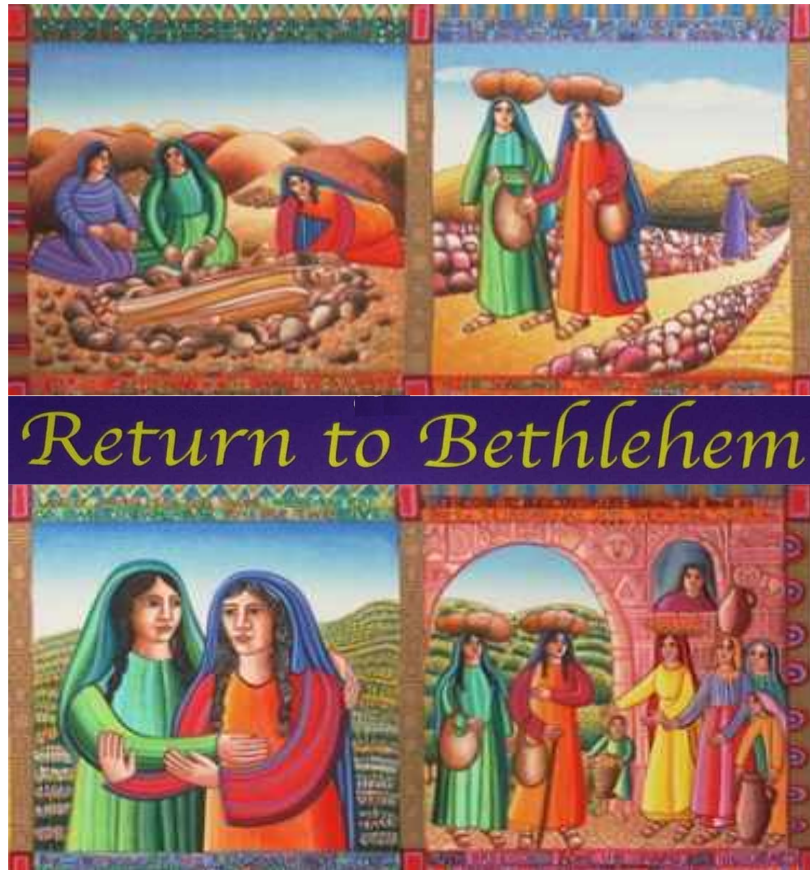


Central United Methodist Church  
of Colorado Springs

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

THE CENTRAL FAMILY OF FAITH  
GATHERED IN PRAISE AND CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 31, 2021



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PRELUDE

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" arr. Purifoy

Jo Jackson

WELCOME

Pastor Eunjoo Yi

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Hebrews 9:11-14)

Sara Murdaugh

Leader: Christ is now the High Priest – his blood, the eternal sacrifice.  
**People: No middleman, no little man – Jesus paid the price.**  
Leader: I don't have to stand in line. I don't have to wait for my turn.  
**People: I don't need a man-made tabernacle – no animal must I burn.**  
Leader: I can go to God in the morning. I can go to God late at night.  
**People: I can give to God my heart – broken and contrite.**  
Leader: I can go to God at home or while overseas.  
**People: I can go to God standing up, sitting down, or bent on my knees.**  
Leader: Regardless of my color and regardless of my age.  
**People: Regardless of my financial, social, or educational stage.**  
Leader: Regardless of my size, my shape, or my style.  
**People: I can call God, my Father, even if we haven't talked in a while.**  
Leader: I don't need an invitation, and I am not required to RSVP.  
**People: I can go whenever I want, and he'll be patiently waiting for me.**  
Leader: I can go to God when in trouble. I can approach him when all is well.  
**People: I can go to God when things seem bright and when I just can't tell.**  
Leader: With God, there is no dress code. I can go just as I am.  
**People: No one can tell me differently because he is "The Great I Am"!**  
Leader: I once was scared to go to church – needed a constant nudge and prod.  
**People: But what a great relief when I learned...**  
**All: That I can go straight to God! Amen.**

\* HYMN

"Come, Ye Disconsolate"

Hymnal, No. 510

1. Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish, come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.  
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;  
earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.
2. Joy of the desolate, light of the straying, hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!  
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying, "Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure."
3. Here see the bread of life; see waters flowing forth from the throne of God, pure from above.  
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing earth has no sorrow but heaven can remove.

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

Sara Murdaugh

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sara Murdaugh

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 Ruth 1:1-11, 1:19-22, 2:12 (NIV) Reader: Sara Murdaugh

**Ruth 1:1-11:** “In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. The man’s name was Elimelek, his wife’s name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there. Now Elimelek, Naomi’s husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband. When Naomi heard in Moab that the Lord had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah. Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back, each of you, to your mother’s home. May the Lord show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. May the Lord grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband.” Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud and said to her, “We will go back with you to your people.” But Naomi said, “Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands?”

**Ruth 1:19-22:** “ So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they arrived in Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them, and the women exclaimed, “Can this be Naomi?” “Don’t call me Naomi,” she told them. “Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter. I went away full, but the Lord has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi? The Lord has afflicted me; the Almighty has brought misfortune upon me.” So Naomi returned from Moab accompanied by Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, arriving in Bethlehem as the barley harvest was beginning.”

**Ruth 2:12:** “May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.”

MESSAGE “Return to Bethlehem” Pastor Eunjoo

HYMN “Softly Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” Hymnal, No.348 (vv. 1, 2 & 4)

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; see, on the portals he’s waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.
2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?

4. O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.

*Refrain*

Come home, come home; you who are weary, come home; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” arr. Hayes Jo Jackson

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

\*Blessing the Offering Pastor Eunjoo

\*HYMN “Count Your Blessings” Korean Hymnal

*Refrain:*

*Count your blessings, name them one by one,  
Count your blessings, see what God hath done!  
Count your blessings, name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.*

1. Are you ever burdened with a load of care?  
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?  
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,  
And you will keep singing as the days go by.

*Refrain*

2. When you look at others with their lands and gold,  
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;  
Count your many blessings. Wealth can never buy  
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.

*Refrain*

3. So, amid the conflict whether great or small,  
Do not be disheartened, God is over all;  
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,  
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

*Refrain*

\*BENEDICTION Pastor Eunjoo

POSTLUDE “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” arr. Berry Jo Jackson

(Please remain seated until the music has stopped. The service is still being streamed live on zoom.)

\*Standing for those who are able

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

In December, our sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias. Would you like to share one to be used to beautify our church for this special season? They will be available for pick up on Christmas Eve. Please do not pick them up before then. On Christmas Eve, we will publish the list of people you have chosen to buy the plants "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of". The flowers will be purchased from the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony. Each purchase will support the CSYS as well as help to beautify the church.

Fill out the order form below and put it with your check in the offering plate by **November 21<sup>st</sup>**. The cost is \$13 each and the check should be made payable to Central United Methodist Church (write "poinsettia" on the memo line.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of plants ordered \_\_\_\_\_ x \$13.00 per plant

Amount Enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order a plant:

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_ and/or

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_



*Poinsettia:*  
*The Flower of Christmas*

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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.

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Bookkeeper	Cheryl James
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Nursery Caregivers	Chelsea Bosick & Lani Bosick
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Facility Manager	John Cox