

**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 18, 2022, 10:00 am**



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PRELUDE “Lord, Be Glorified” Arr. Hayes Jo Jackson

CHORAL OPENING Chancel Choir

WELCOME Rev. Debra Wacker

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Luke 15:1-10, Posted on the Presbyterian Church in Canada website.) Diane Black

Leader: My friends, when we are lost, all is not lost.  
People: **God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;**  
Leader: God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us  
People: **and waste the gifts we have been given.**  
Leader: God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;  
People: **let us celebrate and rejoice in God’s presence forever; let us worship in God’s mercy, together! Amen.**

\*HYMN “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee UMH, #89

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES Diane Black

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Karen Hobson

\*PRAYER HYMN “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” UMH #348

OUR PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.**

CHORAL RESPONSE Chancel Choir

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory “Wonderful Words of Life” arr. Tornquist Jo Jackson

\*Doxology "Alleluia" UMH, #186

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

\*Offertory Prayer/Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Deb

SCRIPTURE Luke 15:1-10 (NRSV) The Parable of the Lost Sheep Reader: Diane Black

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.'

The Parable of the Lost Coin

'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

MEDITATION "Having Words with Jesus – Finding the Lost" Rev. Deb

\*HYMN "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" TFWS#2129

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Deb

CHORAL CLOSING Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE "Walking with Thee" arr. Sallee 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**  
**CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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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:** 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 75, Fellowship Hall 3, Nursery 2, Online 8, **Total: 88**

<b>GIFTS:</b>	Sept 11	Sept 4	Aug 28	Aug 21	Aug 14
	\$5,817.00	\$7,300.00	\$3,170.00	\$2,731.00	\$3,326.71

**SERVICE:** Thank you to Worship production team for reorganizing the new sound booth.

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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 22nd@ the Church and on Zoom 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!

**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.

**CHOIR REHEARSALS:** Bell Choir rehearses on Wednesday nights from 7 to 8 PM. Chancel Choir meets every Sunday at 9 AM. Both are held in the Sanctuary and all are welcome to join!

\*HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

UMH, #89

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow,  
flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars began;  
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

\*PRAYER HYMN

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

UMH #348

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;  
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.
2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?
3. Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me;  
shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming, coming for you and for me.
4. O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.

*Refrain*

*Come home, come home; you who are weary, come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!*

\*HYMN

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

TFWS#2129

1. I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus no turning back, no turning back.
2. The world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me no turning back, no turning back.
3. Though none go with me, still I will follow, though none go with me, still I will  
follow, though none go with me, still I will follow no turning back, no turning back.