

**Central United Methodist Church
of Colorado Springs**

“A Place to Begin...Belong...Become”

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

Sunday, November 7, 2021



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Central United Methodist Church

PRELUDE “Onward, Christian Soldiers” arrg. E. Broughton Kim Crom

WELCOME Pastor Eunjoo Yi

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Judy Owsley

Leader: In all our weakness and strength, with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies.

People: We come to be your people, O God.

Leader: Strong in faith and eager with questions,
singing our praise and whispering our prayers.

People: We come to be your people, O God.

Leader: Filled with saintly determination yet mindful of our human limitations.

People: We come to be your people, O God.

Leader: Made strong in your endless love for us.

**People: We know ourselves to be yours,
and we come to be your people, O God.**

All: May we truly become your people today. Amen.

*HYMN “O Worship the King” Hymnal, No. 73 (vv. 1 & 5)

1. O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing God’s power and God’s love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES Rev. Judy

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Rev. Judy

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS Pastor Eunjoo Yi & Rev. Judy

Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

Teachers of the faith, we remember you.

Family of our faith, we remember you.

Those close in our heart, we remember you.

We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year from our
lives, knowing that they are with Your heart forever. As we read these names, we
will pause after each name to remember, pray, and give thanks for their life.

Helen Bird

Maureen Ficken

Lois Lucas

Betty Thomas

Kathleen Buckley

Darwin Harfert

Joel Tanner

Obine Williams

Elizabeth (Betty) Burkholder

Michael Helmbrecht

Wilma Tanner

Rita Yacoub

OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Eunjoo

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 "Allein Gott in der Hoh'sei Her" J. P. Kimberger Kim Crom

*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 Rev. Judy

SCRIPTURE Psalm 73:1-5, 16-17 & 26-28 (NIV)

Rev. Judy

Psalm 73:1-5: "Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold. For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. They have no struggles; their bodies are healthy and strong. They are free from common human burdens; they are not plagued by human ills."

Psalm 73:16-17: "When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny."

Psalm 73:26-28: "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you. But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds."

MESSAGE "The End of Our Life on Earth is Not Final"

Pastor Eunjoo

HYMN "Amazing Grace"

Hymnal, No. 378 (vv. 1, 4 & 5)

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.
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.

COMMUNION

Servers: Pastor Eunjoo & Christy Malone; Rev. Judy & Clem Malone

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Leaders: Pastor Eunjoo Yi & Rev. Judy Owsley

Welcome & Invitation

Leader: Jesus invited the disciples to share His journey.
Here today, through bread and juice,
we renew our journey with Jesus and His disciples.

Leader: *Here today, we renew our unity with one another
and with all those who have gone before us.
Here today, through the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
we renew our communion with the earth
and our interwovenness with the broken ones of the world.*

Words of Remembrance

Leader: We are reminded again of the tradition that surrounds this story....
On the night of His arrest,
Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it:
Remember me.....

Thanksgiving

Leader: God is the heart of life.
All: And we are the heartbeat.

Leader: May our hearts be filled
with thanks and praise and songs of joy.

**All: We rejoice in the miracle of life
and delight in our participation.**

Leader: *Creating God, Source of Life, we give our thanks.*

All: For all gifts, we give thanks.

Leader: We, who hold all such good things in trust,
join with others in declaring:

**All: Holy! Holy! Holy!
Heaven and earth are holy and good.**

Leader: Holy is peace.

All: Holy is truth. Holy is love.

Leader: *In this season of transition,
as the leaves begin their change of color
and our hearts cling to the warmth as the days shorten,
once again we are reminded,
that new possibilities can rise from our failures
or disappointments
or what has come to an end.*

*We give thanks for all the influences in our lives
that have helped us to see beyond the present,
that teach us to combine labor and rest,
that bring us the cycles of time and season,
that sustain us when we are in need.*

All: *God loves in us;
God cares through us;
God smiles in us;
God cries in us, as nowhere else.*

Leader: Especially, we give thanks for Jesus of Nazareth,
gatherer of folk,
teller of stories,
breaker of bread,
pourer of cup,
weaver of lives.

Leader: *In His life, wisdom, stories and social vision
we recall the words He spoke
that call forth in us
love, care and respect for one another:*

All: *And we believe the same Spirit of God is within us.*

Blessing

Leader: May they be a constant presence
of the Spirit of Life and Love,
healing, renewing and making us whole.

All: *Together we remember our past.
Together we discern our present.
Together we shape our future.*

Sharing the bread and juice

(As Pastor Eunjoo & Christy Malone; Rev. Judy & Clem Malone serve those who
are in the sanctuary and those in the Fellowship Hall, please prepare your bread
and juice at home. Please wait until all have been served.)

(When everyone is served, we will partake together at Pastor Eunjoo's guidance.)

Sending

Leader: May the bread of life and the cup of salvation and the remembering
be a blessing on us all!

