

BECOMING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

January 21, 2024

Order of Worship



WE GATHER

Opportunities Joyce Witt

Prelude Jo Jackson
"Wonderful Words of Life With Thy Word" arr. Tornquist

Welcome Rev. Deb Wacker

Choral Introit Chancel Choir

Call to Worship Joyce Witt
Leader: Are you listening? God is doing a new thing! Will you join in?

Group A: Yes! We will follow!

Leader: Listen! Did you miss it? God calls us again to build the kin-dom of heaven. Will you join in?

Group B: Yes! We will be builders of the kin-dom.

Leader: Wait, did you catch that? Again, God calls us to declare the good news to those in need. Will you join in?

Group A: Yes! We will declare the good news with our voices and our lives.

Leader: And still, God calls. God never quits calling us to live and to give abundant life. Will you join in?

Group B: Yes! We will join with God in sharing the gracious gift of abundant life with the world.

ALL: May we respond to God's loving and persistent call with a loving and persistent yes! A yes for us, a yes for our neighbors, and a yes for our world to be transformed by the good news that God's kin-dom has come near. Amen.

Opening Hymn "Lord of the Dance" UMH #261
(Children are invited to come to the front during the last verse)

Children's Message Diane Black
(Bible Storytime for Children K-3rd grade. Follow Melissa.)

PREPARATION TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Joyce Witt
Jonah 3:1-5, 10 & Mark 1:14-20

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God
People: Thanks be to God

Sermon "A Second Time" Rev. Deb

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People Rev. Deb

Song of Prayer UMH #348 vs. 1, 2 & 4
"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Deb

The Lord's Prayer

Choral Response Chancel Choir

Offering Rev. Deb

Offertory Jo Jackson
"I Need Thee Every Hour" – Arr. Vogt

Doxology UMH #186
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

WE GO FORTH

Litany

One: Though often misunderstood, often held captive by fabricated realities, our souls long for peace.

Many: O God, we long for your presence; we long for peace.

One: We run without a destination, surrounded by highways of turbulent noise. We are tired, worn, and battered, and our souls long for joy.

Many: O God, we long for your presence; we long for joy.

One: Through it all...transformation and growth.

Many: Peace and Joy are possible in the presence of the Savior.

All: In spite of the world's challenges, we choose peace; we choose joy; we choose to follow YOU, Lord!

Written by Carolyn W. Dandridge, *The Africana Worship Book, Year B (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2007), 81.*

Closing Hymn UMH #467 vs. 1,2 & 3
"Trust and Obey"

Benediction Rev. Deb

Choral Closing Chancel Choir

Postlude Jo Jackson
"In Christ Alone With the Solid Rock" – Arr. Tornquist

Prayers

Angie Edward's sister, Helen Roberts is postponing her heart procedure, because she has other physical issues which need to be addressed. Also, her nephew, Chris Roberts as surgeons work to heal and save an infected leg.

Sandra Noggle in her passing on January 10, 2023.

Smokey Boyer's congestive heart failure.

Angie Edward's sister, Helen Roberts.

Charlie Carson is living at Medallion Rehab

Bob Adams and his health issues.

Jack Whitney, as he waits for hip surgery.

Our "WAVES", our country and its leaders.

Our World: The people of

Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Gaza

Serving in mission: Kutela Katembo:

Missionary in Angola, Africa

Presence:

Sanctuary 46, Nursery 2, Online 23, **Total: 71**

Gifts:

Jan 14 th	Jan 7 th	Dec 31 st	Dec 24 th
\$4901	\$5335	\$19,569	\$2920

Opportunities

JANUARY MISSION FOCUS

Building a Grandmother's House

Our goal for the December 2023 Mission Focus was \$3000 to finance the building of one "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.

YOU have given almost enough for two houses!!

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 one Grandmother's House, and hopefully two! The first house will be dedicated in the name of Trae Gilbert-DeGraffe, our young member who died on November 8, 2023, the grandson of Bob and Angie Edwards. The Missions Ministry Team is meeting this week to decide about the dedication of a second house if we are able to finance it.

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

Events

Super Bowl Party

On Sunday, February 11th in Fellowship Hall @ 4 pm

Hosted by Family Life Team

Pizza / Football on a BIG screen / Board Games

Men's Breakfast with Robert Rummel

Date: Saturday, January 27, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.

@ Sandy's Restaurant - 6940 Space Village Drive