



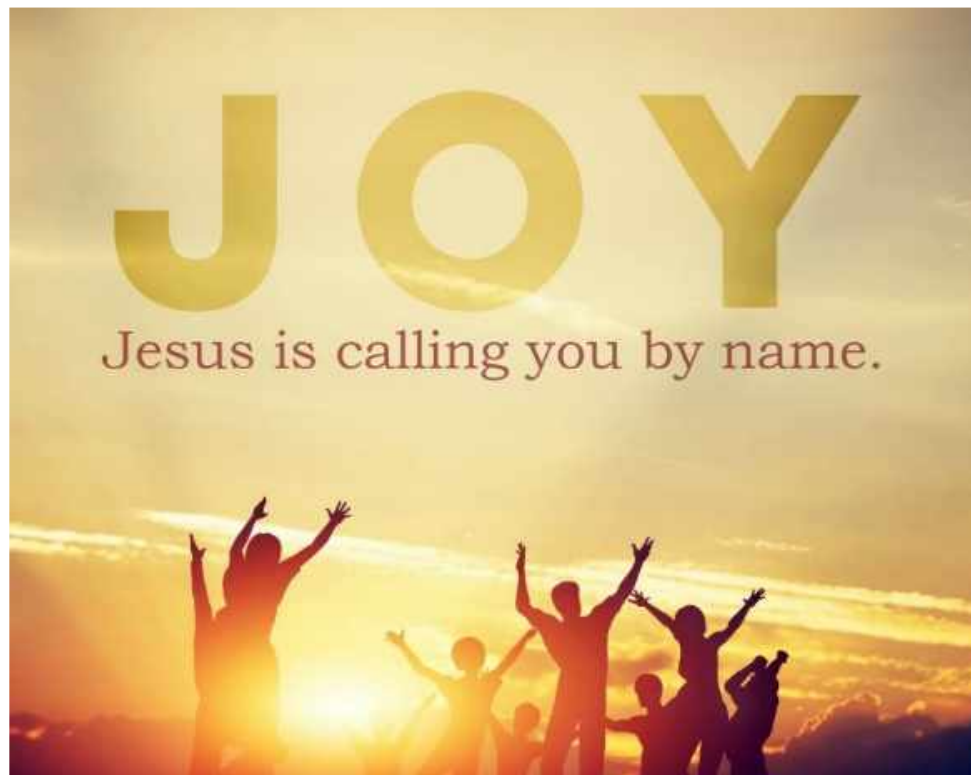
**Central United Methodist Church  
of Colorado Springs**

*“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**



**Prelude** “An Easter Hymn of Praise” arr. R. Hughes Kim Crom

**Welcome** Rev. Deb Wacker

**Church Opportunitites** Pat Dudgeon

**\*Call to Worship** Pat Dudgeon

Leader: Protect us, O God, for in you we take refuge;

People: **let us say to God, “you are our lord; we have no good apart from you.”**

Leader: Today, we come to worship God in truth and turn away from worshipping the idols all around us.

People: **God delights in our sincere worship, but sorrow visits those who give their worship to idols.**

Leader: We bless the lord who gives counsel, who instructs our hearts in the secret of the night.

People: **We keep the lord always before us so that we shall not be moved from God’s ways.**

Leader: Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest secure,

People: **because God keeps us from destruction in this life and the next.**

Leader: God shows us the path of life,

People: **and in God’s presence is the fullness of joy forevermore.**

Leader: And so, we say to God,

People: **“you are our Lord; we have no good apart from you.” Amen.**

**Choral Response** Chancel Choir

**\*Hymn of Praise** “Up From the Grave” UMH #322

“My Jesus I Love Thee” UMH #172

**Children’s Message** Sara Murdaugh

**Affirmation of Faith** (based on 1 Peter 1:3-9) Rev. Deb

**We believe in God, the father of our lord Jesus Christ, by whose mercy we are given new birth into a living hope through Christ’s resurrection from the dead. We believe that through Christ we are born into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading; and into a present salvation that will be revealed in its fullness in the last time. We believe that until that time, the spirit works in us to grow the genuineness of our faith, that we may give praise, glory, and honor when Jesus, whom we love but have not seen, is revealed. Amen.**

**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.**

**Choral Response**

Chancel Choir

**Offering Our Tithes and Gifts**

Rev. Deb

**Offertory** “Above All” Baloché and LeBlanc Kim Crom  
\* **Doxology** “Alleluia” UMH #186  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

\***Prayer of Thanksgiving** Rev. Deb

**Time of Preparation** “Holy, Holy, Holy” arr. Krug Heavenly Bells & Kim Crom  
Directed by Priscilla Tracy

**Scripture** Psalm 16 & 1 Peter 1:3-9 Pat Dudgeon  
Leader: This is a Word of God for the people of God.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** “A Living Hope” Rev. Deb

\***Closing Hymn** “Leaning on The Everlasting Arms” UMH #133

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

**Choral Response** Chancel Choir

**Postlude** “Jesus, Lover of My Soul” arr. J. Parry Kim Crom

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

**\*Hymn of Praise**

**“Up From the Grave”**

**UMH #322**

- 1. Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!
- 2. Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior; vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!
- 3. Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior; he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

*Refrain*

*Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o’er his foes; (o’er his foes) he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

**“My Jesus, I Love Thee”**

**UMH #172**

- 1. My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, ’tis now.
- 2. I love thee because Thou hast first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary’s tree; I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, ’tis now.
- 3. In mansions of glory and endless delight, I’ll ever adore thee in heaven so bright; I’ll sing with the glittering crown on my brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus ’tis now.

**Offertory**

**“Above All” Baloché and LeBlanc**

**Kim Crom**

Above all powers, above all kings, Above all nature and all created things;  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man, You were here before the world began.  
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, Above all wonders the world has ever known;  
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth, There's no way to measure what You're worth.

Crucified, laid behind the stone; You lived to die, rejected and alone;  
Like a rose trampled on the ground, You took the fall and thought of me above all!

**\*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;  
lean - - - ing, lean - - - ing, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

## WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

**PRAYERS:** Linda Groth; Don Bunce's daughter, Sheri Weichers; Carol Zemple; Norm Pechacek; Lillian Bauserman; Trae Gilbert-DeGraffe, Mike Wheat & Tranquil United Methodist, Our "WAVES," our country and its leaders.

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

**PRESENCE:** Sanctuary 113, Fellowship Hall 5, Online 6, Nursery 4 **Total: 128**

**GIFTS:**

April 9 <sup>th</sup>	April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	March 26 <sup>th</sup>	March 19 <sup>th</sup>	March 12 <sup>th</sup>	\$5,
015.25	\$5,115.00	\$4,259.00	\$2,371.75	\$4,009.75	

**SERVICE:** Thank you to Kim Crom and Jo Jackson who enriched our Holy Week services as our accompanists

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### CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

**COMPANY'S COMING!** Next Sunday, 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 or 4 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?!

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** The United Methodist Men will have their monthly breakfast in Fellowship Hall, next Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 AM. If you plan to attend, please sign up TODAY at the table near the parking lot exit

### APRIL MISSION FOCUS:

"New Life for Families with Children"

Interfaith Hospitality Network :

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!