



**Central United Methodist Church  
of Colorado Springs**

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

**THE CENTRAL FAMILY OF FAITH  
GATHERED IN PRAISE AND CELEBRATION**  
Rev. Judy Owsley

Sunday, June 25, 2023, 10:00 am



Good Enough: Embracing the Imperfections of Life and Faith

<b>Prelude</b>	He is Exalted - T. Paris	Kim Crom
<b>Welcome</b>		Rev. Judy Owsley
<b>Church Opportunities</b>		Elyse Brunner
<b>*Call to Worship</b>		Elyse
	Leader: Holy One, Our Refuge and Shelter,	
	<b>People: We call out to you, sometimes in praise, sometimes in distress – as life goes.</b>	
	Leader: Whether we perceive it or not, you are there.	
	<b>People: Open us this day to your presence in the smile of a friend, in the call of a bird, in the love of a parent –</b>	
	Leader: In the simple and good enough moments that fill our days.	
	<b>All: Amen.</b>	
<b>*Hymn of Praise</b>	"Oh, Worship the King"	UMH #73, vs. 1,4,5
<b>Children's Message</b>		Karen Hobson
<b>Prayers of the People</b>		Rev. Judy
	<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	
	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.	
<b>Offering Our Gifts</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>	"My Country, 'Tis of Thee" Arr. J. Southbridge	Kim Crom
<b>Offertory Response:</b>	"Good Enough"	Congregation
	<i>God is still here and somehow, this faith is good enough.</i>	
<b>*Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>		Rev. Judy
	<b>Generous God,</b> 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	

<b>Scripture</b>	Luke 13:31-35 Jesus' Sorrow for Jerusalem	Elyse	<b>*Hymn of Praise</b>	<b>"Oh, Worship the King"</b>	<b>UMH #73, vs. 1,4,5</b>
	<sup>31</sup> At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup> He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' <sup>33</sup> In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! <sup>34</sup> "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. <sup>35</sup> Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' <sup>[a]</sup> "			O worship the King all-glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love: our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.  4 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail. Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!  5 O measureless Might, unchangeable Love, whom angels delight to worship above! Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze, in true adoration shall sing to your praise!	
	Leader: A Word of God that is still speaking People: <b>Thanks be to God.</b>				
<b>Hymn of Preparation:</b>	"It Is Well with My Soul"	UMH 377, vs. 1			
<b>Sermon</b>	"It's Okay"	Rev. Judy	<b>Hymn of Preparation:</b>	<b>"It Is Well with My Soul"</b>	<b>UMH 377, vs. 1</b>
<b>*Closing Hymn</b>	"Open My Eyes, That I May See"	UMH #454		When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.	
<b>*Benediction of the People</b>		Rev. Judy		Refrain: It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.	
<b>Postlude</b>	I'll Fly Away Kim Crom on Piano and Ernie Prescott on drums	UMH #2282	<b>*Closing Hymn</b>	<b>"Open My Eyes, That I May See"</b>	<b>UMH#454</b>
	Some glad morning when this life is over - I'll fly away – To a home on God's celestial shore - I'll fly away - I'll fly away, oh, Glory I'll fly away - When I die, Hallelujah, by and by - I'll fly away  Just a few more weary days and then - I'll fly away To a land where joy shall never end - I'll fly away - I'll fly away, oh, Glory I'll fly away - When I die, Hallelujah, by and by - I'll fly away  Yeah, when I die, Hallelujah, by and by - I'll fly away			1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me, place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. 2. Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. 3. Open my mouth and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.	
<b>*Stand as you wish</b>	(Please remain seated until the music has stopped. The service is still being streamed live on zoom.)			<i>Refrain</i> <i>Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.</i> <i>Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!</i>	

**WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR**

**PRAYERS:** Tori Dudgeon fighting a stomach bug. Linda Groth has great news: there is no active cancer in her body! Kurt Brunnemer in the passing of his mother; Ken William's niece, Amy Williams; Max Bennett; Deb Perkin's sister-in-law, Ellen Fields; Maxine and Robert Rummel; Ashley Aragon's mom, Kim Roman; Judy Day's brother, Roger Hanousek, Norm Pechacek; 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, and Russia

**PRESENCE:** Sanctuary 55, Fellowship Hall 5, Online 10, & Nursery 2 **Total: 72**

<b>GIFTS:</b>	June 18 <sup>th</sup>	June 11 <sup>th</sup>	June 4 <sup>th</sup>	May 28 <sup>th</sup>	May 21 <sup>st</sup>
	\$1,701.00	\$3,981.75	\$5,593.00	\$3,200.00	\$5,870.00

**SERVICE:** Thank you to Marie Nieto for her love and service to our congregation for the past four years. She will be missed.

**CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES**

**JUNE MISSION FOCUS: Native Grace** A United Methodist Ministry in Southern Colorado. We are part of a remarkable story! We at Central learned about Native Grace in 2019 and have been able to support them in their ministry with several heartwarming projects.

Native Grace is a native American fellowship that holds Sunday worship in the building of the Cortez United Methodist Church. The two congregations work together to support families (especially the elderly) living on the Navajo Reservation in the Four Corners area.

In 2020 our Christmas offering raised funds to purchase replacement propane tanks for homes of the elderly. In 2021 we helped Native Grace to purchase a utility trailer so that experienced craftsmen in the church could partner with young men and women to repair rundown homes on the reservation. That service will continue for many years.

We want to continue supporting Native Grace as they offer a place where Christian faith and Native traditions come together ... a place where children can learn about their heritage as they grow to love Jesus Christ. If you're able to help, you may write a check, payable to CUMC and designated for Native Grace or drop currency in the reed basket at the sanctuary doors.

**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. **There will be two towers:** a pile of packages of toilet paper (any size ... the larger the better ... Individual rolls will be placed in plastic bags when included in a backpack.) and a stack of cans of chicken. Nearby will be a **clipboard** for you to register your guess of the maximum height of each tower.

On Sunday July 30, after worship, the 'judges' will measure each tower. Winners will be announced the following Sunday, and each winner will receive a fabulous, eye-popping prize! All ages may enter their guesses (one guess per tower per person).

If a tower topples before July 30, the items must remain unstacked and a new tower begun. **Let the building begin!** Buy, bring, stack and then register your guess. Let's all enjoy the giving!!

**Vacation Bible School is Tomorrow!****Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>****9 a.m. to Noon****It's gonna be MONUMENTAL!****Summer Baseball!**

The VIBES are playing **Wednesday, June 28th** - Game starts at 6:35pm  
**Please pick up your tickets from Cindy Medina beginning this Sunday**

**But don't wait for the game, come early for the pre-game potluck  
And some Summer fun!**

**The Tailgate Party starts at 5:15pm**

in the parking lot of UCHealth Park stadium

**Helpers come at 5 p.m. to the stadium parking lot.**

4385 Tutt Blvd., Colorado Springs, 80922 (east of Powers and Barnes).

[Look for balloons on a car, on the north side of the parking lot,  
near the grass. Bring blankets or chairs to sit on.]

**Parking is @2.00 a car.****Dress for the weather.**