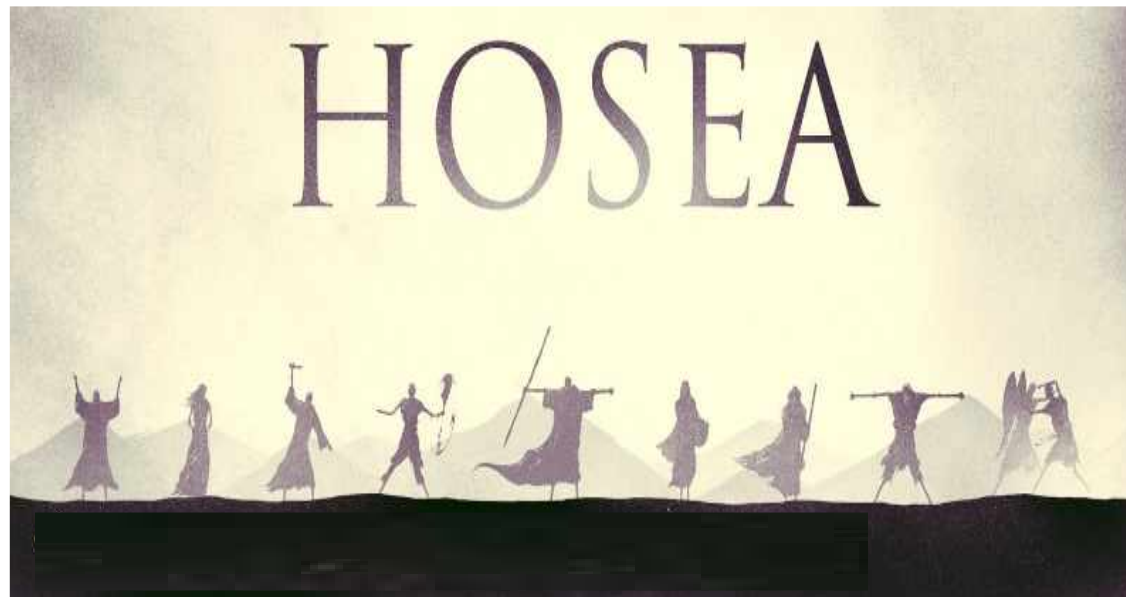


**Central United Methodist Church  
of Colorado Springs**

*“A Place to Begin...Belong...Become”*

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

**Sunday, July 31, 2022, 10:00 am**



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**Central United Methodist Church**

PRELUDE “When the Saints Go Marching In” Traditional Kim Crom

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT Acolytes

WELCOME Rev. Debra Wacker

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Sara Murdaugh

Leader: Children of the Living God!

**People: God loves us with the love of a parent.**

Leader: Children of the Living God!

**People: Despite our failings, God continues to save us.**

Leader: Children of the Living God!

**People: We are here to worship the God of love, justice, and grace.**

Leader: Children of the Living God, please pray the Prayers of the People with me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Sara Murdaugh

God of Salvation, We are grateful for the gift of your love.  
A love that has no bounds, a love that keeps reaching out to us, calling us to you.  
We are more than your people ... we are your beloved children.  
You reiterate throughout scripture your readiness to hear us when we pray to you.  
God, you are our father. God, you are our mother.  
God, you are our family.  
God, you care for us and love us in ways we cannot comprehend.  
Forgive us when we forget how much you love us.  
Forgive us for times we are unfaithful to you, times we fail to do as you've called.  
God, thank you for loving us in the most sacred and scandalous ways.  
You are God, and we trust that you journey with us in all things. Amen.

\*HYMN “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” UMH, #64 (vs. 1, 2, 4)

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES Sara Murdaugh

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Deb Wacker

\*PRAYER HYMN “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” UMH, #420

OUR PRAYERS Rev. Deb Wacker

## OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory "O Perfect Love" arr. A. Jordan Kim Crom  
\*Doxology "Alleluia" UMH, #186  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
\*Blessing the Offering Offertory Prayer Rev. Deb Wacker

SCRIPTURE Hosea 1:2-10 and Psalm 85 (NRSV) Reader: Sara Murdaugh

**Hosea 1:2-10** When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, 'Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord.' So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. And the Lord said to him, 'Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.' She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, 'Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.' When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, 'Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God.' The Restoration of Israel Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people', it shall be said to them, 'Children of the living God.'

**Psalm 85** Lord, you were favourable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin. Selah You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger. Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation towards us. Will you be angry with us for ever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

MEDITATION "Hosea's Risky Love" Rev. Deb Wacker

\*HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH #577 (vs. 1, 2, 4)

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Deb Wacker

POSTLUDE "Revive Us Again" arr. L. Shackle 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



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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:** Family of Donna Jones, Jan and Bob Adams; 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: 67, Fellowship Hall 3, Online 12, Nursery 2 **Total: 84**

<b>GIFTS:</b>	July 24	July 17	July 10	July 3	June 26
	\$3,318.00	\$3,151.00	\$6,827.00	\$4,607.00	\$3,342.00

**SERVICE:** Thank you to Edna Dungan who sends out birthday cards to every member all throughout the year.

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**FUNERAL** Please join us in remembering Donna Jones at Evergreen Cemetery on **Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**, 2022 at **9a.m.** Rev. Debra Wacker will officiate and Lee Scheierman will be the soloist. Evergreen Cemetery: 1005 Hancock Expy, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

**AUGUST MISSION FOCUS:** Project Backpack Our Church's Unique Mission and the need is greater than ever!! Last school year (September 2021 - May 2022) we increased the number to 56 BACKPACKS per month! \$200 would cover the cost of one backpack (\$25) for 8 months. A one-time contribution of any amount will help greatly. But, we also need on-going help throughout the year. We are asking you to consider pledging to this project. You can pledge monthly or in whatever increments you desire. You may call or email the church office (cumccs.org) to designate your pledge. When making a donation, please make checks payable to CUMC and put "Project Backpack" on the memo line. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl James, 591-6518. Also, please see more information in the Messenger.

**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 6<sup>th</sup>, at 4 pm** in Fellowship Hall. They invite you to donate to Family Promise in their name.

**SOUP, CHILI, AND SALAD:** The shelves are bare at Mercy's Gate for chili, canned prepared foods and chunky soups. Plus, they have a cooler and are able to accept donations of fresh garden produce. Please bring non-perishable items to the cart at any time. Please take garden produce to Mercy's Gate,

4360 Montebello Drive (entrance at rear of the building) on Monday – Wednesday, 8:00 a.m.--8:00 p.m. Thanks for sharing!!

**DEDICATION OF NEW PLAYGROUND "SPINNER"** The children are already whirling happily on Sunday mornings ... so happy with the new addition to the playground. The spinner is a unique design that welcomes several children to climb and spin together.

This exciting new equipment is a gift from Lee Helmbrecht and his family in memory of his son Michael. Dedication of the spinner will be held on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, at the close of the 10:00 service.

**\*HYMN** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" **UMH, #64 (vs. 1, 2, 4)**

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

**\*PRAYER HYMN** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" **UMH, #420**

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,  
till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

**\*HYMN** "God of Grace and God of Glory" **UMH #577 (vs. 1, 2, 4)**

1. God of grace, and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
Fear and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.
4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.