



Central United Methodist Church of Colorado Springs

"A Place to Begin...Belong...Become"

THE CENTRAL FAMILY OF FAITH
GATHERED IN PRAISE AND CELEBRATION
Rev. Deb Wacker

Sunday, July 23, 2023, 10:00 am



Prelude	"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. A. Jordan (organ)	Kim Crom
Welcome		Rev. Deb Wacker
Church Opportunities		Cindy Medina
Call to Worship:	Based on Psalm 118	Cindy Medina
Leader: Holy One, God of Goodness,		
People: We call out to you at the Gates of Righteousness, sometimes in praise, sometimes in distress—sometimes both at once.		
Leader: We long to be in your house in the presence of beloveds.		
People: Open us this day to your love in and through the webs of our relationships—		
Leader: In the simple and good enough moments that fill our days.		
All: Amen.		
Hymn Of Praise	"Victory in Jesus"	UMH #370
Children's Message		Elyse Brunnermer
Prayers of the People		Rev. Deb
	The Lord's Prayer	
	Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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	
Offering: Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving		
	Generous God, in light of your extravagant blessings— no matter what the state of the world or our imperfect lives— We offer our gifts and ourselves, and know that you transform what we plant into the produce of love. Amen.	
Offertory	"Sweet Hour of Prayer, Standing in the Need of Prayer" arr. R. Vandall	Kim Crom and Jo Jackson
Doxology	Choral Reprise "Good Enough" God is still here and somehow; this faith is good enough. (x2)	Kim Crom

Hymn of Preparation: "Stand by Me" UMH #512 vs. 1,3,5

Scripture Luke 19: 28-40 Cindy Medina

After [Jesus] had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it."

Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

A Word of God that is still speaking,
Thanks be to God.

Sermon "WE are a group project." Rev. Deb

A Blessing for When You Feel Lonely

***Closing Hymn** "Standing on the Promises" UMH #374

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

Postlude Congregational Singalong (Ernie Prescott on drums) Kim Crom

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

*Stand as you wish

Hymn Of Praise "Victory in Jesus" **UMH #370**

Verse 1 I heard an old old story How a Savior came from glory How He gave His life on Calvary To save a wretch like me I heard about His groaning Of His precious blood's atoning Then I repented of my sins And won the victory

Chorus

O victory in Jesus My Savior forever He sought me and bought me With His redeeming blood He loved me ere I knew Him And all my love is due Him He plunged me to victory Beneath the cleansing flood

Verse 2 I heard about His healing Of His cleansing power revealing How He made the lame to walk again And caused the blind to see And then I cried dear Jesus Come and heal my broken spirit And somehow Jesus came and brought To me the victory

Chorus

Verse 3 I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory And I heard about the streets of gold Beyond the crystal sea About the angels singing And the old redemption story And some sweet day I'll sing up there The song of victory

Chorus

Hymn of Preparation: "Stand by Me" **UMH #512 vs. 1,3,5**

Verse 1 When the storms of life are raging, stand by me; (stand by me) when the storms of life are raging, stand by me. (stand by me) When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea, thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me. (stand by me)

Verse 3 In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me; (stand by me) in the midst of faults and failures, stand by me. (stand by me) When I've done the best I can, and my friends misunderstand, thou who knowest all about me, stand by me. (stand by me)

Verse 5 When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me; (stand by me) when I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me. (stand by me) When my life becomes a burden, and I'm nearing chilly Jordan, O thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me. (stand by me)

***Closing Hymn** "Standing on the Promises" **UMH #374**

Verse 1 Standing on the promises of Christ, my King, Through eternal ages let his praises ring; Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain: Standing, standing, Standing on the promises of God, my Savior; Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Verse 2 Standing on the promises that cannot fail. When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, By the living Word of God I shall prevail, Standing on the promises of God. **[Refrain]**

Verse 3 Standing on the promises of Christ, the Lord, Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord, Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, Standing on the promises of God. **[Refrain]**

Verse 4 Standing on the promises I cannot fall, List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call, Resting in my Savior as my all in all, Standing on the promises of God. **[Refrain]**

WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

PRAYERS:

Maxine Rummel

Sandra Noggle is still working through COVID.

Ken Williams was airlifted to Penrose Main and is in the ICU due to a stroke.

Jan Adams nephew, Mike Polley health problems.

Eleanora Roder, Cheryl James' aunt, is out of the hospital and in rehab now.

The James Family in the loss of Cheryl's mother.

Ruth Schmidt, Sister of John Cox is home healing well.

Kim Roman (Ashley's mom, Danny/Martha's Grandmother as she fights cancer).

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, Ukraine, and Russia

PRESENCE: Sanctuary 59, Nursery 4, Online 8, **Total: 71**

GIFTS:	July 16 th	July 9 th	July 2 nd	June 25 th	June 18 th
	\$2471.00	\$2839.50	\$4809.00	\$5278.00	\$1,701.00

SERVICE: Thank you to the Caring Ministries Team for putting on the WAVES party last Tuesday! We had a great turnout, and it was a blast! Thank you to the people who brought goodies, and thank you to the youth that participated, for giving an entertaining show!

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

JULY MISSION FOCUS: Snacks to Go with Backpacks! Our Special Gift for La Puente

In early August the staff of La Puente Social Services in Alamosa, CO, will be giving out 300 BACKPACKS filled with school supplies to low-income children at several sites throughout the San Luis Valley. They have received a grant that will provide all the school supplies and backpacks, which is what we usually donate. So, here's what they need, and it's so much fun!!

- 300 Capri Sun juice boxes**
- 300 Gold Fish individual packs of crackers**
- 300 individual packs of gummy snacks of whatever type.**

The juice, crackers and gummy snacks will be distributed as the children are standing in long lines waiting to receive backpacks. This is not superfluous silliness. This is helping 300 children living in poverty to enjoy a super-fun experience as they receive their backpacks.

Please bring juice, crackers or gummy snacks to the basket in the entryway any time during July. Bob and Madellen Spaete will deliver our gifts to Alamosa after July 31. You may also contribute by check payable to Central UMC and designated La Puente.

Food Gifts in July: "Toilet Paper Month OR Be a Chicken Giver!!"
Collection of items for the Backpack Project

The Missions Committee along with the Backpack Team are challenging everyone to bring toilet paper and/or canned chicken during the month of July. Just outside the sanctuary there are two piles: one with packages of toilet paper and the other with cans of chicken.

Next Sunday, July 30, the 'judges' will measure all the toilet paper packages and total the measurement. They will measure the chicken cans in the same way. THEN, anyone present may guess the total height of each tower and the total height of both towers.

Winners will be announced immediately, and each winner will receive a fabulous, eye-popping prize! All ages may enter their guesses.

It's not too late to join the bringing and the guessing!