



Central United Methodist Church of Colorado Springs

“A Place to Begin...Belong...Become”

THE CENTRAL FAMILY OF FAITH
GATHERED IN PRAISE AND CELEBRATION

Sunday, July 24, 2022, 10:00 am



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PRELUDE	“As the Deer/Fairest Lord Jesus” Arr. Hayes	Jo Jackson
BRINGING IN THE LIGHT		Acolytes
WELCOME		Rev. Debra Wacker
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Elyse Brunnemer
Leader:	Friends, what do you see?	
People:	We see that God has set a path before us.	
Leader:	What else do you see?	
People:	We see that God is among us.	
Leader:	And what else do you see?	
People:	We see that God calls us to be prophets.	
Leader:	Prophets, look deeper, what else do you see?	
People:	We see the many ways we distract ourselves and the good and the bad fruits we have produced.	
Leader:	What do you want to see today?	
People:	To witness and worship God today, grateful for love and forgiveness.	
All:	<i>Come Lord Jesus, come! AMEN.</i>	
*HYMN	“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”	UMH, #103
CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES		Elyse Brunnemer
SPECIAL MUSIC	“God Hath Spoken by the Prophets”	Spirit Singers
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE		Elyse Brunnemer
PRAYER HYMN	“Give Thanks”	UMH, #2036
OUR PRAYERS		Rev. Deb
OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS		
Offertory	“There is a Balm in Gilead” Arr. Bober	Jo Jackson
*Doxology	“Alleluia”	UMH, #186
	Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia	
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*Blessing the Offering		Rev. Deb
SCRIPTURE	Amos 7:7-17 (NRSV)	Reader: Elyse Brunnemer

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A plumb-line.’ Then the Lord said, ‘See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.’

Amaziah Complains to the King Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, ‘Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, “Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.”’

And Amaziah said to Amos, ‘O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.’ Then Amos answered Amaziah, ‘I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”’

‘Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, “Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.” Therefore, thus says the Lord: “Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parcelled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.”’

MEDITATION “What Do You See?” Rev. Deb

PRAYER OF CONFESSION / PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

God of Mercy,
 We confess today that we, like the prophet Amos,
 struggle to accept our call to be prophetic.
 We have infinite excuses for why you shouldn’t use us.
 We are afraid to speak truth to power,
 to speak of humility to egotistical systems.
 Hiding behind our occupational identities,
 we deny that we are all called to share the good news.
 When we feel ill-prepared, grant us assurance.
 When we feel unworthy, remind us of the *imago dei*
 (the image of God) that resides in each of us.
 When we struggle to know what words to speak, what moves to make,
 keep us in sync with your Holy Spirit, letting you guide all we do.
 Give us the courage to be prophets in a world where more grace,
 Peace, and love are desperately needed.
 Amen.

*HYMN “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” UMH # 717
 *BENEDICTION Rev. Deb
 POSTLUDE “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” Arr. Williams 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



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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

WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

PRAYERS: Lee Scheierman and family in the loss of Bob Talcott, her brother-in-law; Bob Adams, Donna Jones, 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: 63, Fellowship Hall 5, Online 11, Nursery 2 **Total: 96**

GIFTS:	July 17	July 10	July 3	June 26	June 19
	\$3,151.00	\$6,827.00	\$4,607.00	\$3,342.00	\$ 4,322.00

SERVICE: Thank you to Council, Finance, Trustees, Education, Missions and Worship Team, who have held meetings during Pastor Deb's first 3 weeks.

JULY MISSION FOCUS: In early August the staff of La Puente Social Services in Alamosa, CO, will be giving out 300 backpacks filled with school supplies to low-income children at several sites throughout the San Luis Valley. Our goal is 300 Capri Sun juice boxes, 300 Gold Fish individual packs of crackers, and 300 individual packs of gummy snacks of whatever type. Snacks will be given to children as they wait to receive a backpack.

Please bring juice, crackers or gummy snacks to the basket in the entryway any time during July. You may also contribute by check payable to Central UMC and designated La Puente or drop coins / cash in the basket.

CEREAL SUNDAY: Every Sunday is CEREAL SUNDAY in July! Please bring boxes of cereal (or other non-perishable food or hygiene item) on any Sunday or weekday in July. Our food gifts are donations for Mercy's Gate.

CUMC Hey there CUMC congregants - let's get to know Pastor Deb!

1. If you are able to **HOST** a small get-together, please sign the sheet at south entrance.
2. The hosts will be able to select date/time that is convenient for them - and Pastor Deb!
3. Once we have host homes established, we will have sign-up sheets for each host home.

ACOLYTES Looking for youth in 5th through 9th grades that are interested in being an acolyte (candle lighter) for our church service. Your child would light the candles on the altar during the prelude and extinguish the candles and carry the light out during the postlude. If your child is interested in this opportunity to serve, please contact the office at 719-597-6642.

WEDDING CELEBRATION: All are invited for a party in honor of the marriage of John Cox and Katherine Hite on **Saturday, August 6th, at 4 pm** in Fellowship Hall.

HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" UMH, #103

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hidest thee.

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 "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" UMH # 717

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword; his truth is marching on.
2. I have seen him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps,
they have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps; his day is marching on.
3. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on.
4. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
as he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free, while God is marching on.
5. He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,
he is wisdom to the mighty, he is honor to the brave;
so the world shall be his footstool, and the soul of wrong his slave, Our God is marching on.

Refrain

*Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.*