

**Central United Methodist Church  
of Colorado Springs**

*“A Place to Begin...Belong...Become”*

**THE CENTRAL FAMILY OF FAITH  
GATHERED IN PRAISE AND CELEBRATION**

**Sunday, May 1, 2022, 10:00 am**



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**Central United Methodist Church**

PRELUDE

“Praise Him! Praise Him!” arr. Hayes

Jo Jackson

WELCOME

Pastor Eunjoo Yi

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Judy Owsley

Leader: Praise to the Lamb who is seated on the Throne of Heaven!

People: **Praise be to God who offers God’s love to us!**

Leader: Let us sing continually of God’s love, and power, and might.

People: **Let our voices be raised in joyful celebration!**

Leader: Worthy is the Lamb to receive honor, and glory, and praise.

All: **Let our hearts rejoice at God’s redeeming love for us. AMEN.**

\*HYMN

“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

Hymnal, No. 304

1. Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.  
Christ has brought us heaven’s choices; heavenly music, let it ring.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.
2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.  
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.
3. Every day to us is Easter with its resurrection song.  
When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

Rev. Judy

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Judy

OUR PRAYERS

Rev. Judy

**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.**

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

“I Love To Tell The Story” Fischer

Jo Jackson

\*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymnal, No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Blessing the Offering

Pastor Eunjoo

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 5:6-14 (NIV)

Reader: Maggie Schipfer

“Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God’s people. And they sang a new song, saying: ‘You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.’”

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying:

‘Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!’ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: ‘To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!’ The four living creatures said, ‘Amen,’ and the elders fell down and worshiped.”

MESSAGE

“Lamb of God”

Pastor Eunjoo

HYMN

“Lamb of God”

TFWS, No. 2113

1. Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side, to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.
2. Your gift of love, they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died, the humble king they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.
3. I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side, to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

*Refrain*

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in his precious blood my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (See Below) Servers: Mark and Cheryl James

\*HYMN

“Marching to Zion”

Hymnal, No. 733

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord  
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.
3. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets  
before we reach the heavenly fields, before we reach the heavenly fields,  
or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets.
4. Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;  
we’re marching through Emmanuel’s ground, we’re marching through  
Emmanuel’s ground, to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.

*Refrain*

*We’re marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
we’re marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.*

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor Eunjoo

POSTLUDE

“Wonderful Words of Life” Arr. Wyrzten

Jo Jackson

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

\*Standing for those who are able

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**WELCOME TO**  
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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.

Ministers	All the members of the congregation		
Senior Pastor	Eunjoo Yi	Chancel Choir/Praise Band Director	Jon Ainsworth
Pastor Emeritus	Judy Owsley	Nursery Supervisor	Tami Hawkins
Quiet Disciple	Karen Hobson	Nursery Caregivers	Chelsea Bosick & Lani Bosick
Office Manager	Marie Nieto	Sensory Room	Melissa James
Bookkeeper	Cheryl James	Facility Manager	John Cox
Bell Choir Director	Priscilla Tracy	Worship Production Team	Rod Rockwell & John Cox

## WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

**PRAYERS:** Neil Groth, Byong Won Lee, Joyce Witt, Ken Williams, The people of Ukraine, our "WAVES," our community and our nation, the Korean Peninsula, first responders, the military, medical service providers, leaders of government and churches.

**Serving in mission:** Kutela Katembo, Missionary in Angola, Africa

**PRESENCE:** Sanctuary: 88, Fellowship Hall 4, , Online 16, Nursery 2 **Total: 110**

<b>GIFTS:</b>	April 24	April 17	April 11	April 3	March 27
	\$13,255.00	\$4,879.00	\$11,097.50	\$ 4,975.00	\$2,656.00

**SERVICE:** Thank you to Judy Day, Pat Dudgeon, Barb McCraw and Mike Wheat for beautifying the sanctuary with Lillies.

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**MAY MISSION FOCUS: Cans for Kutela** The Quessua Agricultural Center in faraway Angola needs watering cans and seeds to give to impoverished families in neighboring villages. Kutela Katembo, the United Methodist missionary whom we support, is an agricultural specialist. He is the director of the Center that serves the Quessua Boarding School and surrounding communities. In his recent email newsletter, Kutela described the seriousness of food shortages in the region, due to three years of drought caused by “climate change disturbances.” Insufficient rainfall for crops, plus economic setbacks during the pandemic, have resulted in an alarmingly high rate of undernourishment and malnutrition, particularly in children.

