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February 12th, 2023
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

*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 "Holy God"

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Alison Johnson

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

People: Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.

Leader: Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

People: Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.

Leader: Come, let us love the Lord our God.

People: We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

CENTERING PRAYER: *(in unison)

Alison Johnson

O God, send your Spirit upon us and light our path, so that we may travel the road you have prepared for us. Having heard your scriptures proclaimed, and your word revealed, enable our hearts and minds to more fully understand your goodness and your grace. Help us break free from ideas that no longer bring life, that we may embrace the life-giving work of your Spirit. Challenge us to forsake paths that ask little of us, and help us resist the evils and temptations of this world, so that we may truly follow the example of Christ. In His name we pray, AMEN.

***OPENING HYMN:**

"My Hope Is Built"

UMH #368

(please remain standing as you are able)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Natalie Palacio, CYF Minister

ANTHEM

"Up Above My Head, I Hear Music in the Air"
Chancel Choir

Spiritual

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Beverly Alexis

ANTHEM

"I'll Walk with God"

Brett Kendall, Bass

SCRIPTURE:

Alison Johnson

Old Testament: Psalm 119:1-8 (NRSV)

The Glories of God's Law

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord. Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong but walk in

his ways. You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments. I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances. I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (NRSV)

Alison Johnson

On Divisions in the Corinthian Church

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people but rather as fleshly, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still fleshly. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not fleshly and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not all too human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and each will receive wages according to their own labor. For we are God's coworkers, working together; you are God's field, God's building. *This is the Word of God, for the people of God;*

People: Thanks be to God!

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:**

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

TFWS #2128

SERMON:

The Master Gardener

Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Voluntary on "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"

William Teubner, Trumpet

***DOXOLOGY**

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

***CLOSING HYMN:**

"Pass It On"

UMH #572

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Recessional in F Major"

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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Lisa Wood, Mike (MaryEllen DeJohn's brother), Linda Dawson, Carmel Christensen, John Jennings, Chris Zotti and son Jack, gun violence in America, Bob Reed.

Church Office Update

Polly del Campo will be filling in temporarily at the front desk Monday through Friday 9:00 am – 1:00pm until a replacement is found.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, February 12:

9:00am-9:30am Instrumentalists (Sanctuary)
9:30am – 10:20am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chapel)
9:30am-10:30am Drama Club (Green Room)
10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)
10:45am-11:30am Children's Sunday School (2nd Floor Education)
11:30am-12:30pm Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
11:30am-12:00pm Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
12:00pm-12:20pm Singing Believers (Chapel)
12:20pm -1:00pm Contemporary Ensemble (Chapel)
5:00pm-6:30pm Johanna Pickle Ball (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, February 13:

7:00pm-9:00pm Contemporary Worship Rehearsal (Social Hall)
7:45pm-9:30pm Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room and Chapel)

Tuesday, February 14:

9:30am-10:30am Baby Bandstand (Social Hall)
12:00pm Interfaith Council Meeting (Social Hall)
1:00pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Wednesday February 15:

9:00am-12:00pm Music Together (Social Hall)
1:00pm-9:30pm Debbie's Dance (Dance Studio)
7:15pm-9:15pm Toastmasters (Social Hall)

Thursday, February 16:

3:30pm-9:00pm Debbi's 'Dance (Dance Studio)
3:30- 5:00pm Girl Scouts (Social Hall)
7pm-8pm Contemporary Worship Service (Social Hall)

Friday, February 17:

9:00am-12:00pm Music Together (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Saturday, February 18:

8:00am-3:30pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
9:00am-12:00pm Music Together (Social Hall)
11:30am-12:00pm Wesley Choir (Chapel)
12:00pm-1:00pm Chancel Choir (Chapel)
1:00pm Instrumental
2:00pm-8:30pm EMC Shalom (Fellowship Room)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

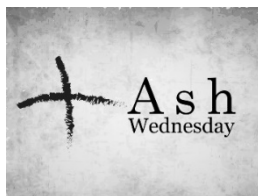


29 Ways United Methodists Can Participate in Black History Month

Black History Month celebrates the unique contributions of African Americans to the American history. Whatever your heritage or background, black history is part of everyone's history. The UM Commission on Religion and Race has compiled 29 suggestions to help United Methodists celebrate Black History Month during this leap year. Please check out our February Newsletter or visit: <https://www.r2hub.org/>

Birthday Sunday - February 19

Don't forget, every third Sunday of the month is Birthday Sunday. For everyone who shares a birthday in February please bring a snack to share at coffee hour.



Mark Your Calendars:

Ash Wednesday 2/22/23, 7:30PM

The Lenten season is right around the corner! Please mark your calendars and join us for an Ash Wednesday Service on February 22nd, at 7:30pm in the Chapel.

Lent Worship Series: Questions to God Who is God? Why do bad things happen to good people? How can I face the future? Having doubts is part of the human experience. Join us this Lent as we practice bringing some of our biggest questions and doubts to God.





Lent Soup Suppers and Dinner Church
Wednesdays March 1st-March 29th, 6:30-7:30PM

Join us this Lenten season as we try something new! This year we will combine our Lenten Soup Suppers and Services for an interactive Dinner Church experience. 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. A special "thank you" to all of our "Soup Chefs" past and present!

Volunteers Needed!

Children's Sunday School & Christian Drama Club need YOUR help! If you are a parent or a volunteer who enjoys working with children, please consider signing up to join our growing class of young disciples. We would love for our parents and volunteers to commit two Sundays this spring season. Please see CYF Minister Natalie Palacio for more information. Or email: CYFMinister@umcsummit.org



Coffee Hour Hosts NEEDED!

The Hospitality Team is in need of volunteers to help host Coffee Hour each Sunday. All you have to do is bring some refreshments for folks to share and we'll do the heavy lifting! There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall. For more information or if you have any questions, please see Debbi Picorale.



"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity as you follow Jesus Christ, so that with one heart and voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ"
Romans 15:5

Yes, with one heart and voice let us begin our new season.

Chancel Choir:

It's a joy to work together and lift our voices in praise. The Chancel Choir rehearses on Saturdays at 12:00pm and on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. Both rehearsals are in the chapel. Come and share your voice with your church friends to sing God's praises.

Calling all Children and Youth!

Our Wesley Choir rehearses on Saturday mornings at 11:30am in the chapel.

Our Singing Believers rehearse on Sundays at 12:00pm in the chapel, following coffee hour. Let us grow together through the songs of the church.

Bell Choir:

Making a joyful sound is the mission of our Bell Choir. Now is a wonderful time to come and ring Hand Bells and Hand Chimes with your church friends. Rehearsals are on Sunday's following worship in the Sanctuary. Please come right over to the Bell tables and Debbie will have coffee hour waiting for us after rehearsal. Please come and join with your church friends this Sunday to ring bells.

Contemporary Ensemble:

Our Contemporary Ensemble shares music for Holy Communion each month. Come and share your gifts of singing and instruments. Rehearsals are on Sundays at 12:20pm in the chapel. Come and share your musical gift and enrich your faith. Looking forward to Praising God together.

With much love,
JoAnne Teubner Prussak
Director of Music