

Central United Methodist Church
of Colorado Springs

“A Place to Begin...Belong...Become”

THE CENTRAL FAMILY OF FAITH
GATHERED IN PRAISE AND CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 16, 2022, 10:00 am



A WONDER-FULL LIFE:

Looking at Money and Meaning

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

Gathering: Compassion

As we open our eyes and come out of any avoidance we have regarding our feelings about money, we illumine a candle and ask God to be with us on this journey, giving us fresh perspectives that can shift any ”dis-ease” that holds us back from a courageous vision about our money paths. We have compassion for ourselves and each other because the systems of money we live in are not easy to navigate.

- PRELUDE “Fight the Good Fight” arr. R. Wilson Kim Crom
- WELCOME Rev. Debra Wacker
- CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES Sara Simon
- *HYMN “Be Thou My Vision” UMH #451 vs. 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.
- *CALL TO WORSHIP Sara Simon
Leader: We light this flame 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.
People: **Open us to this light, and to the rich possibilities that it brings us for a “wonder-full” life.**
- *HYMN “Blessed Assurance” UMH #369
- CHILDREN’S TIME OF WONDER Sara Simon
“A Wonder-Full Life” arr. Jason Shelton
To be full of love, To be full of grace, To be full of peace is A Won-der full life.
Giving others love, Giving others grace, Giving others peace is A wonder full life.
- THE WORD IN MUSIC “A Wonder-Full Life” Congregational Reprise

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.

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.

PROCLAIMING: CURIOSITY

Rev. Deb and others

*Prayer 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 Matthew 22:15-22 (CEB)

Reader: Sara Simon

Then the Pharisees met together to find a way to trap Jesus in his words. They sent their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are genuine and that you teach God’s way as it really is. We know that you are not swayed by people’s opinions, because you don’t show favoritism. So tell us what you think: Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

Knowing their evil motives, Jesus replied, “Why do you test me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used to pay the tax.” And they brought him a denarion. “Whose image and inscription is this?” he asked. “Caesar’s,” they replied. Then he said, “Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” When they heard this they were astonished, and they departed.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION “Looking Back”

Rev. Deb

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory “Jesus, Lord to Me” arr. M. Hayes Kim Crom

Offering Witness Robert Rummel

*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 Rev. Deb

*HYMN “What Gift Can We Bring?” UMH #87 vs. 1 & 4

*BENEDICTION Rev. Deb

CHORAL CLOSING Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE “Stir Thy Church, O God, Our Father” arr. S. Jarrell Kim Crom

(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.

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| 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 |
| Signing | Jan Adams |

WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

PRAYERS: The people and communities affected by Hurricane Ian; Leo Curly, Angie and Bob Edwards' grandson; Karen Hobson's mother, Mary; Angie Edward's great niece, Alyssia Roberts; 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: Worship 74, Fellowship Hall 6, Nursery 3, Online 12, **Total: 95**

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| GIFTS: | Oct 9 | Oct 2 | Sept 25 | Sept 18 | Sept 11 |
| | \$5,824.00 | \$3,769.00 | \$3,984.00 | \$1,450.00 | \$5,817.00 |

SERVICE: Thank you to all who assisted with Children's Sunday.

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

OCTOBER MISSION FOCUS: New Life for IHN! Central is one of over thirty churches who support IHN, and we have been a leading participant since IHN began in Colorado Springs 25 years ago. Central will be welcoming families during the week of November 27th to December 4th. We can help make by our financial support of Family Promise, the umbrella organization that includes IHN. There is great "promise" in the future of Family Promise as they continue to provide 'a home' and steps toward recovery for families who are struggling. If you're able, please consider a gift to Family Promise by check (payable to CUMC and designated for FP/IHN) or by dropping coins or cash in the little house at the entrance of the sanctuary.

HELP FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS: The United Methodist Committee on Relief is on the ground with relief for victims in Florida and Puerto Rico. Giving thru UMCOR guarantees that 100% of your contribution will be used in those locations. Please make check payable to CUMC, designated "UMCOR."

SIGN-UPS FOR IHN HOSTING: We're starting early to plan for hosting homeless families in our church for a week, November 27-December 4. There are sheets on a table in Fellowship Hall to review as you decide how you can help. Questions? Contact Pat Dudgeon (951) 255-5538 patdudgeon84@gmail.com

ALL-CHURCH DISCUSSIONS: with Pastor Deb Thursdays@ the Church and on Zoom (new time) @ 5:30-6:30 PM.

BE NICE, BRING RICE! Please bring rice or any non-perishable food and hygiene items to the cart in church entryway any Sunday or weekday during October for Mercy's Gate.. Thanks

*HYMN

"Blessed Assurance "

UMH #369

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

*HYMN

"What Gift Can We Bring?"

UMH #87 vs. 1 & 4

1. What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?
4. This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
these words can convey it, the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
this song we now offer in honor and praise!