



**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 31, 2021

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PRELUDE

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit" arrg. M. Hayes

Kim Crom

WELCOME

Pastor Eunjoo Yi

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of love, we come to worship and praise you.

People: **who is closer to us than our breath and heartbeat, we praise you.**

Leader: God, our Friend and Companion: we thank you for your presence with us.

People: **who travels with us guiding and blessing us, we give you our thanks.**

Leader: God of mystery, in reverent awe we come into your gracious presence.

People: **God, the Great Unknown, we trust and honor you**

All: ***We come to glorify and reverently worship your Holy Name. Amen.***

HYMN

"O Thou, in Whose Presence"

Hymnal, No. 518 (vv. 1, 4, & 5)

1. O Thou, in whose presence my soul takes delight, on whom in affliction I call, my comfort by day and my song in the night, my hope, my salvation, my all!
4. Restore, my dear Savior, the light of thy face, thy soul-cheering comfort impart; and let the sweet tokens of pardoning grace being joy to my desolate heart.
5. He looks! and ten thousands of angels rejoice, and myriads wait for his word. He speaks! and eternity, filled with his voice, re-echoes the praise of the Lord.

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

Jon Ainsworth

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jon Ainsworth

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.

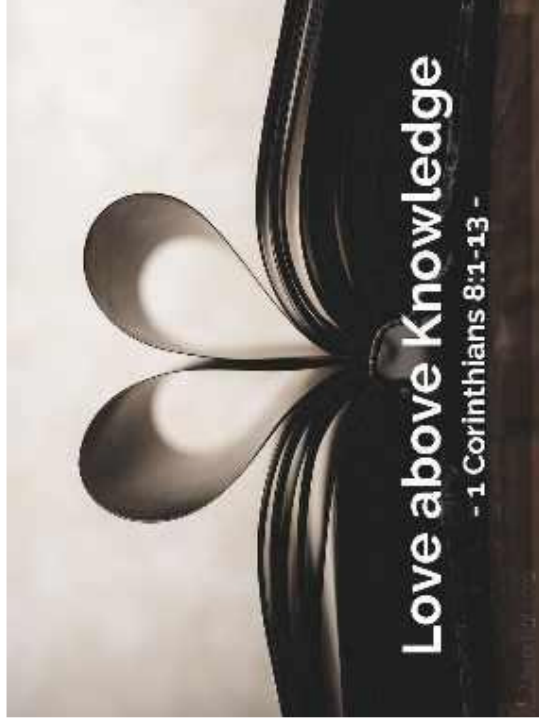
SCRIPTURE

Genesis 3:22 & 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (NIV)

Reader: Jon Ainsworth

Genesis 3:22

"And the Lord God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever."



As you drive into the parking lot, you are encouraged to drop your offering into the white bucket and place food donations in the food cart.

“Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that we all possess knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. The man who thinks he knows something does not yet know as he ought to know. But the man who loves God is known by God. So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that an idol is nothing at all in the world and that there is no God but one. For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”), yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

But not everyone knows this. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat such food they think of it as having been sacrificed to an idol, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do. Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone with a weak conscience sees you who have this knowledge eating in an idol's temple, won't he be emboldened to eat what has been sacrificed to idols? So this weak brother, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. When you sin against your brothers in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause him to fall.”

MESSAGE “Let Love Control Knowledge” Pastor Eunjoo Yi

HYMN “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” Hymnal, No. 402 (vv. 1 & 2)

1. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
2. Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory “Depth of Mercy with Search Me, O God” arrg. C. Berry Kim Crom
Doxology “Alleluia” Hymnal, No. 186
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Blessing the Offering Pastor Eunjoo Yi

HYMN “The Gift of Love”

Hymnal, No. 408

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
2. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.
3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Eunjoo Yi

POSTLUDE

“March in C” H. Purcell

Kim Crom

WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

PRAYERS: Jim and Sue Down's son David (heart attack), Lee Helmbrecht's sister-in-law, JoAnn Fields, Don's widow, (Covid); Obine Williams (Covid), Jack Whitney; 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: 63 (38 online, 12 sanctuary, 3 Fellowship Hall, 12 parking lot)

GIFTS:	Jan 23	Jan 17	Jan 10	Jan 3	Dec 27
	\$3,553.00	\$8,933.00	\$3,967.00	\$3,508.00	\$4,895.00

SERVICE: Thank you to Karen Hobson for being in the parking lot every Sunday, greeting everyone and handing them a bulletin

Planning Ahead:

Thursday, February 11th, at 7 pm: Zoom Bible Study with the reading of Isaiah 10-14
Tuesday, February 16th, at 7 pm: Zoom Ad Council
Wednesday, February 17th, at 12 pm: Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary
Wednesday, February 24th, at 12 pm: Lent Prayer Service in the Sanctuary
Sunday, April 4th: Easter

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!

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, the 40 days (excluding Sundays) that lead up to Easter. While there is no mention of Ash Wednesday in the Bible, the Old Testament records acts of repentance or mourning accompanied by symbolic ash and sackcloth. Ashes are a biblical reminder of our mortality: "*You are dust, and to dust you shall return*" (*Genesis 3:19*). The spreading of ashes on foreheads is a visible reminder of "the dying of the old self and the coming to life of the new" The way to Easter is the way of the cross. New life with Christ involves a daily surrendering of the old life. I invite you to **Ash Wednesday Service**, the first step of this Lenten journey, **on February 17th at 12 pm in the sanctuary**.

Lent Starts on February 17th, Lenten Prayer Services will be on Wednesdays at 12 pm (February 17 & 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31) in the sanctuary: The service will be **available on the church website by Thursday of each week. <http://cumccs.org>**

"HOPE, HEARTS, AND HOME LUNCHEON: The annual luncheon in support of Family Promise/IHN will be held virtually this year on Sunday, February 28, 12:30-1:30. It's an opportunity to hear remarkable stories of how over 200 Colorado Springs families have been sheltered and/or helped to obtain housing during the pandemic. Keynote speaker will be Klaas Ehlers, the national CEO of Family Promise. Please call Rev. Judy (237-9395) **before next Sunday, Jan. 31** if you'd like to attend.

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!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6521193190?pwd=eklrNVloNjJlWTUwZUNlYycWVjTjJlFUT09>

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

When prompted enter the Meeting ID: 652 119 3190 The Passcode: 694292

Church services will remain the same for the time being

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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

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