

**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.



DEDICATION AND BLESSING OF THE PASTOR IN HER MINISTRY FOR 2021
(Gordon Crom, Chair of SPRC (Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee) on behalf of the congregation will bless her.)

COMMUNION (see insert)

HYMN "The Apostles' Creed" sung to the tune of "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" Hymnal No. 731

I believe in God the Father, Maker of the heav'n and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, our Savior, God's own Son of matchless worth;
Laid aside His heav'nly glory. By the Holy Ghost conceived.
Born unto the Virgin Mary, He in whom I believed.
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Crucified for me He died;
Laid within the grave so silent, gates of hell He opened wide.
And the stone-sealed tomb was empty, on the third day He arose.
Into heaven made His entry. Mighty conqueror of His foes.
At God's right hand He is seated, Till His coming as He said.
Final judgement will be meted to the living and the dead.
I confess the Holy Spirit has been sent thru Christ the Son.
To apply salvation's merit, God Almighty, Three in One.
I believe the Church of Jesus forms one body as a whole.
All are one throughout the ages, with the saints I lift my soul.
I believe sins are forgiven, that our bodies will be raised:
Everlasting life in heaven. May God's holy name be praised.

BENEDICTION Pastor Eunjoo Yi

POSTLUDE "Fanfare" arr. E. Brady Kim Crom/organ



Central United Methodist Church of Colorado Springs

"A Place to Begin...Belong...Become"

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

Sunday, January 3, 2021



As you drive into the parking lot, you are encouraged to drop your offering into the white bucket and place food donations food cart and socks, mittens, and stuffed animals into the shopping cart.

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Central United Methodist Church

PRELUDE "Praising the Almighty" arr. E. Broughton Kim Crom/organ

WELCOME Pastor Eunjoo Yi

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls us into a future that we cannot see.
People: We come wondering where God is calling us now.
Leader: God calls us to believe in a future of justice and peace, of generosity and compassion.

People: We come wanting to give our hearts to that future.
Leader: God calls us to commit our lives to love and service.
All: Let us worship the God who calls us into the unknown. Emmanuel God will guide us, this New Year, every way, every day. Amen.

HYMN "Morning Has Broken" Hymnal No. 145 (vv. 1 & 3)

- 1. Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES Gordon Crom

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Judy Owsley

OUR PRAYERS Pastor Eunjoo Yi

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.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory "We Three Kings" arr. S. Scott Kim Crom/organ
*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymnal, No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessing the Offering Pastor Eunjoo Yi

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV) Reader: Gordon Crom

"After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.'" Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route."

MESSAGE "Praise with the Heart of the Three Kings" Pastor Eunjoo Yi

HYMN "We Three Kings" Hymnal No. 254 (vv. 2 - 5)

- 2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again, King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.
3. Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh; prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high.
4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
5. Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice: Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

DEDICATION AND BLESSING OF THE LEADERSHIP IN THEIR MINISTRY FOR 2021 (Joyce Rockwell, Lay Leader will lead "A Covenant Prayer" and Pastor Eunjoo will bless them)

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, Exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O Glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen. (A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition Hymnal, No. 607)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Gathering

Pastor Eunjoo

Leader: Welcome, all, let us unite our spirits at the Banquet Table of our Lord!

People: **We come with thankful hearts!**

Confessing (Praying in unison)

*God of light,
shine your love into the darkness of our lives.
Preoccupied with ourselves,
we fail to respond to the cry of others. Forgive us.
May your love fall upon us and wash away our indifference
and water the tender shoots of our care and compassion.
May we grow into people who live in righteousness
and who work for justice
for all your children. Amen..*

Consecrating the Elements

Pastor Eunjoo

... and so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

ALL: *Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.*

Praying for Transformation

Gordon Crom

Holy Spirit, come into this bread and this cup,
and the bread and the cup your people hold in homes.
Transform these ordinary objects
As you change our hearts
That we may shape and form your world
With the joy you promise.
Pour your grace upon us, so that we shall overflow with your love.
Help us to remember how a newborn baby might grow
Into the man who would one day
Turn to His hope-filled friends
In an upper room...

