



**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, January 22, 2023, 10:00 am



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Central United Methodist Church

**A Baptism Sunday
Ace Leonardo Heyns and Julean Royal Heyns**

Ezekiel 37:14 - NRSV

**I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil;
then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”**

Prelude “Medley Of German Hymns” arr. L. Shackley Kim Crom & Jo Jackson

Welcome Rev. Deb Wacker

Church Opportunities Pat Dudgeon

Choral Opening “Seek Ye First” Chancel Choir

***Call To Worship** Pat Dudgeon

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: O God, in your infinite wisdom you have blessed the Church with the power
of your presence

People: **A presence that unites us where nothing else could bring us together.**

All: *We thank You, Lord, for your love. In Christ we pray. Amen.*

***Opening Hymn** “Jesus Loves Me” UMH #191

Children’s Message Diane Black

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 “O Come, Little Children” arr. E. Broughton Kim Crom

***Doxology** “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” TFWS #2036

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he’s given
Jesus Christ his Son. And now let the weak say, “I am strong”; let the poor say, “I am rich because
of what the Lord has done for us.” Give thanks! Give thanks! Give thanks!

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Deb

rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.]

Hymn Of Preparation

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

UMH #381

Rev. Deb: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Baptism

Ace Leonardo Heyns and Julean Royal Heyns

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit,[the holy catholic church,the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,and the life everlasting.]

Rev. Deb: It is the community of God, here in Central, UMC, Colo Sprgs, which has the privilege to welcome the boys into the family of God. Ace and Julean are waiting for our invitation to come into our community and to be baptized into the life and love of God. Will you call them forward?

Thanksgiving over Water

Rev. Deb

All: Ace and Julean, as children, you have been part of this community of faith, now we are proud that you have made the choice to become part of the community of God on your own. We welcome you with open arms. We invite you to come to the altar and to be baptized into the life and love of God.

Baptism

Rev. Deb

Reaffirmation of Baptism

Heyns and Edwards Family

Rev. Deb: Congregation, do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

Rev. Deb: Congregation, remember you baptism and be thankful.

All: Amen.

Congregation: We do.

Commendation and Welcome

Rev. Deb

Rev. Deb: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these boys now before you in your care?

Rev. Deb: Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Congregation: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these boys with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

The congregation responds:

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Rev. Deb: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments. Do you believe in God the Father?

The gift of a Candle

Joyce Rockwell, Lay Leader

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Blessing of Family

Rev. Deb

Rev. Deb: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Special Music

"On Eagle's Wings" M. Joncas

Janet Dunbar, soloist

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, [who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he

Scripture

Ephesians 4:1-16 (Unity in the Body of Christ) (CEB) Reader: Pat Dudgeon

"I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with

one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says, ‘When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.’ (In saying, ‘He ascended,’ what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Meditation	“In Water and Spirit”	Rev. Deb
*Closing Hymn	“Since Jesus Came Into My Heart”	TFWS #2140 (vs.1-3)
*Benediction		Rev. Deb
Choral Closing		Chancel Choir
Postlude	“Ceremonial March” E. Wetherill	Kim Crom

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

*Standing for those who wish

***Opening Hymn**

“Jesus Loves Me”

UMH #191

1. Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
2. Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, “Let them come to me.”
3. Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Hymn Of Preparation

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

UMH #381

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
2. We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
3. Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
4. Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

***Closing Hymn**

“Since Jesus Came Into My Heart”

TFWS #2140 (vs.1-3)

1. 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!
2. I have ceased from my wandering and going astray, since Jesus came into my heart!
And my sins, which were many, are all washed away, since Jesus came into my heart!
3. I'm possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure, since Jesus came into my heart!
And no dark clouds of doubt now my pathway obscure, since Jesus came into my heart!

Refrain

Since Jesus came into my heart, since Jesus came into my heart,

floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll, since Jesus came into my heart.

WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

PRAYERS: Chelsea Bosick, Sandra Noggle; and Billie Owings; All the people and communities affected by Hurricane Ian; 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 75, Fellowship Hall 2, Online 8, Nursery 2 **Total: 87**

GIFTS:	Jan 15	Jan 8	Jan 1	Dec 25	Dec 24
	\$3,371.80	\$5,485.00	\$3,811.00	\$469	\$400

SERVICE: Thank you to Diane Black for working in the kitchen every Sunday and working in SPRC.

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

JANUARY MISSION FOCUS: We at Central are one of the churches that support Kutela Katembo and his agriculture ministry in Angola. We have a covenant with Kutela to provide a minimum of \$1,000 in 2023. Can you help? Please make checks payable to Central UMC, designated "Kutela," or drop coins or cash in the watering can in the hallway. Thank you for helping Kutela to help hungry families. More info. in "The Messenger" newsletter in literature rack.

FOOD GIFTS "Hot Soup on a Cold Day." Hundreds of families come to Mercy's Gate each month for food and other assistance, and we can offer them the warmth of God's love. Please bring soup or any non-perishable items to the grocery cart in church entry area any time during January. Mmm, good!

NEW BIBLE STUDY with Rev. Deb - "The Difficult Words of Jesus" (Next class: **January 26th**) Authors, Amy-Jill Levine and Mary Jane Werthan bring a unique presentation to this study *as members of the Jewish faith*. Amy-Jill is also a University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies, and Mary is a Professor of Jewish Studies Emerita at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Sciences and an author of numerous books. Together, they take a look at some difficult teachings and guide us with their combined knowledge and experience. Join us Thursdays, at 5:30 pm on Zoom and in-person.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: *New Testament Stories from the Backside*. Using an approach similar to his other "Back Side" books, J. Ellsworth Kalas opens up new possibilities of insight into selected New Testament stories (12 familiar stories) by entering them through the "back side" -- through a unique starting point, a creative retelling, a new "lens," or the eyes of a minor or unsympathetic character. Begins on Tuesday morning, February 7, led by Rev. Judy, in person or online.

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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

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

Ministers

Debra Wacker

Judy Owsley

Karen Hobson

Marie Nieto

Cheryl James

Priscilla Tracy

Jon Ainsworth

Chelsea Bosick & Lani Bosick

Melissa James

John Cox

Rod Rockwell & John Cox

Jo Jackson & Kim Crom

All the members of the congregation

