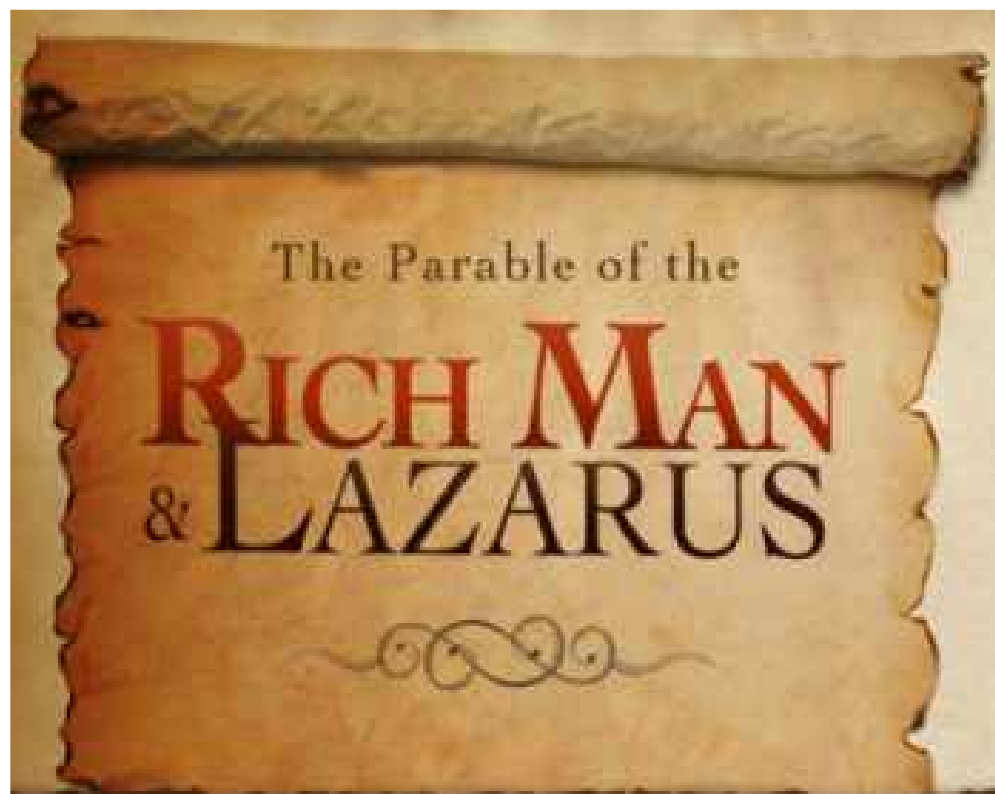


**Central United Methodist Church
of Colorado Springs**

“A Place to Begin...Belong...Become”

**THE CENTRAL FAMILY OF FAITH
GATHERED IN PRAISE AND CELEBRATION**

Sunday, September 25, 2022, 10:00 am



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Central United Methodist Church

PRELUDE "How Great Thou Art/How Great Is Our God" arr. A. L. Page Kim Crom

CHORAL OPENING Chancel Choir

WELCOME Rev. Debra Wacker

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Spirit of the Ages) Gordon Crom

Leader: Come and worship!

People: **We will praise the One between, within, and over.**

Leader: Trust in the One who co-creates what was, what is, and what will-be.

People: **Our hope is in the One who creates expansive love calling us to do the same.**

Leader: Follow the One who never breaks covenant.

People: **We follow the One whose extravagant love calls us to co-create justice for the oppressed, feed the hungry, unlock prisons, and welcome strangers, orphans, and widows.**

Leader: Praise the One whose justice is grace-full and inclusive.

People: **We praise the Spirit that spans the ages. Amen!** Written by Tim Graves

*HYMN "Amazing Grace" UMH, #378

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES Gordon Crom

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Amy Ray

*PRAYER HYMN "Give Thanks" TFWS #2036

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 "How Beautiful" T. Paris Kim Crom

*Doxology "Alleluia" UMH, #186
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

*Offertory Prayer/Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Deb

SCRIPTURE Luke 16:16-31 (NRSV) Reader: Gordon Crom

The Rich Man and Lazarus: 'The law and the prophets were in effect until John came; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is proclaimed, and everyone tries to enter it by force. But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than for one stroke of a letter in the law to be dropped. 'Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and whoever marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery. 'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

MEDITATION "Having Words with Jesus – Gulf is Crossed" Rev. Deb

*HYMN "Are Ye Able, Said the Master" UMH#530

*BENEDICTION Rev. Deb

CHORAL CLOSING Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE "My Country Tis of Thee" 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 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.

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 71, Fellowship Hall 3, Nursery 4, Online 15, **Total: 93**

GIFTS:	Sept 18	Sept 11	Sept 4	Aug 28	Aug 21
	\$1,450.00	\$5,817.00	\$7,300.00	\$3,170.00	\$2,731.00

SERVICE: Thank you to our new Worship Director, Kim Crom, for leading the worship team.

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 the third session of The Future of the United Methodist Church an All-Church Discussion on September 29th @ the Church and on Zoom on Thursdays @ 6:30-7:20 PM.

SPECIAL EVENING SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY: Our church is hosting a city-wide UM Communion Service at 5:00 pm, Oct. 2, followed by a soup supper at 6:00. There will be a choir of singers from all UM churches. Practice is at 4:00 pm. **Sign-up sheets at south entrance this morning for planning to attend, bringing soup, baking bread.**

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

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!

COMING OCTOBER MISSION FOCUS: New Life for IHN!

*HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

UMH, #378

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

*PRAYER HYMN

"Give Thanks"

TFWS #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

"Are Ye Able, Said the Master"

UMH#530

1. "Are ye able," said the Master, "to be crucified with me?"
"Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered, "to the death we follow thee."
2. Are ye able to remember, when a thief lifts up his eyes,
that his pardoned soul is worthy of a place in paradise?
3. Are ye able when the shadows close around you with the sod,
to believe that spirit triumphs to commend your soul to God?
4. Are ye able? Still the Master whispers down eternity,
and heroic spirits answer, now as then in Galilee.

Refrain

*Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine. Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.*