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(As Pastor Eunjoo and Gordon Crom serve those who are in the sanctuary and servers serve those in cars, please prepare your bread and juice at home. Please wait until all have been served.)

(The servers will bring communion to each car. A team of two wearing masks and gloves will offer wafers and small cups of juice at the driver's window, enough for everyone in the car. Please do not try to take elements from basket or tray. The elements will be dropped into your hand.

Please hold the items until all have been served, and we will partake together at Pastor Eunjoo's guidance.)

Leader: The Bread we break is the Bread of Life.
The Cup we share is the Cup of Salvation.
These are the gifts of God for all of God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

God of light and love, we cherish the warmth of your holy table during this season when days are cold and nights are long. Through this meal, shared with Christ and our neighbors, our hearts have been warmed. May the comfort in our souls sustain us and nudge us to reach out, offering your love to our neighbors. With gratitude, we go from Christ's table, energized to kindle your love in a waiting world. Amen.



WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

PRAYERS: Barb McCraw and her family, Melissa James and her family (Covid), family of Lois Lucas, Kathy Andrew, Jack Whitney; victims of natural disasters and Corona Virus; protection of all our Central family, our community, our nation, and the Korean Peninsula; First Responders and medical service providers; leaders of government and churches

Serving in mission: Kutela Katembo, Missionary in Angola, Africa

PRESENCE: Christmas Eve: 72 in Parking Lot Gifts: \$1,135.00

Sunday: 59 (Parking Lot 16, Online 27, Sanctuary (Worship Team) 16)

GIFTS: Dec 27 Dec 20 Dec 13 Dec 6 Nov 29
\$4,895.00 \$11,873.00 \$ 4197.00 \$8,506.60 \$3,282.00

“Christmas Warmth” Mission Focus for propane tanks: \$4786

SERVICE: Thank you to Will Schipfer who works as a cameraman on Sundays.

Planning Ahead:

Tuesday, January 5th, at 9:30 am: Zoom Bible Study
Thursday, January 7th, at 11 am: Lois Lucas grave site service at Memorial Garden
Thursday, January 14th, at 7 pm: Zoom Bible Study with the reading of Isaiah 5-9

JANUARY MISSION FOCUS: Kutela Katembo is accomplishing great things through his ministry as an agriculturist at the Kessua Mission in Angola. A second concrete fish pond has been built this year. And now, they have started raising pigs!! From the beginning, livestock husbandry has been a dream and target for the farm, and through your support they are realizing it. In October they were able to purchase two pigs! Pigs reproduce 3 times a year, so this project is growing rapidly. It’s clear that the money you have contributed is helping in very real and practical ways.

Central has pledged \$1000 per year to aid Kutela and families in the Kessua region. Please give as you are able during January. You may write a check to CUMC, with “Missionary” on the memo line, and mail it to the church. Thank you for sharing!

Tuesday Bible Study resumes this Tuesday, January 5, at 9:30 on Zoom. We’ll begin with a review of Chapters 1-3 of Christianity and World Religions by Adam Hamilton. If you need a book, please call Marie in the church office. Also, let her know you want to attend so that the Zoom link can be sent to your email. Hope to ‘see’ you!!

The Upper Room for January-February 2021. Copies are available at the entryway on Sunday, or you may pick one up during office hours. If you need one delivered, please call the office.

Two Ways to Attend Church Now: The Sunday service is now being broadcast over Zoom at 10:00 am (See zoom link info). You can attend the zoom meeting on your computer or by calling on your phone. Only the worship team will be in the sanctuary. AND we will also be continuing our Parking Lot service where the service is broadcast on FM Radio, channel 88.5. The broadcast is live over a low power transmitter, which covers most of the parking lot. Come and join in joyous worship at 10:00 am this Sunday!

By Computer use this Link for **all zoom events:** Note that you will receive an email with the link. **Save** the email for the future.
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When prompted enter the Meeting ID: 652 119 3190
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