

**Central United Methodist Church
of Colorado Springs**

“A Place to Begin...Belong...Become”

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

Sunday, April 4, 2022, 10:00 am



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Central United Methodist Church

PRELUDE

“Were You There?” Arr. Berry

Jo Jackson

WELCOME

Pastor Eunjoo Yi

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Judy Owsley

Leader: Too often, too easily, our eyes are drawn down, God,

People: **to the suffering of victims and to the wounds we inflict on ourselves
and on others**

All: *We need to see these things and pray.*

Leader: We need our eyes to be lifted, God,

People: **to the signs of your life among us, to the touch of your healing on our souls,**

All: *to the cross that casts its liberating shadow across all human affairs.*

Leader: We need our hearts to be filled with faith and hope and love, God.

All: *Fill our hearts with your Spirit of faith and hope and love. Amen!*

*HYMN

“And Are We Yet Alive”

Hymnal, No. 553

1. And are we yet alive, and see each other’s face?
Glory and thanks to Jesus give for his mighty grace!
2. Preserved by power divine to full salvation here,
again in Jesus’ praise we join, and in his sight appear.
3. What troubles have we seen, what mighty conflicts past,
fightings without, and fears within, since we assembled last!

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

Rev. Judy

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Sara Murdaugh

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

“Beneath The Cross of Jesus” Arr. Hayes

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

Psalms 126 & Philippians 3:4b-14 (NIV)

Tori Dudgeon

Psalms 126 “When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed. Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, ‘The Lord has done great things for them.’ The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. Restore our fortunes, Lord, like streams in the Negev. Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.”

Philippians 3:4b-14 “If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

MESSAGE

“Transitions in Faith”

Pastor Eunjoo

HYMN

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

Hymnal, No. 301

1. Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary’s mountain.
2. Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me.
3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o’er me.

Refrain

*In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Servers: Brad and Sara Murdaugh

*HYMN

“Standing on the Promises of Christ My King”

Hymnal, No. 374

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.
2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God.
3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love’s strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit’s sword, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

*Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I’m standing on the promises of God.*

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Eunjoo

POSTLUDE

“O, God, Our Help in Ages Past” Arr. Berry

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 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

Invitation

Leader: Dear friends, we are going to Jerusalem with Jesus.

People: He is our pardon, our healing, and our peace!

Leader: We will suffer the trial with him, resisting evil.

People: With Him, we will walk the path to life.

Leader: But come first to the table where there is food for the journey.

**All: *With hearts full of joy we come,
giving thanks to God, our maker,
and offering our praise!***

Prayer of Confession

All: *As we come to the table as repentant sinners, Christ wants to assure us of his forgiveness. As we come with our struggles, Christ wants to assure us of his living presence. As we come with our doubts, Christ wants to touch us with the flesh and blood reality of his life.*

Consecration

..... Therefore, we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament.

ALL: *Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.*

Remembering and Giving Thanks

Leader: Now, O God, we remember Jesus.

Silence.....

Leader: *He fasted and prayed; he was tempted and tried*

People: He relied on you for everything.

Leader: *He was obedient to you and scorned by the powers of this world.*

People: He confounded the haughty and gave hope to the humble.

Leader: *He was betrayed and deserted. He died between thieves and was buried in a borrowed grave.*

People: You gave Him new life. He lives even now, our healer and friend.

Leader: *He loved us all, and loves us still, and will love us forever.*

People: Even on the night of betrayal, He ate supper with His friends.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, come! Make all things new.

Bless this bread which you have given

And human hands have made.

Let it become for us the bread of life.

Bless also this cup, fruit of the vine

And work of human hands.

Let it become for us the cup of salvation.

Bless us also who eat and drink,

That in this sharing we may know the living Christ

Who is with us now, and to the end of the age.

Nourish us by these gifts to be willing servants of your world

Until the new kingdom comes, and every creature beholds it.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(As Pastor Eunjoo & Sara Murdaugh; Rev. Judy & Brad Murdaugh serve those who are in the sanctuary and those in the Fellowship Hall, please prepare your bread and juice at home. Please wait until all have been served.)

(When everyone is served, we will partake together at Pastor Eunjoo's guidance.)

Thanksgiving

Leader: Let us give thanks!

