

**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 20, 2022, 10:00 am



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Central United Methodist Church

Christ The King Sunday!

Thanksgiving Sunday!

PRELUDE “Now Thank We All Our God” arr. L. Larson Kim Crom/Organ

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES Joyce Witt

WELCOME Rev. Deb Wacker

CHORAL OPENING Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP Joyce Witt

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was, and is to come (Rev. 1:8).

People: **We come to worship the one who rules justly (2 Samuel 23:34).**

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, the ruler of the kings of the earth! (Rev. 1:5)

People: **Bread of Heaven, God with us! (John 6:51, Mt. 1:23.)**

Leader: Good Shepherd, True Vine! (John 10:11, John 15:1.)

People: **Eternal Word, The Great I AM (John 1, John 8:58).**

Leader: Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace! (Isaiah 9:6.)

People: **We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords! (Rev. 19:16.) God of Eternity, we stand with the courage of those who insisted, even in perilous times, that not even the most powerful rulers of this earth hold our eternal destiny in their hands. We are secure in Christ, whose reign is just, whose power is endless, and whose love is unfathomable. God of Eternity, we join the chorus of saints who continue to declare that Christ is our King. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen. (Rev. 1:6.)**

*OPENING HYMN “Crown Him with Many Crowns” UMH #327 vs. 1 & 4

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Diane Black

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

PRAYER RESPONSE “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” Chancel Choir

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory "Hymn of Thanksgiving" arr. M. Setchell Piano/Organ Duet with Jo Jackson and Kim Crom UMH #186
*Doxology "Alleluia" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

*Offertory Prayer/Prayer of Thanksgiving

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Joyce Witt & Rev. Deb

HYMN

"Surely the Presence of the Lord" UMH #328

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:4-9 (CEB) Reader: Joyce Witt

"Be glad in the Lord always! Again, I say, be glad! Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus. From now on, brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise. Practice these things: whatever you learned, received, heard, or saw in us. The God of peace will be with you."

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

"Thanks Be to God" Rev. Deb

*CLOSING HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth" UMH #92 vs. 1, 3 & 6

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Deb

Rev. Deb: Are you, grateful people?

People: **Yes. We are thankful and generous people!**

Rev. Deb: Are you intentional about manifesting your attitude of gratitude?

People: **Yes. We share what we have.**

Rev. Deb: Will you consciously pass along your contentment with life?

People: **Yes. We will listen non-judgmentally; our conversations will be respectful.**

Rev. Deb: Will you be alert for the Holy Presence throughout this whole day?

People: **Yes! We are God's thankful, compassionate, and hopeful people, nurtured by bread and by wine that give life!**

Rev. Deb: I thank God for you! Go, nestled in the arms of Caring Presence!

CHORAL CLOSING

"Till We Meet Again" Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

"The Solid Rock" arr. C. Berry Kim Crom

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

*Standing for those 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.

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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: 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 83, Fellowship Hall 5, Nursery 4, Online 12, **Total: 104**

GIFTS:	Nov 13	Nov 6	Oct 30	Oct 23	Oct 16
	\$4,711.00	\$4,989.00	\$1,750.00	\$4,319.00	\$3,104.00

SERVICE: Thank you to Jackson Schipfer, Will Schipfer and Ben Ray for joining the Sunday tech team.

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS on the worship table is a gift from Rev. Deb. Please take one per family.

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," or drop cash in the cornucopia at sanctuary entrance. Thanks for your giving!

POINSETTIA ORDERS: Today is the last day to order poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary during Christmas.

IHN HOSTING: Good news! We have all the volunteers needed for our hosting of families November 27 - December 4. Please plan to help with set-up next Sunday right after the service.

SALVATION ARMY STOCKINGS: The stockings are not available yet at the Salvation Army office. Bob Spaete will pick them up as soon as they have arrived. We hope we will be able to maintain our tradition and fill 50 stockings for teens 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.

SOUP WITH A MISSION: Once again, post COVID, our 'chefs' will have a delicious soup available each Sunday during Advent and on Christmas morning. All moneys collected will be

given to Mercy's Gate. Suggested donation is \$10 per quart or \$5 per pint. Only 20 quarts will be available each Sunday; so, sign the list in Fellowship Hall TODAY to reserve your soup!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

On December 11th, 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 **TODAY**. 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