

United Methodist Church of Summit



May the faith of God
be with you this year.
May the peace of God
surround you, ✈
and may you be blessed
each day!

Happy New Year

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Sunday Worship

January 8th, 2023

PRELUDE

Will Johnson

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Beverly Alexis

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: The Voice of God prods our hearing

People: The activity of God stretches our seeing.

Leader: Together they invite us down into the waters of life where the Spirit flows.

People: From there we may rise to go, to dare, to walk, and to serve beyond where we have been before.

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

Beverly Alexis

Dear Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise that in your mercy you brought us to baptism, and there gave us Jesus' holiness in exchange for our shortcomings and our sin. Thank you for our parents who brought us up in the faith and to baptism, thank you for those other people whom you used to bring us the gospel, and thank you for our pastors and teachers in the faith.

***OPENING HYMN:** *This is the Spirit's Entry Now*

UMH#608

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Natalie Palacio

ANTHEM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Beverly Alexis

SCRIPTURE:

Old Testament: Psalm 29 (NRSV)

Natalie Palacio

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship

the Lord in holy splendour. The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!' The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

New Testament: Matthew 3:13-17 (NRSV) Natalie Palacio

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters UMH#605

SERMON: *The Baby Out with the Bath Water* Natalie Palacio

OFFERING:

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Will Johnson

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

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #94

CLOSING HYMN: Child of Blessing, Child of Promise UMH#611

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Will Johnson

**Please rise in body or spirit as you are able
Please join us after service for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall.*

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. Mary Ellen DeJohn's brother Mike

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, January 08:

10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, January 09:

7:00pm-9:00pm Contemporary Worship Rehearsal
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)
7:45pm-9:30pm Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room)

Tuesday, January 10:

1:30pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Wednesday January 11:

1:30pm-9:30pm Debbie' Dance (Dance Studio)
7:15pm-9:15pm Toastmasters (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Thursday, January 12:

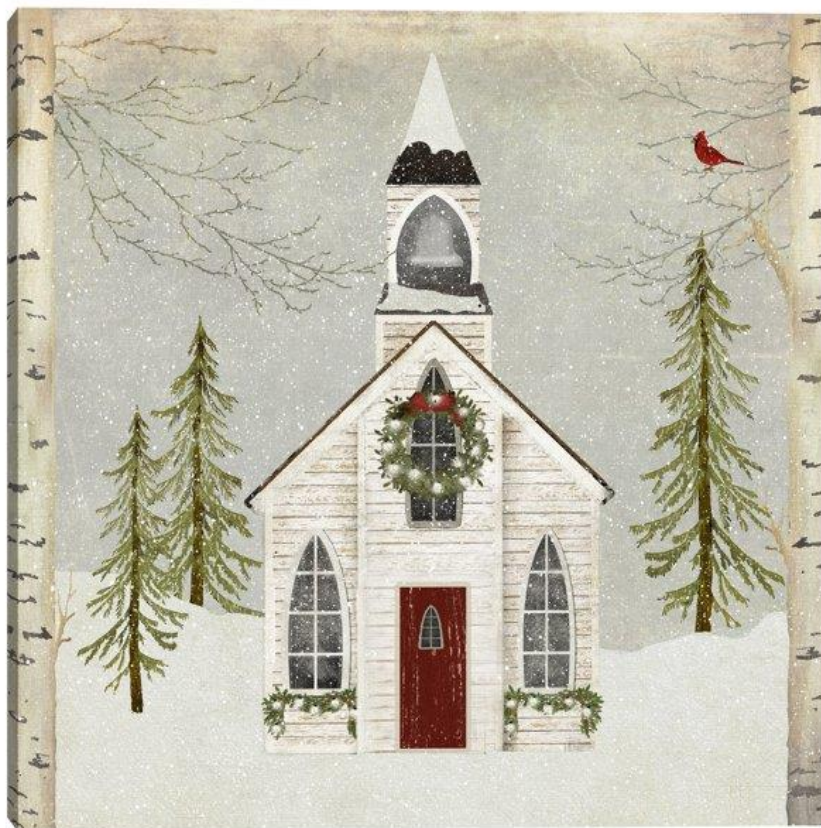
3:30pm-9:00pm Debbi's 'Dance (Dance Studio)

Friday, January 13:

7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Saturday, January 14:

8:00am-3:30pm	Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
2:00pm-8:30pm	EMC Shalom (Fellowship Room)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)



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