



**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, March 19, 2023, 10:00 am
UMCOR Sunday**



**REMEMBER, GOD DOESN'T SEE OTHER
PEOPLE AS YOUR ENEMY. GOD SEES
THE PERSON YOU ARE CALLING AN ENEMY
THE SAME WAY THAT GOD SEES YOU—
WITH GOODNESS AND MERCY!**

Prelude	“Were You There?” arr. D. Wood	Kim Crom
Welcome		Rev. Deb Wacker
Church Opportunities		Cynthia Pechacek
Choral Opening		Chancel Choir
*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 23)		Cynthia Pechacek
Leader:	The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want. The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures	
All:	<i>God, remind us today to pause and see your mercy and goodness.</i>	
Leader:	The Lord leads me beside the still waters	
All:	<i>In the midst of storms, offer us moments of calm.</i>	
Leader:	The Lord prepares a table before me	
All:	<i>There is more than enough to share with our neighbors.</i>	
Leader:	The Lord anoints my head with oil All: God, restore our souls so that we can be agents of your mercy and goodness.	
*Opening Hymn	“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”	UMH #474
Children’s Message		Sara Simon
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		
Special Music/Offertory	“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded with Beethoven's Symphony No. 7, Second Movement” arr. M. Ham	
		Kim Crom

***Doxology** "Alleluia" UMH #186
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** Rev. Deb

Hymn Of Preparation "Lamb of God" TFWS #2113

Scripture John 9:1-41 (NRSV) Cynthia Pechacek

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "In the Presence" Rev. Deb
Psalm 23 (NKJV)

The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

***Closing Hymn** "Go Now in Peace" UMH #665

***Benediction** Rev. Deb

Choral Closing Chancel Choir

Postlude "Give Me Jesus" arr. P. Johnston 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** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" UMH #474

1. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: (no refrain)
2. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
3. When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone, at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Refrain

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Hymn Of Preparation "Lamb of God" TFWS #2113

1. Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side, to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.
2. Your gift of love, they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died, the humble king they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.
3. I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side, to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

***Closing Hymn** "Go Now in Peace" UMH #665

1. Go now in peace, go now in peace,
2. may the love of God surround you,
3. everywhere, everywhere you may go.

WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

PRAYERS: Bob & Maxine Rummel's grandson Michael & his wife Brittney Rummel welcomed Adelaide Georgina Rummel into the world on March 6th; Norm Pechacek; Lillian Bauserman. Henry Robinson, Trae Gilbert-DeGraffe, Mike Wheat, Our "WAVES," our country and its leaders.

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

PRESENCE: Sanctuary 62, Fellowship Hall 2, Online 10, Nursery 5 **Total: 79**

GIFTS:	March 12	March 5	Feb 26	Feb 19	Feb 12
	\$4,009.75	\$5,666.25	\$4,883.00	\$7,438.00	\$6,380.00

SERVICE: Thank you to Bob Edwards and Cindy Medina, our van drivers.

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

MARCH MISSION FOCUS: "MONUMENTAL FAITH" We can help it to grow. In Espanola, NM, this summer some children will be enriched by 6 weeks of "Camp Stars," a program of McCurdy Ministries which is our March Mission Focus. Each week, 50 children (K thru 6th) will learn about God's awesome creations that surround the area, along with Bible School lessons and STEM education. Field trips are scheduled to nearby Ghost Ranch, Rio Grande Gorge, Los Luceros Historic Ranch, and several Pueblo archaeological ruins.

Most of the students are from low-income families and will only be able to participate if they receive scholarships. WE CAN HELP! At a cost of \$200 per child [for camp supplies, 2 meals per day and transportation], how many children can we sponsor? You may contribute with a check to Central UMC, designated "McCurdy" or with coins or cash on Sundays.

FOOD GIFTS Oodles of Noodles!! This month, the pantry at Mercy's Gate has asked for Ramen noodles and pasta and chicken noodle soup. Let's help by bringing oodles of noodles!! You may bring noodles, pasta, soup or any non-perishable food items to the grocery cart in the church entry on any Sunday morning or weekday. Thanks for sharing.

BACKPACK MINISTRY This Sunday is backpack Sunday and come help us stuff them for our families in need!

EASTER FUN FOR EVERYONE!! The youth are planning an Easter Egg hunt for all ages after church on **Palm Sunday, April 2nd**. Come join the fun and be a kid again!! There will be a children's area and another location for youth and adults. **ASAP**, please bring individually wrapped candies and small toys to the plastic bin in Fellowship Hall by **Sunday the 26th**.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Calling all men and their guests for a delicious breakfast of pancakes and eggs on **Saturday, March 25th**, in Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be served at 9:00! **Reservations are a must.** PLEASE sign the list on the table outside the sanctuary entrance.

WALKING TO JERUSALEM: From: Smoky Hill UMC

Our visit to the red-walled city of Marrakesh, Morocco was magical. Inside the Medina quarter, an UNESCO World Heritage Site, we visited numerous souks (traditional Arabic markets) where we saw dazzling displays of Berber carpets, leather goods, spices, Turkish lamps, and cone-shaped clay tagine pots which preserve most of the nutrients of the food. Our visit to the Kasbah Mosque required us to remove our shoes and the women were required to cover their heads. Later, we rode camels into the desert, listened to the storytellers, and watched snake charmers coax their snakes to dance. After a meal of lamb, couscous, and mint tea, we relaxed in a hammam where our bodies were cleansed, exfoliated, and massaged.

Miles this week: 908

Total for journey: 6,044

If you missed putting your miles, or steps in the boot,
do so at any time.

KEEP UP THE WALKING!

KINDNESS CHALLENGES THIS WEEK

Week 4: March 19th-25th

Focus: LISTEN

Kindness Challenges:

- 1. Hug a loved one. Make it a long hug!**
- 2. Drop off some old towels and blankets to a local shelter.**
- 3. Write a positive message on the sidewalk with chalk.**
- 4. Stop what you are doing for a few minutes to breathe and appreciate life.**
- 5. Share an encouraging song with others.**
- 6. Be kind to our planet: skip the meat and eat veggies today.**
- 7. Be kind to yourself: forgive yourself for something that's been bothering you.**

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.

- Ministers
- Senior Pastor
- Pastor Emeritus
- Quiet Disciple
- Office Manager
- Bookkeeper
- Bell Choir Director
- Chancel Choir/Praise Band Director
- Nursery Caregivers
- Sensory Room
- Facility Manager
- Worship Production Team
- Accompanists

- All the members of the congregation
- Debra Wacker
- Judy Owsley
- Elyse Brunnermer
- Marie Nieto
- Cheryl James
- Priscilla Tracy
- Jon Ainsworth
- Chelsea Bosick & Lani Bosick
- Melissa James
- John Cox
- Rod Rockwell & John Cox
- Jo Jackson & Kim Crom

