

BECOMING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

January 28, 2024

Order of Worship



WE GATHER

Opportunities Sara Simon

Prelude Kim Crom
"Sweet, Sweet Spirit" arr. M. Hayes

Welcome Rev. Deb Wacker

Choral Introit Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship** Sara Simon
Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart in the company of the upright in the congregation.

**Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.**

The works of God's hands are faithful and just; all God's precepts are trustworthy.

**They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness
and uprightness.**

God's works extend to you and me and the whole community as the Spirit nurtures gifts and graces in each of us.

**Great are the works of the Lord,
whose love and grace endure forever!**

God raises up some to be prophets to help us follow God's voice, yet all are called to lead by following.

**We affirm the gifts of those who are
called to be truth-tellers in our midst,
helping us all to answer the call to be
truth-doers. Great are the works of the
Lord! Amen.**

***Opening Hymn** UMH #176
"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"

(Children are invited to come to the front during the last verse)

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

PREPARATION TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Sara Simon
Deuteronomy 18:15-20 & Mark 1:21-28

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon "Among Your Own People" Rev. Deb

WE RESPOND

Hymn of Prayer UMH #354

"I Surrender All"

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Deb

The Lord's Prayer

Choral Response Chancel Choir

Offering Rev. Deb

Offertory Kim Crom

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" arr. D. Wood

***Doxology** "Sanctuary" TFWS: #2164

Reading of Psalm 111 Sara Simon

WE GO FORTH

***Benediction** Rev. Deb

Choral Closing Chancel Choir

Postlude Kim Crom

Praise Band - congregational sing-along

"What A Mighty God We Serve"

What a mighty God we serve!

What a mighty God we serve!

Angels bow before Him,

Heaven and earth adore Him;

What a mighty God we serve.

Presence:

Sanctuary 65, Nursery 4, Online 13, **Total: 84**

Gifts:

Jan 21 st	Jan 14 th	Jan 7 th	Dec 31 st
\$3543	\$4901	\$5335	\$19,569

Prayers

Angie McClelland's Mom, **Nancy Razey** is in Hospice suffering with Body Inclusion Myositis.
Sandra Noggle in her passing on January 10, 2024.
Jim Howard in his passing on January, 18th, 2024.
Angie Edward's nephew, **Chris Roberts** is moving into a rehab center as he learns to live with a wounded leg.
Ken Wacker Sr. struggling with Prostate Cancer.
Smokey Boyer's congestive heart failure.
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, Angola, Africa

Opportunities

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!!

What good news! Our congregation has raised the \$6000 needed to build TWO Grandmother's Houses in Kenya. Thanks to all the many contributions, we met our goal and will be the sponsors of 2 homes for grandmothers and their grandchildren who are innocent victims of AIDS.

The Missions Ministry Team met and decided that the second house should be dedicated "In Honor of All the Saints of Central UMC, Colorado Springs, CO." There were several persons nominated to be the one memorialized by the dedication. Rather than honor just one individual, we will dedicate the house to ALL of our dear members who have died and also honor all the "Saints" who are in ministry among us. Praise God, what a gift!!

Special Offering on Sunday, January 28 **Backpack Project this Sunday**

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

Scouting Sunday, February 11th

Super Bowl Party

On Sunday, February 11th in Fellowship Hall
In Fellowship Hall - 4 pm – 7 pm
Hosted by Family Life Team
Come join us for the FUN!
Pizza / Football on a BIG screen / Board Games

Confirmation Class Retreat 2024

On February 17th -19th, 2024
8 Youth from our church will venture out with Rev. Deb to John Wesley Ranch.
We **will be joined** by others from our UM District.
Our church will **provide the meals** for Sunday lunch and dinner. See Diane and Joyce for details.
The **Church Van** will take and return our kids ,
but **WE NEED A DRIVER!**
We also have some **fun planned** throughout the weekend, but you'll have to wait on those details.
(There's still room and time to sign up)
Details will be **texted** to the participating youth.
See Rev. Deb with any questions.

Retirement Party For Cheryl (and Mark) James



Sunday, February 4, 2024 @ 11 a.m.
Come CELEBRATE Cheryl
as she retires after 10 years of loving service!