



**Central United Methodist Church  
of Colorado Springs**

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

**THE CENTRAL FAMILY OF FAITH  
GATHERED IN PRAISE AND CELEBRATION**  
Rev. Debra Wacker

**Sunday, January 14, 2024, 10:00 am**



**BECOMING THE PEOPLE OF GOD – Your Servant is Listening**

**Order of Worship**

(Please settle into a posture of worship)

\*Stand as you wish

**WE GATHER**

<b>Opportunities</b>		Pat Dudgeon
<b>Prelude</b>	<i>"Allegro from Organ Concerto III"</i> G. F. Handel	Kim Crom
<b>Welcome</b>		Rev. Deb
<b>Choral Introit</b>		Chancel Choir
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Pat Dudgeon
Leader:	The voice of God calls to us! Are you listening?	
People:	<b>Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.</b>	
Leader:	The hands of God beckon us! Are you paying attention?	
People:	<b>Show us, Lord, your servants are paying attention.</b>	
Leader:	The love of God asks us—are you ready to follow?	
People:	<b>Guide us, Lord, and we, your servants, will follow.</b>	
Leader:	Come, let us worship the God whose tenacious love never stops calling and beckoning and asking us to follow.	
People:	<b>Thanks be to God! Amen.</b>	
	<small>Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2023.</small>	
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<i>"Be Thou My Visions"</i>	UMH #451
	(Children are invited to come to the front during the last verse)	
<b>Children's Message</b>		Amy Ray
	(Bible Storytime follows Children's Message for Children K-3 <sup>rd</sup> grade. Follow Melissa.)	
	<b>PREPARATION TO HEAR GOD'S WORD</b>	
<b>Scripture:</b>	John 1:43-51	Pat Dudgeon
	Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.	
	<b>People: Thanks be to God.</b>	
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>"Your Servant is Listening"</i>	Rev. Deb

**Prayers of the People**

Rev. Deb

**Song of Prayer**

*"The Summons"*

TFWS #2130

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Deb

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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**

**Choral Response**

**Offering**

Rev. Deb

**\*Offertory** *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"* arr. D. Wood

Kim Crom

**\*Doxology** *"Sanctuary"*

TFWS #2164

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

**Closing Hymn**

**WE GO FORTH**  
*"Spirit Song"*

UMH #347

**Benediction**

Rev. Deb

**Choral Closing**

Chancel Choir

**Postlude**

*"Unto God Be The Glory"* G. Martin

Kim Crom

**THE CHURCH WE SERVE**

- Prayers for the family and friends of Sandra Noggle. Sandy passed away Wednesday night in a hospice facility in Tucson with her niece Jena by her side. Sandra suffered a fall last week that resulted in a fatal brain bleed.
- Smokey and Traci Boyer are asking for prayers for Smokey, as his cardiac condition has developed into congestive heart failure.
- Angie Edwards sister, Helen Roberts, continues to suffer from heart disease. She has become weaker, as the Drs. work to help her.
- Prayers for Sara and Mike Simon and family in the care of Aunt Ruth, as she recovers from her stroke.
- Angie McClelland's sister Dawn had surgery on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> to remove cancer from her ankle.
- Charlie Carson, is still in the hospital waiting to move into an Acute Rehab center.
- Charlie Carson, as he comes home.
- Bob Adams and his health issues.
- Jack Whitney, as he prepares for surgery on a broken hip.
- Sandy, Josephine Yacoub's sister-in-law, is recovering from Bell's Palsy at 27 years.
- Our "WAVES", our country and its leaders.

**Serving in mission:** Kutela Katembo: Missionary in Angola, Africa

**Our World:** The people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Gaza

**PRESENCE:** Sanctuary 76, Nursery 4, Fellowship Hall 3, Online 7, **Total: 90**

<b>GIFTS:</b>	Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	Dec 31 <sup>st</sup>	Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>	Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>
	\$5335.00	\$19,569.00	\$2920.00	\$3547.00	\$2435.00

**SERVICE:** Thank you to all of you who have been helping decorate and un-decorate the church this Christmas Season.

Thank you to those who have been working on cleaning up and out our Resource Room.

## **CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES**

### **JANUARY MISSION FOCUS**

#### ***Building a Grandmother's House***

##### **In memory of Trae Gilbert-DeGraffe**

During December, we gave almost \$2400 toward the \$3000 needed for our church to finance the building of a "Grandmother's House" in Kenya. Grandmothers who are extremely poor "inherit" their grandchildren when the parents die of AIDS. They and the children struggle in many ways, living in rundown shacks.

The Maua Methodist Hospital organizes and oversees the building of small homes (\$3000 each), and when completed, each new home is dedicated in the name of the church that provided the funding or to a person that the church selects.

Our December and January gifts will finance the building of a Grandmother's House, and our Missions Committee is hoping to dedicate the house in the name of Trae Gilbert-DeGraffe, our young member who died on November 8, 2023, the grandson of Bob and Angie Edwards.

If you can help, please make checks payable to CUMC, designated "Grandmother's House," or drop coins into the loose change jug on Sundays.

#### **Food Gifts in January**

##### **Hot Soup on a Cold Day**

Hungry families in Colorado Springs will appreciate some soup or other meal items as the winds blow in January. Hundreds of families come to Mercy's Gate each month for food and other assistance, and we can offer them the warmth of God's love. Please bring soup or any non-perishable food items to the grocery cart in the church entry area any time during January. Mmm, good!

#### **Bridge on Galley Closed – Starting Monday, 1/15/2024**

Starting Monday, 1/15/2024, the bridge on Galley between San Miguel and Moffit will be closed. The closure will continue for several weeks. You will need to use alternate routes to get to Central. If you have questions please call the office at 719-597-6642.

#### **Super Bowl Party: Pizza / Football Game / Board Games**

On Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, the Family Life Team will be hosting a Super Bowl Party in Fellowship Hall. They will order Pizza and will set up the large tv to watch the Football Game. For those less interested in the football game, there will be Board Games. If you have a favorite board game, please bring it with you.

#### **“What Christians Believe”**

Karen Hobson leads “The Followers”, a Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study at 11:15 am (during the Sunday School hour) in Classroom 1 off of Fellowship Hall. Join this great class for fellowship and dynamic conversations.

#### **New Study on Tuesday Mornings**

##### **The Lord's Prayer**

Using a book by Adam Hamilton, Rev. Judy is leading a study of Christianity's best known prayer. We will grow to understand and more fully appreciate the meaning and the power of the words by exploring each rich line and the Biblical context.

YOU ARE INVITED to join the friendly discussions on Tuesday mornings, 9:30-10:30.

Books (\$14) are available in the office or in class.

YOU are invited to join.

At the church or on Zoom

Classroom 1 off of Fellowship Hall

#### **“Bible Stories for Grown-Ups: Reading Scripture with New Eyes”**

Rev. Deb Wacker will be resuming this Bible Study. Wednesday at 10:00 am in the conference room and Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on zoom only. We'll take a new look at the Bible stories we learned as kids.

Never too late to join.

Books (\$14) are in the office.