



**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 17, 2023, 10:00 am**



**Outdoor Worship! – “The Great Outdoors”**

(Please settle into a posture of worship)

\*Stand as you wish

**Order of Worship**

**WE GATHER**

**Prelude** Sing-a-long with Kim, as you know them. Kim Crom

**Welcome** Rev. Deb Wacker

**\* Call to Worship:** Based on Psalm 8 Joyce Witt

Leader: Oh Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**People: You have set your glory above the heavens.**

Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;

**People: What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?**

Leader: Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honor.

**People: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,**

Leader: All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,  
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

**People: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Amen!**

**\*Opening Sing-a-long** “Since Jesus Came Into My Heart” Song Sheet

*“This is the Day”*

*“He Has Made Me Glad”*

*“I’m So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me”*

**(Children are to come forward during the singing of the last verse.)**

**Children’s Message** Elyse Brunner

**Opportunities** Joyce Witt

## PREPARATION TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

**Scripture:** Job 12:7-12 NRSV Joyce Witt

<sup>7</sup>But ask the animals, and they will teach you;  
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;  
<sup>8</sup>ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you;  
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.  
<sup>9</sup>Who among all these does not know  
that the hand of the LORD has done this?  
<sup>10</sup>In his hand is the life of every living thing  
and the breath of every human being.  
<sup>11</sup>Does not the ear test words  
as the palate tastes food?  
<sup>12</sup>Is wisdom with the aged,  
and understanding in length of days?

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** "The Great Outdoors" Rev. Deb

### WE RESPOND

**Prayer Song:** "God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale" UMH #122 vs. 1, 3, 6

**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:** Sing-a-long with Kim, as you know them Kim Crom

**\*Doxology:** "Alleluia" UMH #186  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

### WE GO FORTH

**\*Benediction** Rev. Deb

**\*Closing Hymn** "Trees of the Field" TFWS #2279

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

## THE CHURCH WE SERVE

### PRAYERS:

- Jan Adams broke her finger and bruised her hand and is healing.
- Jack Whitney is waiting for surgery on a broken hip he sustained he fell earlier this summer.
- 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.
- Family of Mike Wheat as we prepare for Mike's Celebration of Life.
- Jazz Dudgeon as she waits to move into a new home.
- 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 62, Fellowship Hall 3, Nursery 2, Online 6, **Total: 73**

<b>GIFTS:</b>	Sept 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup>	August 27 <sup>th</sup>	August 20 <sup>th</sup>	August 13 <sup>th</sup>
	\$4525.00	\$4218.00	\$3707.00	\$1285.00	\$3871.00

**SERVICE:** Thank you to Melissa James for starting up Bible Storytime for our kids ages Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

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### CELEBRATION OF LIFE REMINDERS:

- Monday, September 18 at 10:00 am – Mike Wheat Celebration of Life at Central United Methodist.
- Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am – Edna Mae Ulmer Celebration of Life at Central United Methodist.

## Song Sheet

### Since Jesus Came Into My Heart

What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought,  
Since Jesus came into my heart!  
I have light in my soul for which long I had sought,  
Since Jesus came into my heart!  
Since Jesus came into my heart!  
Since Jesus came into my heart!  
Floods of joy o're my soul like the sea billows roll,  
Since Jesus came into my heart!

### This is the Day

This is the day, (This is the day)  
That the Lord has made, (That the Lord has made)  
I will rejoice (I will rejoice)  
And be glad in it. (And be glad in it)  
This is the day that the Lord has made,  
I will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, (this is the day)  
That the Lord has made.

### He Has Made Me Glad

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart;  
I will enter His courts with praise.  
I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made!"  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.  
He has made me glad, He has made me glad,  
I will rejoice for he has made me glad,  
He has made me glad, He has made me glad,  
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.

### I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me

I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me!  
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me!  
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me!  
Singing glory, hallelujah!  
Jesus lifted me!

I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me!  
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me!  
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me!  
Singing glory, hallelujah!  
Jesus lifted me!

### God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

God of the sparrow  
God of the whale  
God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe  
How does the creature say Praise

God of the rainbow  
God of the cross  
God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks

God of the ages  
God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home

### Trees of the Field

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,  
And the mountains and the hills will break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy and the trees of the fields  
Will clap, will clap their hands.

And the trees of the fields will clap their hands,  
The trees of the fields will clap their hands,  
The trees of the fields will clap their hands,  
While you go out with joy.

## **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**

#### *Bible 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. Class has started but it is still a great time for YOU to join the lively discussion, Tuesdays, 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.

**We are hosting families this week and next.** Fellowship Hall will look a bit different this week, and the classroom spaces along the south end will be closed. Also, the Conference Room will be closed. After today's potluck, these spaces will be turned into private sleeping spaces for each of the 4 families whom we will welcome this evening. Central is one of twelve congregations of the Interfaith Hospitality Network who take turns hosting homeless families in their building. Thank you to ALL the volunteers who will help provide hospitality for two weeks.

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