



**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, February 26, 2023, 10:00 am
Distinction Sunday**



**Glimpses of the Kin-dom
Distinction Sunday**

Prelude “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” arr. Berry Jo Jackson

Welcome Rev. Deb Wacker

Church Opportunities Joyce Rockwell

Choral Opening Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship** Joyce Rockwell

Leader: O God, Searcher of all our hearts, you have formed us as a people and claimed us for your own.

People: **Help us, O Lord to slow down, listen to your Son, and hear His word.**

Leader: As we come to acknowledge your sovereignty and grace, and to enter anew into covenant with you, reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us.

People: **Help us, O Lord to slow down, listen to your Son, and hear His teaching.**

Leader: Let your Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being, and receive us in mercy,

People: **Help us, O Lord to slow down, listen to your Son, and hear as His Spirit moves within us.**

Leader: All this for the sake of our Mediator, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (DAVID TRIPP, ENGLAND, 20TH CENT.)

***Opening Hymn** “God of Love and God of Power” UMH #578 vs. 1, 3 & 4

Children’s Message Karen Hobson

Honoring Our Children and Acolytes Karen Hobson & Judy Day

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 “Depth of Mercy/Search Me, O God” Von Weber & Hopkins Jo Jackson

*Doxology “They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love” FWS #2223

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Deb

Hymn Of Preparation “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” Heavenly Bells
Directed by Priscilla Tracy

Scripture Matthew 20:26-28 (NRSV) Joyce Rockwell

“It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Distinction Sunday Dedication Rev. Deb

Litany of Dedication to the Mission of Central United Methodist Church:

Rev. Deb: Dear friends...All you need to do is to respond when I ask and repeat after me.
Do you this day acknowledge yourself a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?

People: I do, by the grace of God.

Rev. Deb: Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world?

People: I do, by the grace of God.

Rev. Deb: Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace?

People: I do, by the grace of God.

Rev. Deb: Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen?

People: I do, by the grace of God.

Rev. Deb: Together, we recognize each other...**Let us pray**

Hymn of Celebration: “We Are the Church” UMH #558 vs. 1, 2 & 4

Worship/Choir Dedication

Rev. Deb & Kim Crom

Music is an integral part of the work of the people of God...*To the choir:*

Leader: Do you promise to use your gifts of song, of harmony, of weaving together instruments and voices as an offering to God of praise and thanksgiving?

Choir: We do, by the grace of God.

To the Bell Choir, The Heavenly Bells:

Leader: Do you promise to use your musical gifts to share the message of the gospel, to combine voice, instruments, and much joy?

Heavenly Bells: We do, by the grace of God.

To the congregation:

Leader: Do you promise to bring your voice to the hymns we sing in the year ahead?

Will you sing with honesty in all the seasons of the church year?

Will you bring a robust voice to traditional hymns and
a commitment to sing a new song to the Lord?

People: We will, by the grace of God.

Let us pray together.

Almighty God, You have called us and inspired music in worship and the community: words to be written, music to be composed, and people to sing. Stir us to use our talents and voices for your glory. Strengthen our faith through song. Receive, O God, the music and those who make it as a response to your work in Jesus Christ. We pray the songs we sing will carry your message and deepen our faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** “Here I Am, Lord” UMH # 593

***Benediction** Rev. Deb

Choral Closing Chancel Choir

Postlude “O God, Our Help In Ages Past” -Croft Jo Jackson

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

*Standing for those who wish

***Opening Hymn**

Lyrics

“God of Love and God of Power” UMH #578 vs. 1, 3 & 4

1. God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour
grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.
3. All our lives belong to thee, thou our final loyalty;
slaves are we whene’er we share that devotion anywhere.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.
4. God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour;
offering lives if it’s thy will, keeping free our spirits still.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

Hymn of Celebration:

“We Are the Church” UMH #558 vs. 1, 2& 4

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we’re the church together!

1. The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place, the church is a people.
I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus all around the world Yes, we’re the church together!
2. We’re many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,
all colors and all ages, too, from all times and places.
I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus all around the world Yes, we’re the church together!
4. And when the people gather, there’s singing and there’s praying,
there’s laughing and there’s crying sometimes, all of it saying:
I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus all around the world Yes, we’re the church together!

