

**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, November 6, 2022, 10:00 am
All Saints Sunday**



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PRELUDE “I Sing A Song of the Saints of God” arr. L. Smith Kim Crom

WELCOME Rev. Deb Wacker

CHORAL OPENING Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Judy

Leader: Blessed are those who are faithful to Christ in this life!

People: **We celebrate the glory of those who now surround the throne of Christ, praising God!**

Leader: This world is transitory, but full of sorrow and pain. Those who endure by faith in Christ are blessed with joy forever!

People: **Salvation comes from God! We praise him for the faithful who serve him, and for his faithfulness to those who trust him.**

Leader: Gracious Father, whose glory is poured upon those who gave faithful service to your Son: Endow your church with conviction to be faithful in times when persecution is replaced by apathy and indifference that we may continue to serve Christ, and become his church triumphant.

All: ***In Christ's name we pray. Amen.***

*OPENING HYMN “How Great Thou Art” UMH #77
Processional of Candles by Family and Church Members

CHILDREN’S TIME OF WONDER Rev. Judy

READING OF THE 23RD PSALM – The Divine Shepherd Rev. Judy

CHORAL RESPONSE Chancel Choir

OUR PRAYERS Rev. Deb

DECLARATION OF PARDON:

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! Regardless of our struggle in our attempts to be pure. Our sins which keep us impure are forgiven.

People: **The promise of eternity is real, as sin no longer mars the image you have given us, O Lord.**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news! In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

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 ... us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory "I Can Only Imagine" B. Millard Kim Crom

*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.

*Offertory Prayer/Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Deb

SCRIPTURE Revelation 7:9-17 (NRSV) Reader: Rev. Judy

"After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

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

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN "Shall We Gather at the River" UMH #723 vs. 1 & 3

MEDITATION "The Saints in the Wardrobe" Rev. Deb

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS: Rev. Deb & Rev. Judy

Joe Tanner Vern Dayhoff Herman McElhaney Earl Lash Iona Hughes
Neal Groth Beverly Bunce Don Russell Donna Jones

MEMORIAL

Leader: Almighty God, before whom stand the living and the dead, we your children, whose mortal life is but a hand's breadth, give thanks to you: For all those through whom you have blessed our pilgrimage, whose lives that have empowered us, whose influence is a healing grace...

People: We lift up thankful hearts.

Leader: For the dear friends and family members whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us for ever...

People: We lift up thankful hearts.

Leader: For the teachers and companions of our childhood and youth, and for the members of our household of faith who worship you now in heaven...

People: We lift up thankful hearts.

Leader: For those who sacrificed themselves, our brothers and sisters who have given their lives for the sake of others...

People: We lift up thankful hearts.

Leader: That we may hold them all in continual remembrance, and ever think of them as with you in that city whose gates are not shut by day and where there is no night ...

People: We lift up thankful hearts.

Leader: That we may now be dedicated to working for a world where labor is rewarded, fear dispelled, and the nations made one,

People: O Lord, save your people and bless your heritage.

Leader: Day by day we magnify you, and worship your name, for ever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN "Holy Ground" 3X FWS#2272

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Musical setting UMH pg. 17

People: 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: Blessed is the one ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Musical setting UMH pg. 18

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit ... all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and forever.

Musical setting UMH pg. 17

People: Amen, amen, amen.

SHARING THE MEAL Communion Servers: Sam Schipfer and Adrienne Schipfer

(As 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 OF THANKSGIVING Rev. Judy

*CLOSING HYMN UMH #672 vs. 3

“God Be with You till We Meet Again”

*BENEDICTION Rev. Deb

CHORAL RESPONSE Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Kim Crom

“For All The Saints” arr. C. Berry

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

*Standing for those who wish

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

Senior Pastor

Pastor Emeritus

Quiet Disciple

Office Manager

Bookkeeper

Bell Choir Director

Chancel Choir/Praise Band Director

Nursery Caregivers

Sensory Room

Facility Manager

Worship Production Team

Accompanists

Signing

All the members of the congregation

Debra Wacker

Judy Owsley

Karen Hobson

Marie Nieto

Cheryl James

Priscilla Tracy

Jon Ainsworth

Chelsea Bosick & Lani Bosick

Melissa James

John Cox

Rod Rockwell & John Cox

Jo Jackson & Kim Crom

Jan Adams



WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

PRAYERS: Jim Dausel; Billie Owings; Karen Hobson's mother, Mary; Leo Curly; Angie and Bob Edwards' grandson; 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: Worship 77, Fellowship Hall 3, Nursery 5, Online 6, **Total: 91**
Fall Carnival: 44 workers and 99 attendees

GIFTS:	Oct 30	Oct 23	Oct 16	Oct 9	Oct 2
	\$1,750.00	\$4,319.00	\$3,104.00	\$5,824.00	\$3,769.00

SERVICE: Thank you to the 44 volunteers who helped make the Fall Carnival a great success.

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

NOVEMBER MISSION FOCUS: Each of us is invited to share 'a gift of thankfulness' by donating food or gift cards for Mercy's Gate during the month of November, and **frozen turkeys on Sunday, November 20th.** Please bring donations of non-perishable food items (especially the 'makings' of a Thanksgiving meal!) to the cart at south entrance. Grocery gift cards can be placed in the offering (Please indicate the amount on each card.).

You may also give a check made payable to Central UMC and designated for "Mercy's Gate." This will support the many ministries of Mercy's Gate in addition to the Food Pantry.

ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE for Central UMC will be **NEXT Saturday November 12, at 10:00 am** at the church in the Fellowship Hall. **EVERYONE** is invited and encouraged to attend! This is an in-person meeting but Zoom is available.

SALVATION ARMY STOCKINGS FIFTY empty Christmas stockings will be available on a table by the south entrance, **today.** There will be lists of suggestions on the table with the stockings. Please pick up a stocking (or two or three), and return it no later than **Sunday, December 4th.** Some teenager will be smiling broadly this Christmas because you filled a stocking with special gifts. Bless you!

*OPENING HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

UMH #77

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.
2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;
3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin;
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

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HYMN

"Shall We Gather at the River"

UMH #723 vs. 1 & 3

- 1 Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
3. Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down; grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.

Refrain

*Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.*

*HYMN

"Holy Ground" 3X

FWS#2272

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

*CLOSING HYMN

"God Be with You till We Meet Again"

UMH #672

3. God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put his arms unfailing round you; God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;

till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.