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March 6th, 2022
First Sunday in Lent

Welcome to the United Methodist Church of Summit! We invite you to join us on a journey of faith, worshiping and serving God.

PRELUDE: *Voluntary on "He Will Raise You Up on Eagle's Wings"*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Alison Johnson
(please rise as you are able)

Leader: We come this day to worship the God that walks with us through every challenge.

People: We come this day to walk with Jesus in the wilderness.

Leader: We come this day to remember we never walk alone.

People: May the Holy Spirit give us strength for every journey, and courage for every test!

***CENTERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)* Alison Johnson

Spirit of the Lord, search our hearts and minds this day so that we may hear and recognize your voice. Help us in our weakness. Reveal yourself to us and show us your way. May the Spirit intercede for us this day in accordance with your will. We ask all this in the name of Jesus the Christ our Savior, Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
It's Me, It's Me, O Lord

UMH #352

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Laura Steele

CHOIR ANTHEM

"It Is Well with My Soul"
Chancel Choir

arr. John N. Beck

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Carol Conway

SCRIPTURE

Alison Johnson

Old Testament: Psalm 17 (NRSV)

Prayer for Deliverance from Persecutors

A Prayer of David.

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit. From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right. If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress. As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent. My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped. I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.

New Testament: Luke 4:1-12 (NRSV)

The Temptation of Jesus

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** *(please rise as you are able)*

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

TFWS #2193

SERMON: *Mile Marker 1: Prayer* Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING

(please place your weekly offering in the offering plates)

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Voluntary on "Let Us Break Bread Together"

***DOXOLOGY** *(please rise as you are able)*

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

"Jesus Paid It All"

Contemporary Ensemble

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***CLOSING HYMN:** *(please rise as you are able)*

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

UMH #526

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Voluntary on "Holy, Holy Lord"*

*** Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.**

Hearing Aid Receivers and Large Print Hymnals are available from our ushers.

Children, Youth and Family Ministries:

Our Children, Families, and Youth Ministries programming has started once again. Each Sunday there is something for everyone! Our new Sunday schedule for children and youth is as follows:

9:30AM-11:30AM Nursery Care Available in the Nursery

9:30AM-10:15AM: Christian Drama Club for ages K-12th grade (Social Hall)

10:30AM-10:45AM: Worship in the Sanctuary

**10:45AM - 11:30AM: Sunday school for ages K-5th grade
(2nd floor)**

11:30AM: Coffee Hour

*Children are always welcome to stay in worship, Sunday school is optional for those families who wish to attend.

Youth Group every first Sunday of the month, 6PM-8PM

If you have any questions, please email our Children, Youth, and Families Minister Natalie Palacio at: CYFMinister@umcsummit.org

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Scott Davis, Cory Fish, Shela Waldron, family and friends of Mike Cruz, Lindsay Fauth, family of Christopher Juliano, Joan D, Gregory Carter, Kathy Whipps (Alison's mom), Walter, Doug, Jonathan, those struggling with mental health, Ken Green, Christine Zotti, Betty, Madison.

Sunday, March 6:

9:00am Instrumentalists
9:15am Contemporary Ensemble
9:30am Chancel Choir
9:30am Christian Drama Club
10:30am In-person/online Worship
10:45am Sunday School (2nd floor)
11:30am Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
11:30am Bell Choir
12:00pm Singing Believers
1:00pm Briant Park Walk
12:15pm Contemporary Ensemble
6:00pm Youth Group
7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, March 7:

7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)
7:45-9:30pm GA (Chapel and Fellowship Room)

Tuesday, March 8:

9:30-12:15pm Music Together (Social Hall)
1:00-9:30pm Debbi's Dance School (Dance Studio)
7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Wednesday, March 9:

9:30-11:30am Music Together (Social Hall)
1:00-9:30pm Debbi's Dance School (Dance Studio)
6:30pm Soup Supper
7:30pm Lenten Service (Chapel)
7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)
7:30-9:30pm Toastmasters (Social Hall)

Thursday, March 10:

3:30-9:00pm Debbi's Dance School (Dance Studio)

Friday, March 11:

9:30-12:15pm Music Together (Social Hall)
7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Saturday, March 12:

8:00am – 2:30pm Debbi's Dance School (Dance Studio)
9:30-11:30am Music Together (Social Hall)
11:30am Wesley Singers

Join Our Music Ministries!**Chancel Choir:**

Won't you come and join us as we sing joyful and meaningful songs to the Lord? It's a joy to work together and lift our voices in praise of our Maker. The Chancel Choir rehearsals continue at 9:30am each Sunday in the Sanctuary.

Wesley Singers:

Children and youth who would like to sing songs of faith please share your gifts of music on Saturday morning at 11:30am in our Sanctuary. We will make a joyful sound to the Lord.

Bell Choir:

Come and try ringing hand bells and hand chimes with your church friends. Rehearsals are Sundays at 11:45am in the Sanctuary.

Singing Believers:

We welcome all children 4 years old and up, to sing joyful songs of the church each Sunday at 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary. Please have a snack at coffee hour, then come back to church to share fun songs of faith.

Contemporary Ensemble:

Our Contemporary Ensemble shares music for Holy Communion each month. The Ensemble uses music from the contemporary hymnals "The Faith We Sing" and "Worship and Song". Rehearsals will be on Sundays and 12:15pm in the Sanctuary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers needed tomorrow, March 7th, 10:00am
Bring your gloves and tools!

Easter Egg Hunt Collection

This year the Children, Youth, and Families Ministry is planning a community **Easter Egg Hunt for Saturday, April 9th**; and we need your help! We are collecting baskets, plastic Easter eggs, and egg fillers. There will be baskets set up to collect items at the front and back of the sanctuary. You can also drop off donations to the church office Mon-Fri. from 9am-3pm. (Egg fillers are small, individually wrapped candy – no nuts, and/or small toys)



Parents' Night Out: Popcorn, Movie, & Games

Parents can drop off their kids kick back, relax, & enjoy an evening out! **Friday, March 25**
6:00pm - 8:00pm
Suggested donation of \$10 per child.

Donations Needed for YWCA: The YWCA's mission is to provide a safe and supportive residential program, offering a range of programs and referrals to sustain individuals and keep families strong during periods of crisis. We will be collecting items to create welcome bags for women and families of the YWCA. **Items are: planners, lotions, shampoo, conditioner, slippers, socks, and body sprays** (please keep in mind we are looking for hair products that would serve a diverse variety of hair types and genders) Please bring in items on Sunday mornings and place them in the bins located at the entrances and exits to the sanctuary, or you can drop off donations to the box outside the church office on Deforest Ave. We are blessed to be a blessing!



SEVEN-MILE MIRACLE

Join us for our 2022 Lenten Journey "Seven Mile Miracle"

Each week we will explore a different spiritual discipline during worship and study the book "*Seven Mile Miracle*" during our 9:30AM Bible Study class. On Sunday afternoons at 1PM, we will walk a mile together at Briant Park. By Easter Sunday, we will have walked seven miles! Please see the newsletter for more detailed information.

Lent Soup Suppers and Worship start March 9th

Join us Wednesday evenings March 9th- April 13th, as we gather together for Lenten soup suppers and worship. If you are willing to provide a simple soup supper on one of the Wednesday nights, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Social Hall. Following the supper, at 7:00PM, we will gather in the Chapel for a brief service of worship.



Youth Night: March 6th at 6:30pm



Games, food and fellowship at the Chatham United Methodist Church.