***Closing Hymn**

“Here I Am, Lord” UMH # 593

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand
will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my
light to them? Whom shall I send?
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain. I have wept for love of them. They
turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my
word to them. Whom shall I send?
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand
will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts are satisfied. I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

PRAYERS: Family of Billie Owings; Norman Pechacek; Kathy Andrew; Bob and Barbara Morris; Lillian Bauserman; Sandy Kirkpatrick, Adrienne Schipfer’s mother; Ace Heyns; Kathy Cole’s son in law, Henry Robinson, June Salladay; Trae Gilbert-DeGraffe; Mike Wheat; and Chelsea Bosick; 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 58, Fellowship Hall 2, Online 17, Nursery 5 **Total: 82**

GIFTS:	Feb 19	Feb 12	Feb 5	Jan 29	Jan 22
	\$7,438.00	\$6380.00	\$4,880.00	\$2,317.00	\$2,865.00

SERVICE: Thank you to Kim Crom for putting together the Kindness Challenges.

CHURCH OPPORTUNTIES

FOOD GIFTS How Many Cans Can a Food Cart Contain If Each Can Can Contain Some Fruit?? A silly tongue twister ... or a serious call for help? The pantry at Mercy’s Gate needs canned fruit, and other non-perishable food and hygiene items. Let’s see how many cans a cart can contain!! (We’ll publish the count in the Messenger next month,) You may bring donations to the cart in the entry on any Sunday or weekday.

UMCOR IS ON THE GROUND: The UM Committee on Relief is working in Syria and Turkey supporting rescue/recovery operations and providing aid to victims. UMCOR will remain long after other agencies have left, guiding reconstruction and long-term support. We can help with a contribution to CUMC, designated UMCOR.

EXCITING NEWS: The United Methodist Men have decided to hold their monthly breakfast meetings at the church all men are invited. They will occasionally invite the larger church to join them, especially the women, when they have a guest speaker. Handouts with more information are available on the table in the hallway. Questions? Contact Bob Rummel, (719) 323-7440 *or* RobertRummel@outlook.com

FEBRUARY MISSION FOCUS: Thank you to everyone who brought “Bundles of Love” for students at near-by schools: Mitchell High, Swigert Middle School and Wilson Elementary. Thank you to Joyce Rockwell, Maxine Rummel, Kristin Hunt and Joyce Witt for shopping for others and also for counting the mountain of gifts!

This morning the basket, overflowing with bundles of love, is placed in front of the altar where Pastor Deb will bless all the generous gifts.

KINDNESS CHALLENGES THIS WEEK

February 26 – March 4

Focus: LOVE

Kindness Challenges:

1. Say something nice to someone.
2. Smile at 5 people.
3. Hold the door open for someone.
4. Let someone go first.
5. Ask your family or friend about their “highs and lows” for the day.
6. Be kind to our planet: use reusable plates and utensils instead of disposable ones.
7. Be kind to yourself: do something that makes you happy!



Serving God at Central United Methodist Church

Executive Members of the Church Council

Mark James, Chair	Bob Morris	Diane Black	Rev. Debra Wacker
Joyce Rockwell	Gordon Crom	Cheryl James	Rev. Judy Owsley

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Roger Sams	Rod Rockwell	Kathy Andrew	Wynona Batman
Cynthia Pechacek	Jasmine Dudgeon		

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Teachers

Karen Hobson, Judy Owsley, Deb Wacker, Matt Schipfer, Sara Murdaugh, Elyse Brunnemer, Diane Black

Vacation Bible School

Adrienne Schipfer, Chairperson All the teachers and staff of VBS.

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Jasmine Dudgeon

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Pat Dudgeon, Chairperson

Judy Owsley, John Cox. All who volunteer during host weeks.

Nominations Ministry Team

Rev. Debra Wacker, Chairperson

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Elaine Ainsworth, Diane Black, Vicki Sams, Cheryl James

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Bob Morris, Joyce Rockwell

Backpack Team

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Worship Planning Team

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Acolytes

Judy Day, Coordinator.

Danny Aragon, Sam Schipfer, Dakota Shannon, Macie Shannon, John Yacoub

Youth Ministry Team

Elaine Ainsworth, Chairperson

Sara Murdaugh, Matt Schipfer, Cheryl James, Melissa James

Heavenly Bells Choir

Priscilla Tracy, Director

(L to R when ringing) Front: Pat Dudgeon, Becky Suter, Amy Ray, Cheryl James, Elyse Brunnemer, Melissa James, Barb Watson, Cerne Rieves.

Back: Cindy Medina, Christy Malone, Clem Malone, Jon Ainsworth. [Kathy Andrew]

Chancel Choir

Jon Ainsworth, Director

Accompanists Kim Crom, Joan Jackson

Members: Nancy Carson, Judy Day, Ernie Dunbar, Janet Dunbar, Bob Edwards, Amy Ray, Kristin Hunt, Barb McCraw, Cynthia Pechacek, Mildred Webb, Lee Scheierman, Sara Simon