

**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 21, 2021



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PRELUDE "Hymn of Thanksgiving" arr. M. Setchell Kim Crom/Jo Jackson
Organ/Piano duet

WELCOME Pastor Eunjoo Yi

*CALL TO WORSHIP Sara Simon

Leader: Lord of bounty and blessing,
People: we come to you this day in gratitude for all that we have been given.
Leader: We thank you for the many ways in which you have blessed our lives--
People: with love, hope, friends, our church, and so many other things that we cherish.
Leader: Help us be a blessing for others—
All: that they may come to know you and rejoice in your love. Amen!

* HYMN "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" Hymnal, No. 694 (vv. 1, 2 & 4)

1. Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.
2. All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES Sara Simon

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Sara Simon

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.

SCRIPTURE Habakkuk 3:17-19 & Luke 13:6-9 (NIV) Reader: Sara Simon

Habakkuk 3:17-19: “Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights. For the director of music. On my stringed instruments.”

Luke 13:6-9: “Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’ ““Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.””

MESSAGE “What Fruit Have You Borne?” Pastor Eunjoo

HYMN “O Blessed Spring” TFWS, No. 2076

1. O blessed spring, where Word and sign embrace us into Christ the Vine: here Christ enjoins each one to be a branch of this life-giving Tree.
2. Through summer heat and youthful years, uncertain faith, rebellious tears, sustained by Christ’s infusing rain, the boughs will shout for joy again.
3. When autumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their heavy harvest hold, then through us warm, the Christ will move with gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.
4. As winter comes, as winters must, we breathe our last, return to dust; still held in Christ, our souls takes wing and trust the promise of the spring.
5. Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree, be praised for this blest mystery: that Word and water thus revive and join us to your Tree of Life.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory “Now Thank We All our God/Come Ye Thankful People Come” arr. C. Berry Kim Crom

*Doxology “Alleluia” Hymnal, No. 186
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

*Blessing the Offering Pastor Eunjoo

*Standing for those who are able

*HYMN “Mountains Are All Aglow” Hymnal No. 86 (vv. 1, 2 & 4)

1. Mountains are all aglow with autumn colors so bright; rivers are filled with water, giving life to our days. Golden fields wave their praise to God’s bountiful harvest; gratefully, skyward arising, hear our joyous songs of praise!
2. Every land so abundantly rich the harvest bears; every orchard is filled with luscious, ripened new fruit. Sun and rain by the Lord’s design shall come at proper time. Working hard, God has given us reasons for deep gratitude.
4. Praise the Lord as we’re planting God’s word deep in each heart. God has sent sunshine and the rain so the seedlings may grow. Desert lands which seem barren, flowers still might bloom; trusting in God’s promises, our thanks to God we will show!

Refrain

Reaching far as earthly eyes can see, reaching far as humble hands can toil, every harvest is from our Lord; every blessing is from our God. Praise for the harvest, thanks to our God. Praise for the harvest, give praise to God.

*BENEDICTION Pastor Eunjoo

POSTLUDE “Simple Gifts” arr. D. Wood Kim Crom



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

WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

PRAYERS: Mary Mills, Rose Simon; Ernie and Janet Dunbar's nephew, Cory Wood; 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: 61, Fellowship Hall 2, and Online: 18 **Total: 81**

GIFTS:	Nov 14	Nov 7	Oct 31	Oct 24	Oct 17
	\$2,900.00	\$8,100.00	\$2,179.00	\$5,011.00	\$2054.50

SERVICE: Thank you to Judy Day, Pat Dudgeon and Adrienne Schipfer who each made a meal and delivered it (COVID-safe) to the IHN families during our hosting week.

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!**

Today is "Bring-a-Turkey Day." If you forgot, you may still bring one by 12:30 today. Turkeys will be delivered to Mercy's Gate on Monday morning. Thanks for your giving!

Planning Ahead:

Thursday, November 25th:

Friday, November 26th:

Sunday, November 28th:

Wednesday, December 1st, 6 pm:

Thanksgiving: Office will be closed

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First Sunday of Advent

Education meeting

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!

SALVATION ARMY STOCKINGS: **Sixteen empty Christmas stockings** are available on a table by the south entrance. This is a long-standing tradition at Central: filling stockings for the Salvation Army to hand out to underprivileged youth. Again, this year, we've been asked to fill stockings **for teens, ages 13-18**, because that is the greatest need. There are 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**. If you have questions, contact Bob Spaete (719-332-4790 / bspaete.bs@gmail.com). Some teenager will be smiling broadly on Christmas because you filled a stocking with special gifts. And that stocking may be their only gift this year. Bless you!

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 am.

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.