



**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, February 19, 2023, 10:00 am
Trasfiguration Sunday**



There he was transfigured before them.

**Glimpses of the Kin-dom
Transfiguration Sunday**

Prelude	“Brethren We Have Met To Worship” arr. M. Hayes	Kim Crom
Welcome		Rev. Deb Wacker
Church Opportunities		Gordon Crom
Choral Opening		Chancel Choir
*Call to Worship		Gordon Crom
Leader:	God, we come to the mountaintop to be covered in your presence.	
People:	We are comforted by your holiness and your glow;	
Leader:	We are comforted by the hope of the mountain top, where you are so close, so accessible, where there is no doubt of your glory.	
People:	The mountain top reminds us why we worship you. We witness your bright power, and your plan for the nations of the earth.	
Leader:	As we prepare for worship, God bring us to the mountain top;	
People:	bring us to the mountain top so that we may be inspired to do your work in the valley below. Amen.	
*Opening Hymn	“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”	UMH #103
Children’s Message		Karen Hobson
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	“Change My Heart, O God” arr. M. Hayes	Kim Crom

*Doxology “They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love” FWS #2223
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Deb

Hymn Of Preparation “Holy Ground” TFWS #2272

Scripture Matthew 17:1-9 (NRSV) Gordon Crom

“Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Leader: This is a Word of God for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation “Mountain of Meaning” Rev. Deb

*Closing Hymn “To God Be the Glory” UMH #98

*Benediction Rev. Deb

Choral Closing Chancel Choir

Postlude “Bouree in G” G. F. Handel Kim Crom

(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 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” UMH #103

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hidest thee.

Hymn Of Preparation “Holy Ground” TFWS #2272

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now;
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

*Closing Hymn “To God Be the Glory” UMH #98

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in.
2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; but purer and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!*

WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

PRAYERS: Norman Pechacek; Kathy Andrew; Bob and Barbara Morris; Billie Owings; Lillian Bauserman; Sandy Kirkpatrick, Adrienne Schipfer's mother; Ace Heyns; Kathy Cole's son in law, Henry Robinson, June Salladay; Trae Gilbert-DeGraffe; Mike Wheat; and Chelsea Bosick; 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 74, Fellowship Hall 2, Online 11, Nursery 5 **Total: 92**

GIFTS:

Feb 12	Feb 5	Jan 29	Jan 22	Jan 15
\$6380.00	\$4,880.00	\$2,317.00	\$2,865.00	\$3,371.80

SERVICE: Thank you to Joyce Witt, the baker, plus Elaine Ainsworth, Diane Black, Pat Dudgeon, Joyce Rockwell, the 'frosters,' of the Valentine cookies given to everyone last Sunday.

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

FOOD GIFTS **How Many Cans Can a Food Cart Contain If Each Can Can Contain Some Fruit??** A silly tongue twister ... or a serious call for help? The pantry at Mercy's Gate needs canned fruit, and other non-perishable food and hygiene items. Let's see how many cans a cart can contain!! (We'll publish the count in the Messenger next month,) You may bring donations to the cart in the entry on any Sunday or weekday.

UMCOR IS ON THE GROUND: The UM Committee on Relief is working in Syria and Turkey supporting rescue/recovery operations and providing aid to victims. UMCOR will remain long after other agencies have left, guiding reconstruction and long-term support. We can help with a contribution to CUMC, designated UMCOR.

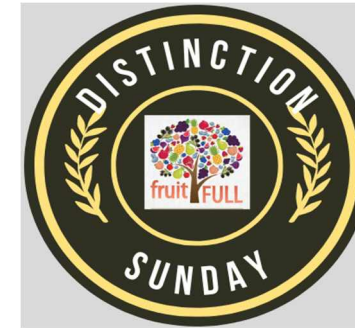
EXCITING NEWS: The United Methodist Men have decided to hold their monthly breakfast meetings at the church all men are invited. They will occasionally invite the larger church to join them, especially the women, when they have a guest speaker. Handouts with more information are available on the table in the hallway. Questions? Contact Bob Rummel, (719) 323-7440 *or* RobertRummel@outlook.com

FEBRUARY MISSION FOCUS: "Bundles of Love" are SOCKS & UNDERWEAR for students at near-by schools: Mitchell High, Swigert Middle School and Wilson Elementary. Please bring socks/underwear to church each Sunday in February and pile them in the basket near the altar. You also may contribute coins or cash in the basket in hall or by check made payable to Central UMC, designated "Bundles of Love."

Additionally, we have shoppers that will shop for you! Maxine Rumble, Joyce Rockwell, Joyce Witt, and Kristin Hunt after receiving the funds today, will shop for the needed items on your behalf.



ASH WEDNESDAY: This coming Wednesday, February 22nd, is Ash Wednesday. Come join us for Worship and a Soup Luncheon to follow.



Get Ready to Celebrate!

Next Sunday, **February 26th** We will be **HONORING** our Leaders. That includes: Chairs and members of all committees, Chancel and Bell Choir members, musicians, Youth Workers, Acolytes, Sunday greeters, fellowship hosts, tech team, and teachers.

COME, follow me, Jesus said. Then, he gave us the greatest gift.
Come, share in the celebration.

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.

Senior Pastor	Debra Wacker
Pastor Emeritus	Judy Owsley
Quiet Disciple	Karen Hobson
Office Manager	Marie Nieto
Bookkeeper	Cheryl James
Bell Choir Director	Priscilla Tracy
Chancel Choir/Praise Band Director	Jon Ainsworth
Nursery Caregivers	Chelsea Bosick & Lani Bosick
Sensory Room	Melissa James
Facility Manager	John Cox
Worship Production Team	Rod Rockwell & John Cox
Accompanists	Jo Jackson & Kim Crom
Ministers	All the members of the congregation

