



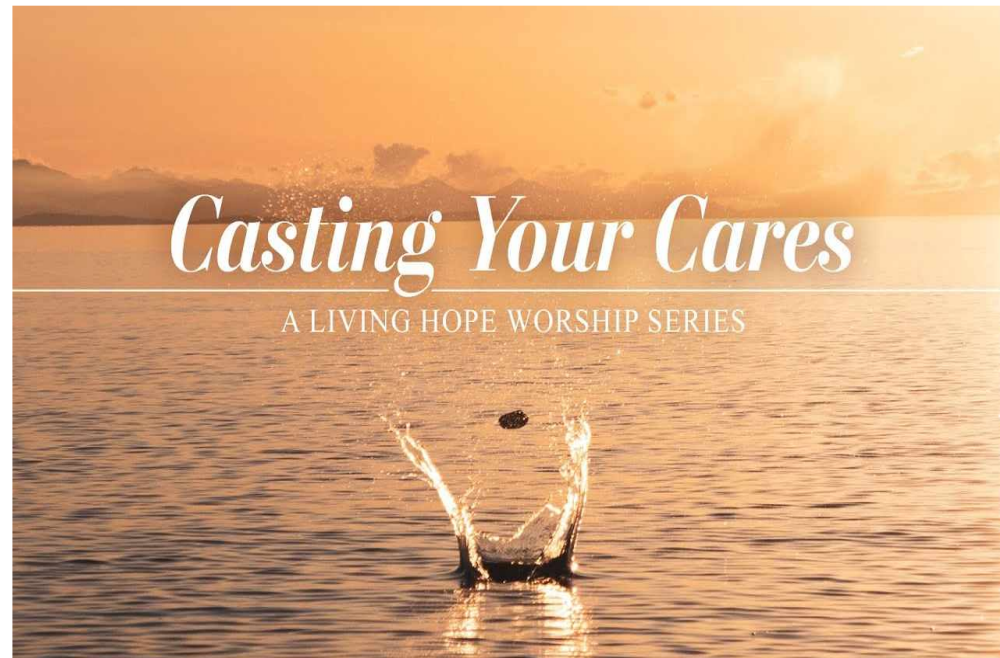
**Central United Methodist Church
of Colorado Springs**

“A Place to Begin...Belong...Become”

**THE CENTRAL FAMILY OF FAITH
GATHERED IN PRAISE AND CELEBRATION**

Rev. Debra Wacker

Sunday, May 21, 2023, 10:00 am



Casting Your Cares – A Living Hope

Prelude	“Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise” by Williams	Jo Jackson
Welcome		Rev. Deb Wacker
Church Opportunities		Pat Dudgeon
*Hymn of Praise	“All Creatures of Our God and King”	UMH #62 vs. 1 & 5
*Call to Worship		Pat Dudgeon
Leader:	Beloved, let us worship God!	
People:	Let us give praise to God, the one who rides upon the clouds!	
Leader:	Parent to orphans and Protector of widows,	
People:	God gives the desolate a home and leads the imprisoned into prosperity.	
Leader:	As God led the Israelites through the wilderness and provided for them,	
People:	we too find our dwelling in God’s goodness and provision.	
Leader:	The Rider in the heavens speaks throughout creation;	
People:	We gather to listen and ascribe power to God! Awesome is God in the sanctuary of creation! Blessed be God! Amen.	
Choral Response		Chancel Choir
Children’s Message		Amy Ray
Reading of the Psalms	Psalm 68:1-10	Pat Dudgeon
	Praise and Thanksgiving - To the leader of David a Psalm. A Song.	
	Psalm 68:32-35	
Prayers of the People		Rev. Deb
	Time for silent reflection in between reflections.	
	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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** Rev. Deb
Offertory “I Worship You, Almighty God” by Wood Jo Jackson
***Doxology** “Alleluia” UMH #186
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

***Hymn of Preparation:** “Stand By Me” UMH #512 vs. 1, 3, & 5

Scripture 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 Pat Dudgeon

1 Peter 4:12-14: Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

1 Peter 5:6-11: Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Casting Your Cares– A Living Hope” Rev. Deb

***Closing Hymn** “Awesome God” TFWS #2040

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

Choral Response Chancel Choir

Postlude “Crown Him with Many Crowns” Jo Jackson
 (Please remain seated until the music has stopped.
 The service is still being streamed live on zoom.)

