

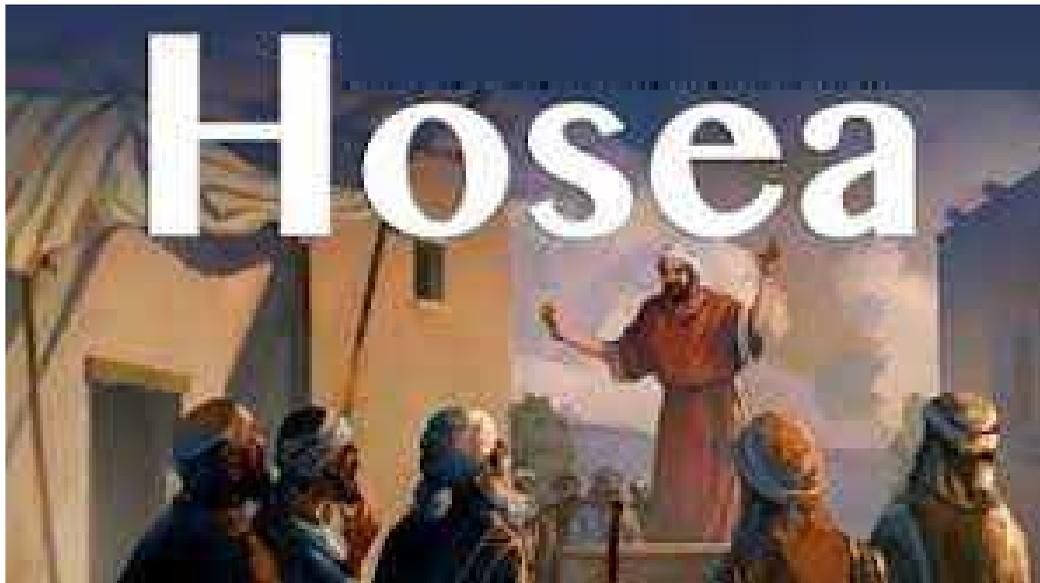


**Central United Methodist Church  
of Colorado Springs**

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

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

**Sunday, August 8, 2022, 10:00 am**



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PRELUDE “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” Arr. A. Jordan Kim Crom

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT Acolytes

WELCOME Rev. Deb

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 107: 1-9) Rev. Judy

Leader: Give thanks to God! For God’s love endures.

People: **We give thanks that God is at work among humankind.**

Leader: Give thanks to God! For only God can satisfy us.

People: **We give thanks to God for filling our spiritual hunger with good things.**

**AMEN.**

\*HYMN “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God” UMH, #405

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES Rev. Judy

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Rev. Judy

\* PRAYER HYMN “Give Thanks” UMH, #2036

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.**

**OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

Offertory “For the Beauty of the Earth” arr. Smith & Hustad Piano/Organ Duet  
Kim Crom/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 Hosea 11:1-11 (NRSV) Reader: Rev. Judy

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. Yet it was

I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

MEDITATION “Hosea’s Risky Love, Part II” Rev. Deb

\*HYMN “One Bread, One Body” UMH #620

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Rev. Deb

Invitation  
Confession and Pardon

*All: We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your unfailing mercies. We are not worthy that you should receive us, but give your word and we shall be healed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Rev. Deb & Rev. Judy: Hear the good news....all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

Sharing the Meal Servers: Scott and Barb Watson  
(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 OF THANKSGIVING Rev. Deb

\*HYMN “Christ, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH, #550

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Deb

RETRIEVING THE LIGHT Acolytes

POSTLUDE “Amazing Grace” Traditional Kim Crom

PLAYGROUND DEDICATION Rev. Deb

\*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	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

## WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

**PRAYERS:** Maxine Rummel, Family of Donna Jones, Jan and Bob Adams; 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: 72, Fellowship Hall 5, Online 12, Nursery 5 **Total: 94**

<b>GIFTS:</b>	July 31	July 24	July 17	July 10	July 3
	\$ 2,990.00	\$3,318.00	\$3,151.00	\$6,827.00	\$4,607.00

**SERVICE:** Thank you to everyone who made the John and Katherine Cox's wedding celebration a success.

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**AUGUST MISSION FOCUS:** "Project Backpack" is Central's unique mission to provide 56 backpacks filled with food and hygiene items for families in neighborhood schools, once a month during the school year. A contribution of any amount will help greatly. You may sponsor a backpack for 8 months @ \$200, make a one-time contribution of any amount, or pledge to donate monthly. Please make checks payable to CUMC and put "Project Backpack" on the memo line. To make a pledge or for more information, contact Cheryl James (591-6518).

**PLAYGROUND DEDICATION:** At the **close of this morning's service**, everyone is invited to exit through the east doors of the main hallway and walk to the playground on east side of the building. Pastor Deb will dedicate the new "spinner" given by the Lee Helmbrecht family in memory of his son Michael.

**CUMC** Please feel free to SIGN UP under the HOST home that's convenient for you!- let's get to know Pastor Deb!

**SOUP, CHILI, AND SALAD:** The shelves are bare at Mercy's Gate for chili, canned prepared foods and chunky soups. Plus, they have a cooler and are able to accept donations of fresh garden produce. Please bring non-perishable items to the cart at any time.. Thanks for sharing!!

**RALLY DAY IS AUGUST 28<sup>th</sup>!** Let's really rally with worship on the east lawn at 10:00, super fun Sunday School for all ages at 11:00, cook-out lunch at 11:45 and an ice cream truck for dessert! (Bring money for ice cream.)

**CONSIDER THIS:** On Tuesday mornings this fall, Rev. Judy Owsley will be leading a discussion of *Seeing Gray in a Black and White World* by Adam Hamilton. Read the description in The Messenger, and consider attending on Tuesdays, 9:30 -10:30, in the Assembly Room or on Zoom, beginning 9/6. Books (\$13) available in the office.

**Donna Jones' family:** If anyone would like to send condolence cards to Donna's son Michael & Jodi Jones, their address is 733 E 16th Street, Casper, WY 82601

**\*HYMN** "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" **UMH, #405**

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!
2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

**\* PRAYER HYMN** "Give Thanks" **UMH, #2036**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks! Give thanks! Give thanks!

**\*HYMN** "One Bread, One Body" **UMH, #620**

*Refrain*

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.*

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.
2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.
3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.

**\*HYMN** "Christ, from Whom All Blessings Flow" **UMH, #550**

1. Christ, from whom all blessings flow, perfecting the saints below, hear us, who thy nature share, who thy mystic body are.
2. Join us, in one spirit join, let us still receive of thine; still for more on thee we call, thou who fillest all in all.
3. Move and actuate and guide, diverse gifts to each divide; placed according to thy will, let us all our work fulfill;
4. Never from thy service move, needful to each other prove; use the grace on each bestowed, tempered by the art of God.
5. Many are we now, and one, we who Jesus have put on; there is neither bond nor free, male nor female, Lord, in thee.
6. Love, like death, hath all destroyed, rendered all distinctions void; name and sects and parties fall; thou, O Christ, art all in all!