

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 13, 2022, 10:00 am

Veterans and Stewardship Sunday



A WONDER-FULL LIFE:

Stewardship Sunday!

Veterans Sunday!

Looking with Gratitude Week 4

“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” — John 10:10b

We become curious—full of “wonder-ing”—further transforming our tendencies of avoiding money issues into a desire to learn more, know more, about the systems of money and our own relationship to it. We explore what our faith story invites us to do about the systems of money in which we find ourselves.

PRELUDE “Servant Song/Make Me a Servant” arr. Hayes Jo Jackson

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES Robert Rummel

SPECIAL MUSIC “Jesus is Calling” Heavenly Bells

WELCOME Rev. Deb Wacker

CHORAL OPENING “Be Thou My Vision” UMH #451 vs. 1 Chancel Choir

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.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Robert Rummel

Leader: Our altar candles glow to affirm that where there is light,

People: **there is understanding;**

Leader: where there is understanding,

People: **there is compassion;**

Leader: where there is compassion,

People: **there is possibility;**

Leader: where there is possibility;

People: **there is transformation.**

Leader: Holy and Living God, transform our fears into awe-inspired wonder.

All: **Open us to this light, and to the rich possibilities that it brings us for a “wonder-full” life.**

\*OPENING HYMN “America the Beautiful” UMH #696

CHILDREN’S TIME OF WONDER Karen Hobson

CELEBRATION OF OUR VETERANS Armed Forces Medley Rev. Deb and Jo Jackson

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.**

PRAYER HYMN Breathe on Me, Breath of God UMH #420

SCRIPTURE PRELUDE

HYMN Be Thou My Vision UMH #451 vs. 2  
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

SCRIPTURE Acts 4:32-35 (CEB) Reader: Robert Rummel  
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles: "The community of believers was one in heart and mind. None of them would say, 'This is mine!' about any of their possessions, but held everything in common. The apostles continued to bear powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and an abundance of grace was at work among them all. There were no needy persons among them. Those who owned properties or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds from the sales, and place them in the care and under the authority of the apostles. Then it was distributed to anyone who was in need."

Leader: This is a Word of God for the people of God.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION "Looking with Gratitude" Rev. Deb

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Witness Sam Schipfer  
Offertory "My Country 'Tis of Thee" arr. Keveren Jo Jackson  
Celebration of our Pledge

\*Doxology "Be Thou My Vision" UMH, #451 vs. 3

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

\*Offertory Prayer/Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*CLOSING HYMN "He Touched Me" UMH #367

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Deb

CHORAL CLOSING "Till We Meet Again" Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE "America, the Beautiful" arr. Keveren 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



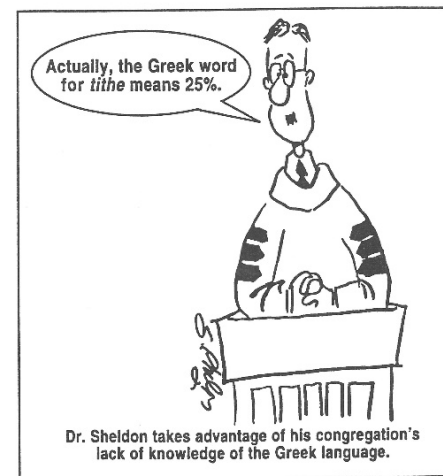
**WELCOME TO**  
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WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH – A warm greeting is extended to all who are visiting with us today. We are delighted that you chose to worship with us this morning. It is our prayer that this service will be a source of comfort and inspiration to you. If we can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to let us know.



## WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

**PRAYERS:** Karen Hobson and family upon the death of her mother, Mary; Jim Dausel; Billie Owings; 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 72, Fellowship Hall 4, Nursery 2, Online 5, **Total: 83**

<b>GIFTS:</b>	Nov 13	Oct 30	Oct 23	Oct 16	Oct 9
	\$4,989.00	\$1,750.00	\$4,319.00	\$3,104.00	\$5,824.00

**SERVICE:** Thank you to Joyce Rockwell and Cheryl James for coordinating the All-Saints procession last Sunday.

### CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

**NOVEMBER MISSION FOCUS:** Each of us is invited to share a “gift of thankfulness” by donating grocery gift cards or non-perishable food items for Mercy’s Gate as a way of providing Thanksgiving dinner for families in our community. Please bring food gifts to the cart at south entrance and place gift cards in the offering. You may also give by check to Central UMC, designated “Mercy’s Gate.” Thanks for your giving!

**BRING A TURKEY TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY!** November 20<sup>th</sup> is the day that Missions will be collecting frozen turkeys to be included in Thanksgiving boxes given to clients of Mercy’s Gate. There will be someone at the south entrance to accept turkeys and carry them to the freezer.

**IHN HOSTING:** Please check the lists this morning. We need **overnight/breakfast hosts** for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights and **hospitality hosts** (5:30-8:00) for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Also needed are people to help with **set-up** on Sunday, 11/27, beginning at 11:00, and **tear-down** on Sunday, 12/04, beginning at 7:00 a.m. Questions? Talk with Barb McCraw this morning, or call Rev. Judy (719-237-9395).

**SALVATION ARMY STOCKINGS:** We have not been given the stockings yet. Please plan on picking up an empty stocking next Sunday to fill for a youth this Christmas.

**ADVENT STUDY** "Prepare the Way for the Lord," led by Pastor Deb on Thursdays, 5:30 - 6:30 pm. December 1-22. Prepare to receive Christ this Advent with the message of John the Baptist. Author and pastor Adam Hamilton explores the Advent themes of John's life and ministry and how John calls all followers of Jesus to prepare our hearts for his coming. Books are \$14 and available in the office.

### OPENING HYMN

“America the Beautiful”

UMH #696

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;  
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.
2. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.
3. O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

### PRAYER HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

UMH #420

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,  
till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

### CLOSING HYMN

“He Touched Me”

UMH #367

1. Shackled by a heavy burden, neath a load of guilt and shame,  
then the hand of Jesus touched me, and now I am no longer the same.
2. Since I met this blessed Savior, since he cleansed and made me whole,  
I will never cease to praise him; I'll shout it while eternity rolls.

*Refrain*

*He touched me, O he touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul!  
Something happened, and now I know, he touched me and made me whole.*

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

On December 11<sup>th</sup>, our sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias. Would you like to share one to be used to beautify our church for this special season? They will be available for pick up on Christmas Eve. Please do not pick them up before then unless making prior arrangements. On Christmas Eve, we will publish the list of people you have chosen to buy the plants “In Honor Of” or “In Memory Of”.

Fill out the order form below and put it with your check in the offering plate by **Sunday, November 20<sup>st</sup>**. The cost is \$15 each and the check should be made payable to Central United Methodist Church (write “poinsettia” on the memo line.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of plants ordered \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 per plant

Amount Enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order a plant

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_ and/or

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

For more space you can use the back



*Poinsettia:*  
*The Flower of Christmas*