Kutela is dedicated to aiding the Quessua families who have learned to survive on one meal a day “and some days none.” For children, this minimal nourishment is life-threatening. Two things that can help are seeds and watering cans. Seeds are very expensive in Angola, and most families cannot afford to buy them. If we can send the money, Kutela can buy the seeds and watering cans, and the villagers can plant, water, grow and then EAT!

**We CAN do this!!** Checks should be written to Central UMC, designated “Kutela” and mailed to the church or placed in the offering on Sundays. There will be a watering can at the sanctuary entrance for cash or coins. Thank you from the hungry families in Angola.

## Planning Ahead:

**Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:30 am:**

**Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm:**

**Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am:**

**Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am:**

**Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm:**

**Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm:**

**Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm:**

**Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am:**

**Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 8 am:**

**Mon-Thurs 6/27-6/30, 9 am -12 pm:**

**Bible Study**

**Bell Choir practice**

**Naomi Circle**

**Spirit Choir practice**

**Trustees Meeting**

**Finance Meeting**

**Council Meeting**

**United Methodist Men at Gunther Toody's.**

**All Church Work Day**

**VBS**

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**AID FOR UKRAINE:** The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is in direct conversation with Methodist leadership in Ukraine where UM churches are helping internally displaced people, IDPs, (Ukrainians who have lost their homes or had to flee their cities) and those fleeing Ukraine and becoming refugees in adjoining Poland, Hungary, Romania or Slovakia. To help, you may write a check to Central UMC, designated Ukraine. 100% of your contribution to UMCOR will be used for response and recovery in Ukraine.

**BRING WHAT THEY NEED!** And they need 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!** You may put non-perishable food items in the cart in the entry on any Sunday or weekday. Donations will be delivered to Mercy's Gate.

**Thanks for sharing.**

**FANTASTIC!** Fifty (50!!) jars of peanut butter, including 6 extra-large jars, were donated for Mercy's Gate Food Pantry during the month of April. Last year, we donated 38 jars during the whole year; for 2022, we've now given 54 jars. Thank you from some very grateful neighbors.

**THE UPPER ROOM** for May-June 2022. Copies are available at the entryway on Sunday, or you may pick one up during office hours.

**CLASS LOCATIONS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Children (K-5th grade) will meet in the Assembly Room. Youth in the youth room; Karen Hobson's class in Classrooms 1 and 2 in Fellowship Hall; Pastor Eunjoo's class in the Conference Room. Classes begin at 11:15 am.

**VAN MINISTRY:** If you need a ride to church, the van ministry is ready to serve. Just call the office (719-597-6642) **BEFORE NOON** on Fridays. Please do not leave a phone message on Friday afternoon, Saturday or Sunday; no one will be available to hear it.

# SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Servers: Pastor Eunjoo Yi , Rev. Judy Owsley, Mark & Cheryl James

## ***Invitation***

This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites all who trust Him to share the feast which He has prepared.

## ***Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness***

Leader: Lord, we confess to you our weakness and unbelief. We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection.

**All:** *In your mercy, forgive us.*

Leader: We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing.

**All:** *In your mercy, forgive us.*

Leader: We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven.

**All:** *In your mercy, forgive us.*

Leader: Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, thank you for pardoning and delivering us from all our sins. Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in life eternal.

**All:** *Amen!*

## ***Praise and Thanksgiving***

Leader: Let us lift up our hearts to the Lord and give thanks to the Lord our God, who has given us life and second birth in His Spirit. Once we were no people, but now we are God's people chosen as witnesses to the resurrection. From worlds apart, our Lord gathered us together. When we go astray, you welcome us home with your steadfast love.

**All:** *Therefore, we praise you. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

## ***Consecration of the Elements***

.....Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

(Those who are at home, please prepare your bread and juice at home.)

## ***Prayer for Transformation***

**Leader:** *Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we eat and the juice we drink may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place.*

**All:** *Unite us now at your table, and in one loaf and a common cup, make us one in Christ Jesus. Let your Spirit empower the life we share and ignite our witness in the world. Give us strength to serve you until the promised day of the resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory.*

## ***Passing the Bread and Cup***

(If you are able, please come forward, and a team of two wearing masks and gloves will serve you a piece of bread and a cup of juice. The elements will be dropped into your hand. After partaking, drop the empty cup into the trash can and go back to your seat or pray at the altar rail. Those who are at home may partake while elements are served in the sanctuary.)

## ***Prayer after Communion***

**All:** *Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. Amen.*