*HYMN "Marching to Zion" Hymnal, No. 733 (vv. 1 & 2)

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join in a song
with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.
2. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but children of
the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King may
speak their joys abroad may speak their joys abroad

Refrain

*We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.*

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Eunjoo

SPECIAL TIME FOR REMBERANCE for Kathleen Buckley's family and friends

POSTLUDE

"The Ash Grove" P. Otte

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 CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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	Eunjoo Yi	Chancel Choir Director	Jon Ainsworth
Pastor Emeritus	Judy Owsley	Nursery Supervisor	Tami Hawkins
Quiet Disciple	Mike Wheat	Nursery Caregivers	Chelsea Bosick & Lani Bosick
Office Manager	Marie Nieto	Sensory Room	Melissa James
Bookkeeper	Cheryl James	Facility Manager	John Cox

WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

PRAYERS: Kathleen Buckley's family; Julia Milner's son, Xavier; Joe Tanner; victims of 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: Sanctuary: 65, Fellowship Hall 4, and Online: 16 **Total: 85**

GIFTS:	Oct 31	Oct 24	Oct 17	Oct 10	Oct 3
	\$2,179.00	\$5,011.00	\$2054.50	\$4,615.00	\$6,459.10

SERVICE: Thank you to Rev. Judy for preaching on Sunday, October 24th.

NOVEMBER MISSION FOCUS: **Our Gifts for Thankfulness** Most of us at Central are able to share with others, and we are thankful for that. Whether we're sharing our time, our presence, or gifts of money or groceries, we are blessed to be a blessing to someone else. We're thankful, and the families we will help this Thanksgiving will be very thankful. It's a double blessing!

Each of us is invited to share 'a gift for thankfulness' by donating food or **gift cards** for Mercy's Gate during the month of November. Please bring donations of non-perishable food items to the cart at south entrance. Grocery gift cards can be placed in the offering (Please indicate the amount on each card.). You may also give a check made payable to Central UMC and designated for "Mercy's Gate." This will support the many ministries of Mercy's Gate in addition to the Food Pantry. **Thanks for your giving!**

Bring a Turkey to Church! ***November 21st !!*** We all love Thanksgiving with a sumptuous meal. BUT there is a family in our community who will have turkey ONLY if **you** bring a turkey to church on November 21. Your turkey will help Mercy's Gate provide 200 or more Thanksgiving food boxes.

That's a lot of turkeys, and your turkey will be gratefully welcomed at the table!

You are encouraged to purchase a **frozen turkey** (or 2 or 3!) and bring it with you on **Sunday, November 21st**. Our Missions Ministry Team will keep the turkeys cold and deliver them to Mercy's Gate for distribution. You may also bring **non-perishable food items** on any Sunday or weekday in November. Let's share God's love and bring special joy on Thanksgiving Day.

THE "TOWERS OF TOILET PAPER" during October resulted in 136 rolls given to Mercy's Gate and 206 rolls that will go into backpacks for Mitchell HS and Sweigert MS. Thank you for your generosity!

Planning Ahead:

Saturday, November 9th, at 10:00 pm:	United Methodist Men Gunther Toody's
Tuesday, November 9th, at 7 pm:	Finance Meeting
Sunday, November 14th, at 9:30 am:	Spirit Singers
Sunday, November 14th, at 10 am:	Stewardship Sunday
Sunday, November 14th, at 1 pm:	Charge Conference
Tuesday, November 16th, at 7 pm:	Ad Council Meeting
Thursday, November 25th:	Thanksgiving Office will be closed
Friday, November 26th:	Office will be closed

CHARGE CONFERENCE: The annual Charge Conference for Central UMC will be on Sunday, **November 14, at 1:00 pm** at the church. This is always a great meeting when we celebrate the past year and look forward to our future. Our District Superintendent will be with us, and EVERYONE is invited to attend! Committee Chairs Charge Conference report will need to be submitted by October 31st.

SALVATION ARMY STOCKINGS: **FIFTY empty Christmas stockings** will be available on a table by the south entrance, beginning **Tuesday, November 9th**. This is a long-standing tradition at Central: filling stockings for the Salvation Army to hand out to underprivileged children and youth. Again, this year, we've been asked to fill **stockings for teens** because that is the greatest need. There will be lists of suggestions on the table with the stockings. Please pick up a stocking (or two or three), and return it **no later than Sunday, December 5th**. Some teenager will be smiling broadly this Christmas because you filled a stocking with special gifts. Bless you!

THANKSGIVING GIFT CARDS: Thanksgiving Dinner should be special, and we can help it be true for the families who come to Mercy's Gate in November. Normally each family receives whatever grocery items have been donated by churches and other agencies. Think how appreciative they would be (especially at Thanksgiving) of having an opportunity to shop for particular foods that they most enjoy. **WE can make that happen by donating grocery store gift cards this month.** You are invited to purchase a gift card (*Please write the amount on the card.*) and put it in the offering plate or leave it in the office. Thanks for your giving!

CLASS LOCATIONS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL: Children (K-5th grade) will meet in the Assembly Room. Youth in the youth room; Karen Hobson's class in Classrooms 1 and 2 in Fellowship Hall; Pastor Eunjoo's class in the Conference Room. Classes begin at 11:15.

ATTEND CHURCH: Those not vaccinated must still wear masks. Masks are optional for anyone who is fully vaccinated. Everyone must continue to practice social distancing between non-household groups. You are invited to worship in the sanctuary, the fellowship hall, the parking lot or at home by Zoom (on computer or by phone). For parking lot worship, tune to 88.5 FM on your car radio.

VAN MINISTRY: If you need a ride to church, the van ministry is ready to serve. To get a ride call the church office (719) 597-6642 **Before Noon on Fridays**. No one will be available to hear Saturday and Sunday Messages. We look forward to seeing you in church.