

**Crossing Over**  
**February 18, 2024**



**Order of Worship**

**WE GATHER**

**Opportunities** Karen Hobson

**Prelude** *“What Wondrous Love Is This”* Jo Jackson

**Welcome** Rev. Judy Owsley

**Choral Introit** Chancel Choir

**\*Call to Worship** Karen Hobson

**\*Opening Hymn** *Hymnal #103*

*“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

(Children are invited to come to the front during verse 4.)

**Children’s Message** Elyse Brunner

(Bible Storytime for Children K-3rd grade. Follow Melissa.)

**Choral Interlude** Chancel Choir

**Offering**

**Offertory** *“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”*

**\*Doxology** *Hymnal #94*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise  
God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus  
Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy  
Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer Concerns**

**Choral Call to Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Judy

**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

**Hymn** *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”*

**Scripture:** Mark 1:9-15 Karen Hobson

**Sermon** *“Has Come Near”* Rev. Judy

**WE GO FORTH**

**Closing Hymn:**

*“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”* Hymnal, #664

**\*Benediction** Rev. Judy

**Choral Closing** Chancel Choir

**Postlude** *“America - Traditional”* Jo Jackson

**Confirmation Class of 2024 is up at John Wesley Ranch**

Please keep them, their mentors, and Rev. Deb in your prayers.

1. Austin Shannon – High School Junior
2. Jack Schipfer - High School Sophomore
3. Drew Median - High School Sophomore
4. Gael Perez – High School Sophomore
5. Cheyenne Shannon – High School Freshman
6. Oscar Agnew – High School Freshman
7. Trevor Spillar – High School Freshman
8. Sam Schipfer – Middle High 8<sup>th</sup>

## Our Presence last Sunday

Sanctuary 68, Nursery 0, Fellowship 0,  
Online 17, Total: 85

### Gifts

Feb 11 <sup>th</sup>	Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>	Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	Jan 21 <sup>st</sup>
\$5966	\$4189	\$3844	\$3543

### Opportunities

## "Helping Others X Two!"

FEBRUARY MISSION FOCUS

You have been so generous in the past that there is a fund from previous years' "Bundles of Love" to purchase underwear and socks for Mitchell HS, Swigert MS, and Wilson Elem. **BUT! The Backpack Project needs more money due to the rising cost of food.** The same three schools receive a total of 60 backpacks each month, and there are families who rely on those groceries and hygiene items to make it through the month.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO HELP X 2:** You may bring "Bundles of Love" (socks and underwear) if you wish. That certainly will help! **Please contribute all cash or checks for the Backpack Project.** Checks may be made to Central UMC, designated Backpack Project.

### **How Many Cans Can a Food Cart Contain**

If Each Can Can Contain Some Fruit??

A silly tongue twister ... or a serious call for help? The pantry at Mercy's Gate needs **canned fruit and other non-perishable food and hygiene items.** Let's see how many cans a cart can contain!! (We'll publish the count in the Messenger next month.) You may bring donations to the cart in the entry on any Sunday or weekday. Thanks for caring!

### **Lenten Study with Rev. Deb**

**"He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado**

Class will meet twice each week Feb. 20-Mar. 26  
Tuesday mornings at 9:30 -10:30 a.m.,  
Thursday evenings at 6:00 -7:00 p.m.

Books (\$14.00) are available in the office.

**We are WALKING through the Lenten Season  
AGAIN!**

### **LENTEN WALK 2024**

### **DEVOTIONAL FOCUS: Won't You Be My Neighbor?**

This year's devotional focus is based on the words of Mister Rogers. The devotional started January 1<sup>st</sup>, but we are starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent – TODAY!

Therefore, the first six weeks of the devotional are printed in the Weekly Messenger emailed to you last Thursday/Friday. Please take this week to catch up and walk with the Lord and the Easter people of Mountain Sky Conference.

### **WALKING FOCUS: Walk to other Methodist Churches**

Instead of having a mileage goal, this year is more relaxed. We'd like to walk in our neighborhoods to another Methodist Church!

This week: We are walking from Central UMC to People's UMC at 5110 Tamlin Rd., Colo Spgs, CO 80938, 8.4 miles east on Hwy 24 and north on Marksheffel Rd. Please contact Karen Hobson for more information.

### **Our Focus #7: Be still**

*Bible Verse: Psalm 46:10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted on the earth."*

Words of Wisdom from Mr. Rogers: "Our society is much more interested in information that wonder, in noise rather than silence.....and I feel that we need a lot more wonder and a lot more silence in our lives."

**BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR CHALLENGE: Take some time to just sit, be still, and listen for God's voice.**

**PLEASE COME JOIN IN THE FUN!**