

**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.

*We're here to help*

Ministers  
Senior Pastor  
Pastor Emeritus  
Quiet Disciple  
Office Manager  
Bookkeeper  
Chancel Choir Director  
Bell Choir Director  
Nursery Supervisor  
Nursery Caregivers  
Sensory Room  
Facility Manager

All the members of the congregation  
Eunjoo Yi  
Judy Owsley  
Patsy Williams  
Marie Nieto  
Cheryl James  
Jon Ainsworth  
Cathy Negley  
Tami Hawkins  
Chelsea Bosick & Lani Bosick  
Melissa James  
John Cox

**HYMN**

“Lead Me, Savior”

(vv. 1 & 2)

1. Savior, lead me, lest I stray, Gently lead me all the way;  
I am safe when by Thy side, I would in Thy love abide.
2. Thou the refuge of my soul. When life's story my billows roll;  
I am safe when Thou art nigh, All my hopes on Thee rely.

*Refrain:*

Lead me, lead me, Savior, lead me lest I stray;  
Gently down the stream of time, Lead me, Savior, all the way.

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Eunjoo Yi

**POSTLUDE**

“Once in Royal David's City” arr. Fettke

Jo Jackson

**Central United Methodist Church  
of Colorado Springs**

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

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

**Sunday, December 27, 2020**



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

PRELUDE “Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine with Still, Still Still/Rocking Carol”  
arr. Sallee Jo Jackson

WELCOME Pastor Eunjoo Yi

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The lights of Christmas have dimmed.  
**People: But the awesome love of God still shines brightly in our hearts.**  
Leader: Now we are on the threshold of a new year. 2020 has been a difficult year.  
**People: in the midst of so much suffering, our Lord provides strength and courage. We are assured that we may lean on him with grateful hearts.**  
Leader: We don't know what the future will hold for us.  
**People: We have faith that, in whatever shall come, our Lord will be with us.**  
*All: Guiding, healing, comforting and rejoicing with us.*

HYMN “To God Be the Glory” Hymnal No. 98 (vv. 1, 3)

- 1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in.
- 3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; but purer and higher,  
and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

*Refrain:*  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory; great things he hath done!

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES Pastor Eunjoo Yi

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Pastor Eunjoo Yi

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.**

“Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life. I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.”

MESSAGE “The End is a New Beginning” Pastor Eunjoo Yi

HYMN “I Know Whom I Have Believed” Hymnal, No. 714 (vv. 1 & 2)

- 1. I know not why God’s wondrous grace to me he hath made known,  
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own.
- 2. I know not how this saving faith to me he did impart,  
nor how believing in his word wrought peace within my heart.

*Refrain:*  
But I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able  
to keep that which I’ve committed unto him against that day.

BAPTISMS AND RECEPTION OF A NEW MEMBER Jim Dausel and Josephine Yacoub

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” arr. Hayes Jo Jackson

\*Doxology “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” Hymnal, No. 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!

Blessing the Offering (Continued on the back) Pastor Eunjoo Yi

## WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

**PRAYERS:** Lois Lucas family, Kathy Andrew, Jack Whitney, Earl Lash, Kathleen Buckley; 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:** 65 (Parking Lot 25, Online 24, Fellowship Hall 2, Sanctuary 14) 19 cars

<b>GIFTS:</b>	Dec 20	Dec 13	Dec 6	Nov 29	Nov 22
	\$11,873.00	\$ 4197.00	\$8,506.60	\$3,282.00	\$2,881.00

**SERVICE:** Thank you to John Cox for the set-up for Christmas Eve in the parking lot and Kim Crom for playing the keyboard.

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### Planning Ahead:

<b>Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, at 7 pm:</b>	Zoom meeting sharing of testimonies of 2020 and resolutions for 2021.
<b>Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am:</b>	Zoom Bible Study
<b>Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, at 11 am:</b>	Lois Lucas' funeral service at Memorial Garden
<b>Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm:</b>	Zoom Bible Study with the reading of Isaiah 5-9

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**DECEMBER MISSION FOCUS:** Families of the Navajo Nation in southwest Colorado near Cortez are suffering severely during the pandemic, and we can provide some of them with the warmth of God's love this Christmas through heat for their homes.

