



**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 29, 2023, 10:00 am

**Glimpses of the Kin-dom
Blessed Are - Matthew 5:1-12**

Prelude	“Thy Word” arr. Hayes	Jo Jackson
Welcome		Rev. Deb Wacker
Church Opportunities		Joyce Witt
Choral Opening		Chancel Choir
*Call To Worship	(inspired by Matthew 5:3-12 & Luke 6:20-22)	Joyce Witt
Leader:	Happy are we	
People:	when our treasures cannot be quantified.	
Leader:	Happy are we	
People:	when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.	
Leader:	Happy are we	
People:	when our pain is held in the balm of love.	
Leader:	Happy are we	
People:	when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.	
*Opening Hymn	“Gather Us In”	FWS #2236
Children’s Message		Amy Ray
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	“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place” arr. Fettke	Jo Jackson
*Doxology	“Glory Be to the Father”	UMH #71
	Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.	
* Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev. Deb



Hymn Of Preparation “Christ for the World We Sing” UMH #568

Scripture Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSV) The Beatitudes Reader: Joyce Witt

“When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Meditation “Blessed Are” Rev. Deb

Beatitude Acclamation:

Rev. Deb: *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will receive it in full.” Matthew 5:6*

Women: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gathers the poor of the earth.

Men: Glorious is our God, who wipes away the tears of sorrow.

Women: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives inheritance to the meek.

Men: Glorious is our God, who satisfies the hunger of the just.

Women: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives mercy to the merciful.

Men: Glorious is our God, who gives vision to the pure in heart.

Women: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who adopts the peacemakers.

Men: Glorious is our God, who lifts high the persecuted.

Women: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who finds the lost.

Men: Glorious is our God, who awakens the dead.

***Closing Hymn** “Let There Be Peace on Earth” UMH #431

***Benediction** Rev. Deb

Go forth, blessed ones. Bless all whom God blesses. Rejoice with those who mourn.

Make peace wherever you can. And know God goes this road with you.

Choral Closing Chancel Choir

Postlude “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” Welsh Melody Jo Jackson

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

*Standing for those who wish

Lyrics

***Opening Hymn** “Gather Us In” FWS #2236

1. Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away, see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in the lost and forsaken, gather us in the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young our lives are a myst’ry, we are the old who yearn for your face, we have been sung throughout all of hist’ry, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in the rich and the haughty, gather us in the proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light-years away, but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the Kingdom, now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Hymn of Preparation: “Christ for the World We Sing” UMH #568

1. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal; the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne, sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.
2. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with fervent prayer; the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.
3. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with one accord; with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
4. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with joyful song; the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error’s ways, inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

***Closing Hymn:**

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

UMH #431

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

PRAYERS: June Salladay; Trae Gilbert-DeGraffe; Mike Wheat; Chelsea Bosick, 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 79, Fellowship Hall 4, Online 9, Nursery 6 **Total: 98**

GIFTS:	Jan 22	Jan 15	Jan 8	Jan 1	Dec 25
	\$2,865.00	\$3,371.80	\$5,485.00	\$3,811.00	\$469

SERVICE: Thank you to Karen Hobson and Rev. Judy for leading our Sunday School classes.



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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.

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| Senior Pastor | Debra Wacker |
| Pastor Emeritus | Judy Owsley |
| Quiet Disciple | Karen Hobson |
| Office Manager | Marie Nieto |
| Bookkeeper | Cheryl James |
| Bell Choir Director | Priscilla Tracy |
| Chancel Choir/Praise Band Director | Jon Ainsworth |
| Nursery Caregivers | Chelsea Bosick & Lani Bosick |
| Sensory Room | Melissa James |
| Facility Manager | John Cox |
| Worship Production Team | Rod Rockwell & John Cox |
| Accompanists | Jo Jackson & Kim Crom |
| Ministers | All the members of the congregation |

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!

LOOK for upcoming Lenten program, and let's all "Walk to Jerusalem" together. More information in The Messenger.

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 7th, led by Rev. Judy, in person or online.

CHANCEL CHOIR Time Change During February and March, the Chancel Choir will meet in the Sanctuary starting at 8:45 AM instead of 9 AM. This is to help us prepare the Easter Cantata. If you would like to sing with us, please join us at that time. We would love to have you!!