



**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, June 18, 2023, 10:00 am



**Good Enough: Embracing the Imperfections of Life and Faith
Father’s Day - Juneteenth**

Prelude	“Faith of Our Fathers” Henry	Jo Jackson
Welcome		Rev. Deb Wacker
Church Opportunities		Cynthia Pechacek
*Call to Worship		Cynthia Pechacek
Leader:	Holy One, Our Refuge and Shelter,	
People:	We call out to you, sometimes in praise, sometimes in distress— as life goes.	
Leader:	Whether we perceive it or not, you are there.	
People:	Open us this day to your presence in the smile of a friend, in the call of a bird—	
Leader:	In the simple and good enough moments that fill our days.	
All:	Amen	
*Hymn of Praise	“Oh How I Love Jesus”	UMH #170
Children’s Message		Rev. Judy Owsley
Prayers of the People		Rev. Deb
	Honest Questions, Compassionate Response with Silent Time...	
	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.	
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev. Deb
Offertory	“This is My Father’s World” Sheppard	Jo Jackson
*Doxology	“Bind Us Together”	UMH #186
	Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.	
Hymn of Preparation:	“Softly and Tenderly”	UMH #348
Scripture	Luke 4: 1-13 -The Temptation of Jesus	Cynthia Pechacek

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Leader: A Word of God that is still speaking

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon	"Ordinary Lives Can Be Holy."	Rev. Deb
*Closing Hymn	"Open My Eyes, That I May See"	UMH#454
A Blessing for a Joyfully Mediocre Journey		Rev. Deb
*Benediction of the People		Rev. Deb
Postlude Sing-A-Long	"In My Heart There Rings a Melody"	Jo Jackson

1. I have a song that Jesus gave me, It was sent from heav'n above;
There never was a sweeter melody, 'Tis a melody of love.
2. I love the Christ who died on Calv'ry, For He washed my sins away;
He put within my heart a melody, And I know it's there to stay.
3. 'Twill be my endless theme in glory, With the angels I will sing;
'Twill be a song with glorious harmony, When the courts of heaven ring.

Refrain

*In my heart there rings a melody, There rings a melody with heaven's harmony;
In my heart there rings a melody; There rings a melody of love.*

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

*Stand as you wish

***Hymn of Praise**

"Oh How I Love Jesus"

UMH #170

1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.
2. It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free;
it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea.
3. It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe;
who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below.

Refrain

O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

Hymn of Preparation:

"Softly and Tenderly"

UMH #348

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.
2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?
3. Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me;
shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming, coming for you and for me.
4. O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.

Refrain

*Come home, (Come home,) come home; (come home;)
you who are weary, come home; earnestly, tenderly,
Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!*

***Closing Hymn**

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

UMH#454

1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me,
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
2. Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
3. Open my mouth and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.

Refrain

*Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

PRAYERS: Kurt Brunnemer in the passing of his mother; Ken William's niece, Amy Williams; Max Bennett; Deb Perkin's sister-in-law, Ellen Fields; Maxine and Robert Rummel; Linda Groth; Ashley Aragon's mom, Kim Roman; Judy Day's brother, Roger Hanousek, Sheri Weichers, Norm Pechacek; travel mercies for all and our "WAVES," our country and its leaders.

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

PRESENCE: Sanctuary 76, Fellowship Hall 4, Online 11, & Nursery 2 **Total: 93**

GIFTS:	June 11 th	June 4 th	May 28 th	May 21 st	May 14 th
	\$3,981.75	\$5,593	\$3,200.00	\$5,870.00	\$1,519.00

SERVICE: Thank you to the Choir for their year of service.

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

JUNE MISSION FOCUS: Native Grace A United Methodist Ministry in Southern Colorado. We are part of a remarkable story! We at Central learned about Native Grace in 2019 and have been able to support them in their ministry with several heartwarming projects.

Native Grace is a native American fellowship that holds Sunday worship in the building of the Cortez United Methodist Church. The two congregations work together to support families (especially the elderly) living on the Navajo Reservation in the Four Corners area.

In 2020 our Christmas offering raised funds to purchase replacement propane tanks for homes of the elderly. In 2021 we helped Native Grace to purchase a utility trailer so that experienced craftsmen in the church could partner with young men and women to repair rundown homes on the reservation. That service will continue for many years.

We want to continue supporting Native Grace as they offer a place where Christian faith and Native traditions come together ... a place where children can learn about

their heritage as they grow to love Jesus Christ. If you're able to help, you may write a check, payable to CUMC and designated for Native Grace or drop currency in the reed basket at the sanctuary doors.

Food Gifts in June: Every Sunday is CEREAL SUNDAY in June! Cereal seems to fly off the shelves of the pantry at Mercy's Gate because it is a favorite food of all ages. It's easy to prepare and requires no cooking.

Boxes of cereal are large, so it should be easy to fill the cart by the south entrance. We're serious; they need cereal! Please bring boxes of cereal (or other non-perishable food or hygiene items) on any Sunday or weekday in June.

That would be snap, crackle, pop wonderful!!

Time to Sign up for our Summer Baseball Game! Come watch VIBES baseball with VBS families and several churches. Wednesday, June 28th - Game starts at 6:35pm But don't wait for the game, come early for the pre-game potluck!

The Tailgate Party starts at 5:15pm in the parking lot of UCHealth Park stadium 4385 Tutt Blvd., Colorado Springs, 80922 (east of Powers and Barnes).

[Look for balloons on a car, hopefully on the north side of the parking lot, near the grass. Bring blankets or chairs to sit on.] Dress for the weather.

Sign-up sheet is near church entrance, sign up and pay \$2/person (to office or Cindy Medina) by Sunday, June 18th.

Sign up early and get your tickets early or at the tailgate party. Parking is \$2/car upon arrival. Helpers are welcome!

During the Annual Conference Rev. Judy will be preaching at Central next **Sunday, June 25th**.

Vacation Bible School is almost here!

Monday, June 26th – Thursday, June 29th

9 a.m. to Noon

The week is going to be MONUMENTAL!

Wanna Help with this fantastic and fun outreach/mission?

Contact Adrienne Schipfer at 719-640-6397 or mschipfer@yahoo.com

Be prepared to have fun watching our children grow their faith!