Here's the story: In the spring when COVID-19 hit, First United Methodist Church of Cortez and Native Grace Fellowship, a Native American congregation who share their building, stepped up and provided 650 households (primarily seniors and veterans) with food, paper supplies and water. They received a \$15,000 grant from the Mountain Sky Conference and numerous donations as word spread. Later, they gave the families hay to feed goats and sheep that are vital to their survival. As the weather got colder, they began furnishing wood and vouchers for propane for heating and cooking. What they discovered, as the elderly would come into Cortez to fill their propane tanks (a 40-mile trip for most of them), is that many of the tanks are old, worn out and no longer serviceable.

This is where we come in! A new 30 lb. tank costs \$70, and a 100 lb. tank costs \$150. Missions Ministry Team has set a goal of \$3000 which will provide 20, 100 lb. tanks. Can we do it? OF COURSE, WE CAN!! This Christmas will be so very different due to the pandemic, but love cannot be extinguished.

Let's share the warmth. Every dollar will help buy a propane tank! If you're able to help, please make your check payable to Central UMC, designated "*Christmas Warmth*". Each small contribution can make a big difference.

**LAST MINUTE GIFTS:** If you have any last-minute End of the Year gifts you want deposited before the end of the year, please bring them to the church by noon on Thursday, December 31st so we can get them deposited. Cheryl will be at the office that day to receive any gifts.

**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.

**Want to Zoom to Bible Study?** Tuesday Bible Study will possibly begin meeting on Zoom on January 5, starting at 9:30 am if enough are interested. We'll begin with a review of Chapters 1-3 of *Christianity and World Religions* by Adam Hamilton. Important details are printed in The Messenger. Please contact Rev. Judy if you'd like to participate. 237-9395 / bjowsley@msn.com.

**Two Ways to Attend Church Now:** The Sunday service is now being broadcast over Zoom at 10:00 am (See zoom link info above). 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!

**Ways to Share This Christmas:** Some traditions at Central have to be different this year because we are not able to be inside the building. BUT, the needs are greater than ever!!

### There are two carts for donations:

- **CART #1:** Please bring non-perishable food and household donations for Mercy's Gate ... ALL month long! As you drop them into the cart, imagine that you're placing them under a lovely Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall.
- **CART #2:** Please, bring socks and mittens for cold feet and hands, and also new or gently used stuffed animals. The Sunday School tree is also a cart this year. Enjoy the children's coloring pages decorating the cart.

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.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6521193190?pwd=ekIrnVloNjJTWUpZUnEycWVJTjIjFUT09>

Meeting ID: 652 119 3190 -- Passcode: 694292

By phone: Dial +1 669 900 6833 or +1 346 248 7799

When prompted enter the Meeting ID: 652 119 3190

It may ask you for the Passcode: 694292

## Celebrating Baptisms and a Church Membership

Jim Dausel and Josephine Yacoub

### Profession of Faith

*Jim Dausel and Josephine Yacoub*

*The pastor addresses all:*

Pastor: Let us profess our Christian faith by saying together the Apostle's Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.**

## Baptism of Jim Dausel and Josephine Yacoub

## Reception of a New Member

*The pastor addresses Josephine Yacoub*

*The pastor addresses the congregation:*

Pastor: Members of the household of God,  
I commend *Josephine* to your love and care.

Do all in your power to increase *her* faith,  
confirm her hope, and perfect *her* in love.

*The congregation responds:*

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you  
and we welcome you in Christian love.  
As members together with you  
in the body of Christ  
and in this congregation  
of The United Methodist Church,  
we renew our covenant  
faithfully to participate  
in the ministries of the church  
by our prayers, our presence,  
our gifts, and our service,  
that in everything God may be glorified  
through Jesus Christ.**

*The pastor addresses Josephine with a blessing*