*Stand as you wish

***Hymn of Praise** “All Creatures of Our God and King” UMH #62 vs. 1 & 5

1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, O praise ye! Alleluia!
 O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam!
5. All ye who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O praise ye! Alleluia!
 Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care!

Refrain

O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Hymn of Preparation:** “Stand By Me” UMH #512 vs. 1, 3, & 5

1. When the storms of life are raging, stand by me;
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 When the world is tossing me, like a ship upon the sea,
 thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me.
3. In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me; in the midst
 of faults and failures, stand by me;
 When I’ve done the best I can, and my friends misunderstand,
 thou who knowest all about me, stand by me.
5. When I’m growing old and feeble, stand by me;
 when I’m growing old and feeble, stand by me;
 When my life becomes a burden, and I’m nearing chilly Jordan,
 O thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me.

***Closing Hymn** “Awesome God” TFWS #2040

Our God is an awesome God; he reigns from heaven above
 with wisdom, pow’r and love. Our God is an awesome God!

WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

PRAYERS: Angie Edwards' nephew Christopher Roberts; Deb Perkins' sister-in-law Ellen, and our "WAVES," our country and its leaders.

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

PRESENCE: Sanctuary 68, Fellowship Hall 3, Online 9, Nursery 5 **Total: 85**

GIFTS:	May 14 th	May 7 th	April 30 th	April 23 rd	April 16 th
	\$1,519.00	\$8,742.00	\$4,833.00	\$3,560.00	\$2,708.00

SERVICE: Thank you to Cheryl James, John Cox, Pat Dudgeon, Vicki Sams and Elaine Ainsworth for the backpack work this year. Thank you also to those who worked on all-church work day.

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

Food Gifts in May: *Let's bring what they need!* And the pantry at Mercy's Gate needs EVERYTHING'!! Please bring soup, canned veggies and fruits, cereal, pasta and sauce, peanut butter, baby food, diapers, paper products, hygiene items ... you name it; THEY NEED IT! Please place donations in the cart in the entry on any Sunday or weekday. **Thanks for sharing.**

VBS VOLUNTEERS We are looking for your help with VBS! VBS this year will be Monday, June 27th - Thursday, June 30th from 9 am until noon. Please talk with Adrienne Schipfer at 640-6397 or mschipfer@yahoo.com about how you would like to get involved with this fantastic and fun outreaching mission. You don't need previous experience or any special skills, we provide all the training and information you need, but be prepared to have fun as you help these children grow their faith! Monumental VBS Orientation will be held at CUMC on Wednesday, May 24th @ 6 pm.

Together we can make a difference in the life of a child in our neighborhood and community.

PENTECOST SUNDAY is next Sunday, please remember to wear red.

MAY MISSION FOCUS:
Mission Medical Center

In 1998, Marcella Ruch, a member of St. Paul's UMC, was inspired to find a way of providing free medical care for uninsured, low-income men and women in Colorado Springs. She started in one room with one doctor who volunteered his services.

Today, Marcella's dream has grown into the Mission Medical Center, a faith-based clinic that embraces the whole patient by serving all segments of the underserved population with compassion, respect, integrity and diversity. Their health care services include **basic primary care, dental, optometry, behavioral health, diabetes management, over the counter and prescription medication.**

Mission Medical Center is **staffed by volunteers.** Their funding comes only through churches, foundations, businesses and individuals. They receive no government funds or insurance reimbursement. If you're able to help this excellent ministry, please make checks payable to Central UMC, designated "MMC."