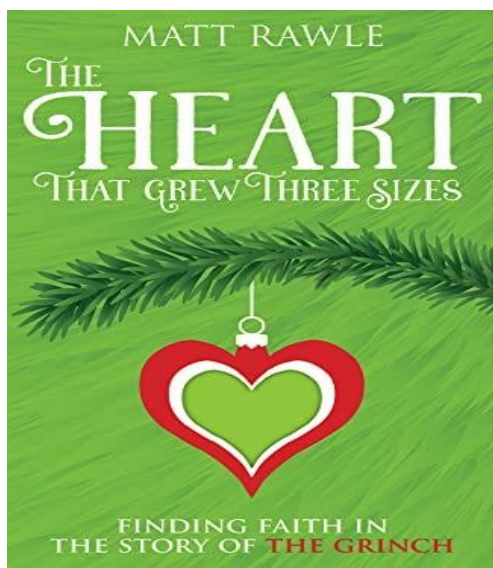




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December 11, 2022
Third Sunday in Advent

Worship Series: “The Heart That Grew Three Sizes”

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

PRELUDE

“Panis Angelicus”

C. Franck.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Shela Waldron & Family

Reader One: On the first Sunday in Advent, we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ. Last Sunday, we lit the candle of Peace, remembering God’s dream of a peaceful world. *(Light two candles).*

Reader Two: Today we light the third candle of Advent, the candle of Joy. In Advent, we are in a time of waiting. Like the Israelites who wandered through the Wilderness, waiting to come into the Promised Land, we wait for the coming of the Joy of Ages. On this day, we remember the Spirit who breathes joy into our lives.

Reader Three: We wait for the day where we can join our voices with the angels to sing “Joy to the World, the Lord is come!” We wait for the day when everlasting joy will live in each of us. We light this candle today in honor of the Joy that comes from the Lord. *(Light third candle)*

***HYMN:**

Advent Song (vv.1, 2, 3)

TFWS #2090

***CALL TO WORSHIP)**

Jesse Reyes

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: Rejoice! God’s promises are ever near.

People: We wait with patience for Christ’s birth.

Leader: Rejoice! God’s strength is with us.

People: We rest in the power of God’s love.

Leader: Rejoice! We gather in the joy of our salvation.

People: In this love, we gather to worship and pray.

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

Jesse Reyes

Promised One, enter our hearts anew. Enter our worship with your amazing grace, fill us with joy this day so that we may serve you and the world better. Enter our lives so that we may proclaim your presence and sing your praises. With joyous gratitude, we pray in your blessed name. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: *Good Christian Friends Rejoice*

UMH#224

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Laura Steele

ANTHEM: *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

Chancel Choir

K. Thomerson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Beverly Alexis

SCRIPTURE:

Jesse Reyes

Old Testament: Isaiah 35:1-10 (NRSV)

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

New Testament: Luke 1:46-55 (NRSV)

Mary's Song of Praise

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name; indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:**

Joy Comes With Dawn

TFWS #2210

SERMON:

"Making Room for Joy"

Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

"Voluntary on "Veni Emmanuel"

William Teubner, Trumpet

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

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #94

CLOSING HYMN:

Joy to the World

UMH #246

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Praise Ye the Lord of Host's"

C. Saint-Saens

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

Please join us after service for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall.

*Nursery Care is available for children ages 0-4 years old every Sunday
from 9:30am-12:30pm.*

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Gun violence in America, The Weaver Family, Rikki, Bob Reed, Christina, Family of Marlene Frere, Dottie Zottie, Warren Pierce, Jamie Noonan, K.S., Norma, The Miles Family, Bertha, Mervin The Boggan Family, Jerry Gaston, the people of Ukraine, family of Clyde Branson, Helga Ruttkamp, D, Gregory Carter, Kathy Whipps, Walter, Doug, Jonathan, those struggling with mental health, Christine Zotti, Betty, Madi, Mrs. Judith Ventura, Christina Teubner Donett, Family of Brook Lewis.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, December 11:

9:00am-9:30am	Instrumentals (Sanctuary)
9:30am-10:00am	Chancel Choir (Chapel)
10:00am-10:30am	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
9:30am-10:00am	Drama Club (Sanctuary) Rehearsal
10:30am-11:30am	In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)
10:45am-11:45am	Sunday School (2 nd Floor Educational Building)
11:30am-12:30am	Christmas Caroling on the Point
11:30am-12:00am	Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
12:00pm-12:15pm	Singing Believers (Sanctuary)
12:15pm-1:00pm	Contemporary Ensemble (Sanctuary)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, December 12:

9:00am-5:30pm	Brain Train Learning Center (Classroom #2)
7:00pm-9:00pm	Contemporary Worship Rehearsal (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)
7:45pm-9:30pm	GA (Chapel and Fellowship Room)

Tuesday, December 13:

9:00am-5:30pm	Brain Train Learning Center (Classroom #2)
9:15am-10:15am	Baby Bandstand (Social Hall & Playground)
7:00pm-8:00pm	Adult Sunday School (Fellowship Room)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Wednesday December 14:

9:00am-5:30pm	Brain Train Learning Center (Classroom #2)
9:00am-12:00pm	Music Together (Social Hall/Playground)
7:15pm-9:15pm	Toastmasters (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Thursday, December 15:

9:00am-5:30pm	Brain Train Learning Center (Classroom #2)
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Friday, December 16:

9:00am-5:30pm	Brain Train Learning Center (Classroom #2)
9:00am-12:00pm	Music Together (Social Hall & Playground)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Saturday, December 17:

11:30am-12:00pm	Wesley Choir
12:00pm-1:00pm	Chancel Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Join us for **Christmas Eve Services at 5PM and 9PM** on December 24th. Our 5PM service is family friendly with your favorite Christmas Carols, our Annual Children's Christmas Pageant, and a child-friendly candle lighting at the end. Our 9PM service is more traditional with Lessons and Carols and closing with candle lighting to the hymn "Silent Night". All are welcome!

Angel Tree Christmas Mission

Incarceration can strain family ties to the breaking point. By providing Christmas gifts on behalf of incarcerated parents, Prison Fellowship Angel Tree allows local congregations to extend the hope of the Gospel to families with loved ones in prison. This season Summit UMC has committed to sponsoring 40 children. Will you help us sponsor one of these children this Christmas? Grab a tag or visit our website at: www.umcsummit.org to sponsor a child today!



Christmas Caroling on the Point

Join us after church today outside on the point as we sing our favorite Christmas Carols for the community. This is an annual tradition of UMC Summit and all are invited to participate! Cookies and hot cocoa will be served!



Open Call!!

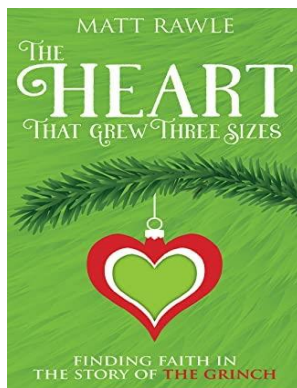
Children's Christmas Pageant

The Christian Drama Club kids are rehearsing for their Christmas Pageant. Join us on Sundays at 9:30am to be a take part in this performance during our Family Christmas Eve Service on Saturday, December 24 at 5:00pm.

NEW! Adult Advent Study

November 29th-December 20th

Join us Tuesday evenings at 7:30PM for a new Advent Study. We don't know why the Grinch hated Christmas. We will explore the faith themes in the Christmas classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* How did the Grinch's heart grow three sizes? How did Christmas save the Grinch? Could it be that the very thing we think we hate is the one thing that changes our lives? This Advent and Christmas season, look at a familiar classic through the lens of faith.



Blue Christmas Service

Wednesday, December 21st 7:00pm

If you are looking for comfort and healing, or simply want to take a moment to pause from this busy time of year, please join us on **Wednesday, Dec. 21st, at 7PM in the Chapel** for a Blue Christmas Service. We will have a time of prayer, reflection, soft music, and candle lighting.



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Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 18th at 3.00pm

*Featuring the choirs of the church
& professional soloists*



Free and open to all. Donations are welcome.

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