
\* Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Deb

HYMN OF PREPARATION "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" TFWS #2146

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (CEB) Reader: Clem Malone

"From Paul, called by God's will to be an apostle of Jesus Christ, and from Sosthenes our brother. To God's church that is in Corinth: To those who have been made holy to God in Christ Jesus, who are called to be God's people. Together with all those who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place—he's their Lord and ours! Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always for you, because of God's grace that was given to you in Christ Jesus. That is, you were made rich through him in everything: in all your communication and every kind of knowledge, in the same way that the testimony about Christ was confirmed with you. The result is that you aren't missing any spiritual gift while you wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also confirm your testimony about Christ until the end so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and you were called by him to partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION "Not Lacking" Rev. Deb

\*CLOSING HYMN "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH #133

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Deb

CHORAL CLOSING Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE "This is My Father's World" Shepherd Jo Jackson

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

\*Standing for those who wish

\*OPENING HYMN "How Great Thou Art" UMH #77 (vs. 1, 2, & 3)

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy handshave 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;

*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 "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" TFWS #2146

1. Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?  
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,  
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
2. "Let not your heart be troubled," his tender words I hear,  
and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see:  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
3. Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,  
when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free:  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

*Refrain*

*I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.*

\*CLOSING HYMN "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH #133

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain*

*Lean - - - ing, lean - - - ing,  
safe and secure from all alarms;*

## **WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR**

**PRAYERS:** Lillian Bauserman, Chelsea Bosick, Sandra Noggle; and Billie Owings; All the people and communities affected by Hurricane Ian; 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 67, Fellowship Hall 5, Online 12, Nursery 3 **Total: 87**

<b>GIFTS:</b>	Jan 8	Jan 1	Dec 25	Dec 24	Dec 18
	\$5,485.00	\$3,811.00	\$469	\$400	\$2670.00

**SERVICE:** Thank you to the Trustees for the new furnaces.

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### **CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES**

**JANUARY MISSION FOCUS:** We at Central are one of the churches that support Kutela Katembo and his agriculture ministry in Angola. We have a covenant with Kutela to provide a minimum of \$1,000 in 2023. Can you help? Please make checks payable to Central UMC, designated "Kutela," or drop coins or cash in the watering can in the hallway. Thank you for helping Kutela to help hungry families. More info. in "The Messenger" newsletter in literature rack.

**FOOD GIFTS** "Hot Soup on a Cold Day." Hundreds of families come to Mercy's Gate each month for food and other assistance, and we can offer them the warmth of God's love. Please bring soup or any non-perishable items to the grocery cart in church entry area any time during January. Mmm, good!

**A LEARNING OPPORTUNITY** is available. Our District Superintendent, Rev. (pronounced D' zenlo) Tezenlo is inviting us to a District event on Community organizing. The event will be a free one-hour **online** training on how to engage with our community. Please let the office know if you are interested in attending this event on **Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.**

**NEW BIBLE STUDY** with Rev. Deb - "The Difficult Words of Jesus" (**Next class: January 26<sup>th</sup>**) Authors, Amy-Jill Levine and Mary Jane Werthan bring a unique presentation to this study *as members of the Jewish faith*. Amy-Jill is also a University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies, and Mary is a Professor of Jewish Studies Emerita at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Sciences. And an author of numerous books. Together, they take a look at some difficult teachings and guide us with their combined knowledge and experience. Join us Thursdays, at 5:30 pm on Zoom and in-person. **There will be no class on January 19th.**