



**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 28, 2023, 10:00 am
Pentecost Sunday**



**Pentecost Sunday - Wear Red
When God Came Down Like Fire - He Breathed on Them
Acts 2:1-21, John 20:19-23; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

Prelude “Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart/Oh Breath of Life” arr. Berry Jo Jackson

Welcome Rev. Deb Wacker

Church Opportunities Cindy Medina

***Hymn of Praise** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” UMH #384 vs.1, 3, & 4

***Call to Worship** Cindy Medina

Leader: Like the disciples, we gather in this space, united by our relationship with the Risen Christ.

People: **We come ready to receive what God has to give.**

Leader: Just as tongues of fire descended on the disciples,

People: **We receive the gift of the Spirit’s power and inspiration.**

Leader: Just as the resurrected Christ breathed the Spirit onto the disciples,

People: **We receive the gift of the Spirit’s peace and wisdom.**

Leader: As the lifegiving and peacemaking Holy Spirit blazes through us today,

People: **We receive the gift of the Spirit’s fire that unites us as the Body of Christ.
Amen.**

Children’s Message Diane Black

Reading of the Psalms Psalm 104:24-34 Cindy Medina

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works— who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

Prayers of the People 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.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Deb

Offertory

"Resting in God's Arms" by Hayes

Jo Jackson

*Doxology

"Bind Us Together"

TFWS #2226

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.

Hymn of Preparation:

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

UMH #420 vs. 1 & 2

Spirit Prayer with Chimes

Pricilla Tracy, Cheryl James and Meliissa James

Hymn of Preparation:

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

UMH #420 vs. 3

Scripture

Acts 2:1-4 The Coming of the Holy Spirit

Cindy Medina

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"When God Came Down Like Fire - He Breathed on Them"

Rev. Deb

*Closing Hymn

God of the Sparrow God of the Whale

UMH #122

*Benediction of the People

Rev. Deb

Postlude

"Everytime I Feel the Spirit"

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

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

UMH #384 vs.1, 3, & 4

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
4. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Hymn of Preparation:

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

UMH #420

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.
(Spirit Prayer with Chimes)
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

*Closing Hymn

God of the Sparrow God of the Whale

UMH #122

1. God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe How does the creature say Praise
2. God of the earthquake God of the storm God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe How does the creature cry Save
3. God of the rainbow God of the cross God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace How does the creature say Thanks
4. God of the hungry God of the sick God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care How does the creature say Life
5. God of the neighbor God of the foe God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love How does the creature say Peace
6. God of the ages God near at hand God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy How do your children say Home

WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

PRAYERS: Family of Doug Thomas; Judy Day's brother, Roger Hanousek; Jim and Carolyn Howard, Sheri Weichers, Norm Pechacek, Angie Edwards' nephew Christopher Roberts; 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 60, Fellowship Hall 5, Online 8, & Nursery 7 **Total: 80**

GIFTS:	May 21 st	May 14 th	May 7 th	April 30 th	April 23 rd
	\$5,870.00	\$1,519.00	\$8,742.00	\$4,833.00	\$3,560.00

SERVICE: Thank you to John Cox who was on the roof cleaning for an entire 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.**

Vacation Bible School is almost here!

Monday, June 26th – Thursday, June 29th 9 a.m. to Noon

The week is going to be MONUMENTAL! Wanna Help with this fantastic and fun outreach/mission?

Contact Adrienne Schipfer at 719-640-6397 or mschipfer@yahoo.com
Be prepared to have fun watching our children grow their faith!

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."

Time to Sign up for our Summer Baseball Game! Come watch VIBES baseball with VBS families and several churches. Wednesday, June 28th - Game starts at 6:35pm But don't wait for the game, come early for the pre-game potluck!

The Tailgate Party starts at 5:15pm in the parking lot of UCHealth Park stadium 4385 Tutt Blvd., Colorado Springs, 80922 (east of Powers and Barnes).

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

Sign-up sheet is near church entrance, sign up and pay \$2/person (to office or Cindy Medina) by Sunday, June 11th.

Sign up early and get your tickets early or at the tailgate party.

Parking is \$2/car upon arrival. Helpers are welcome!

FYI MEN'S BREAKFAST is cancelled for the Month of May.