All: *Thank you, merciful God,*

For gladness in this bread and cup,

For love that never ends,

For peace the world cannot give,

For joy in the company of friends,

For the splendors of creation,

And for the mission of justice

You have made our own.

Give us the gifts of this holy communion-

Oneness of heart, love for neighbors.

Forgiveness of enemies,

The will to serve you every day,

And life that never ends.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

PRAYERS: Victims of the wildfire in Boulder areas; Prayers for Ukraine, WAVES, Cerne Rieves' brother Bill; protection of all our Central family, our community, our nation, and the Korean Peninsula; First Responders and medical service providers; leaders of government and churches

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

PRESENCE: Sanctuary: 67, Fellowship Hall 3, , Online 17, **Total: 87**

GIFTS:	March 27	March 20	March 13	March 6	Feb 27
	\$2,656.00	\$ 5,608.00	\$2,994.00	\$7,367.00	\$5,052.00

SERVICE: Thank you to those who pack 56 backpacks every month for Swigert and Mitchell High School.

EASTER MISSION FOCUS: What could be more meaningful than providing a fresh start for a struggling family with children! During the month of April, you're invited to give *an Easter gift of new life*. Our contributions to Family Promise, the umbrella organization of IHN, will help to provide shelter and meals, case management, job search guidance ... all the 'pieces' necessary to put a family's life back together and make it possible for them to afford an apartment. We can offer new life, new hope to struggling families with a fresh start in a home of their own.

You may write a check to Central UMC, designated "Family Promise" or drop coins or cash in the Easter basket outside the sanctuary on Sundays.

APRIL IS NATIONAL PEANUT BUTTER MONTH! Really?? "National Peanut Butter Month"?? No, we made that up. But it IS true that this month is Peanut Butter Month for Central. Peanut butter is a popular and nutritious food item that can be prepared with just a knife to spread it. There are always happy smiles when a hungry family receives a jar in the sack of food they are given by **Mercy's Gate**. But the pantry is always in need of **more peanut butter!** CAN YOU HELP? Let's each bring a jar of peanut butter or other non-perishable food items during April. What a yummy and helpful gift that will be! Please bring food to grocery carts in the hallway on any Sunday or weekday during April. *Last year we gave 38 jars of peanut butter. Can we top that this year?!*

Planning Ahead:

Tuesday, April 5th, at 9:30 am:

Wednesday, April 6th, at 7 pm:

Thursday, April 7th, at 10:00 am:

Saturday, April 9th, at 10:00 am:

April 7th – 10th:

Sunday, April 10th, at 9:30 am:

Sunday, April 10th, at 10:00 am:

Sunday, April 10th, at 11:00 am:

Monday, April 11th, at 6 pm:

Tuesday, April 12th, at 6 pm:

Tuesday, April 12th, at 7 pm:

Friday, April 15th, at Noon:

Sunday, April 17th:

Bible Study

Bell Choir practice

Naomi Circle

United Methodist Men

Pastor Eunjoo at Convention

Spirit Choir Practice

Pastor Matt Lurz will preach

Palm Sunday & Easter Egg Hunt

Trustees Meeting

Finance Meeting

Council Meeting

Good Friday Service followed by soup lunch

Easter (Bubbles and No Sunday School)

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.

EASTER FUN FOR EVERYONE!! The youth are planning an Easter Egg hunt for all ages after church on **Palm Sunday, April 10th**. Come join the fun and be a kid again!! There will be a children's area and another location for youth and adults. ASAP, please bring individually wrapped candies and small toys to the plastic bin in Fellowship Hall. The youth will be filling Easter eggs on Sunday 3/27 and 4/3.

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. We look forward to seeing you in church.



EASTER FLOWERS AND MEMORIALS

We will not be taking orders for individual pots of Easter flowers for the sanctuary, as we have previously. The florist has let us know that they are not able to provide Easter lilies and other bulb plants this year. The altar will still come alive on Easter morning with two bouquets of “Oriental Lilies” in vases.

You are invited to provide names of loved ones whom you would like to remember or honor in the Easter Sunday bulletin. There is no cost. Please list names below, and place this form in the offering plate or mail to the church:

Please Print

IN MEMORY OF

Name: _____

Name: _____

IN HONOR OF

Name: _____

Name: _____

Your name: _____

Phone No.: _____