

**Central United Methodist Church  
of Colorado Springs**

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

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

**Sunday, September 4, 2022, 10:00 am**



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PRELUDE	“Love Medley” arr. Ham	Jo Jackson
WELCOME		Rev. Deb
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Rev. Judy
Leader:	People of God, welcome the Word of God.	
People:	<b>Let us hear and live God’s Word.</b>	
Leader:	People of God, the journey will be hard at times, are you ready?	
People:	<b>Yes, we are ready. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to the journey ahead.</b>	
Leader:	God of power and mercy, only with your help can we offer you fitting service and praise. May we live the faith we profess and trust your promise of eternal life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.	
*HYMN	“Be Thou My Vision”	UMH, #451
CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES		Rev. Judy
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE		Rev. Judy
*PRAYER HYMN	“Change My Heart, O God”	TFWS, #2152
OUR PRAYERS		Rev. Deb
<b>The Lord’s Prayer</b>		
	<b>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.</b>	
OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS		
Offertory	“Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated/Sanctuary” arr. Tornquist	Jo Jackson
*Doxology	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	UMH, #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	Offertory Prayer	Rev. Deb

SCRIPTURE

Luke 14:25-33 (NRSV)

Reader: Rev. Judy

“Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

MEDITATION

“Counting the Cost”

Rev. Deb

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Deb

Leader: Christ our Lord invites ...Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**CONFESSION AND PARDON: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader to people: Hear the good news...Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Musical Setting A

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**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.**

Leader: Holy are you...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Musical Setting A

UMH pg. 18

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

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit...now and forever. Amen.

Musical Setting A

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**Amen, amen amen.**

Sharing the Meal

Servers: Lee Scheierman and Joyce Witt

(If you are able, please come forward, two servers wearing gloves will place a piece of bread and a cup of juice into your hand.)

Prayer After the Meal:

Rev. Judy

\*HYMN

“Are Ye Able, Said the Master”

UMH, #530

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Deb

POSTLUDE

“He Is Exalted/Praise Him! Praise Him!” arr. Callaway

Jo Jackson

\*Standing for those who wish



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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  
Senior Pastor  
Pastor Emeritus  
Quiet Disciple

All the members of the congregation  
Debra Wacker  
Judy Owsley  
Karen Hobson

## WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

**PRAYERS:** Billie Owings, 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:** Outside Worship 78: 69, Online 8, **Total: 86**

<b>GIFTS:</b>	Aug 28	Aug 21	Aug 14	Aug 7	July 31
	\$3,170.00	\$2,731.00	\$3,326.71	\$6,572.00	\$ 2,990.00

**SERVICE:** Thank you to everyone who cooked and served on Rally Day! And thank you to all who brought canopies.

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### CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

**SEPTEMBER MISSION FOCUS:** BUMP! A Native American Ministry What is BUMP?? It's the acronym for the "Blackfeet United Methodist Parish" in Browning, Montana. The Blackfeet United Methodist Parish (BUMP) serves the people who live on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation located just east of Glacier National Park in the state of Montana. Let's see what Central can do to help give a "jump" to BUMP! You are invited to donate by check made payable to CUMC and designated "BUMP."

**ALL-CHURCH DISCUSSION:** Pastor Deb will be hosting an All Church Discussion starting September 15th@ the Church on Thursdays @ 6:30-7:20 PM.

**HYGIENE ITEMS NEEDED:** Mercy's Gate is requesting donations of toiletries, feminine hygiene items, diapers and wipes.

**WALK. RUN, OR WRITE!** Three ways you can choose to support Family Promise/IHN: There will be a 5K Run or a walk of any length on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, downtown near Memorial Park. [Register online at Family Promise COS. Org] OR you may write a check to CUMC designated FP/IHN. IHN needs our support, so please choose to help!

**WHERE DO YOU LIVE?** Please take a minute to put a flag on the map of Colorado Springs this morning. Pick up one of the numbered flags; print your name on the list next to that number. Then, locate your address on the map, and pin the flag!

**SEEING GRAY IN A WORLD OF BLACK AND WHITE:** Study begins this Tuesday, 9:30 - 10:30 this week the class will be in Fellowship Hall. Books (\$13) in the office today.

**MENTAL HEALTH:** Please take a moment and look at the bulletin board, near the main entrance, and see several opportunities to take part of Mental Health conversations during the month of September.

### \*HYMN

#### "Be Thou My Vision"

UMH, #451

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
3. Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### \*PRAYER HYMN

#### "Change My Heart, O God"

TFWS, #2152

Change my heart, O God,  
make it ever true. Change my heart,  
O God, may I be like you.  
You are the Potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

### \*HYMN

#### "Are Ye Able, Said the Master"

UMH, #530

1. "Are ye able," said the Master, "to be crucified with me?"  
"Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered, "to the death we follow thee."
2. Are ye able to remember, when a thief lifts up his eyes,  
that his pardoned soul is worthy of a place in paradise?
3. Are ye able when the shadows close around you with the sod,  
to believe that spirit triumphs to commend your soul to God?
4. Are ye able? Still the Master whispers down eternity,  
and heroic spirits answer, now as then in Galilee.

#### Refrain

Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine. Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.  
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.