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**February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Transfiguration Sunday**

*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 the Tune "Diademata"*

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

**PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Beverly Alexis

*(please rise as you are able)*

Leader: Lord, you have called us to the mountaintop.

**People: It is easy to stand in the valley of our comfort.**

Leader: But yet Christ calls us to the mountaintop to receive a new vision.

**People: Open our hearts and spirits to receive your glorious directions.**

Leader: Place your trust in the Lord in all your ways.

**People: Lord, we have come here to give our lives to you.**

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

Beverly Alexis

**Awesome God, we come to the mountaintop to be covered in your presence. May we be comforted by your holiness and your glow; may we be comforted by the hope we find. Draw close to us, and may we have no doubt of your glory. As we begin to worship, God bring us to the mountain top! May we witness your bright power and be inspired to do your work in the valleys below. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN:**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

UMH #327

*(please remain standing as you are able)*

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Rev. Laura Steele

**ANTHEM**

*"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"*  
Chancel Choir

William Dawson

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Beverly Alexis

**SCRIPTURE:**

Beverly Alexis

**Old Testament: Exodus 24:12-18 (NRSV)**

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

**New Testament: Matthew 17:1-9 (NRSV)**

Beverly Alexis

**The Transfiguration**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." *This is the Word of God, for the people of God;*

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION:**

*Sanctuary (sung 3x)*

TFWS #2164

**SERMON:**

*What Happens on the Mountain, Stays on the Mountain*  
Rev. Laura Steele

**OFFERING**

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

*Variations on "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*  
William Teubner, Trumpet

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

**\*CLOSING HYMN:**

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

UMH #251

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*"A Festival Recessional"*

John Head

*\*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**

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

### **This Week's Schedule**

#### **Sunday, February 19:**

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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Education)  
11:30am-12:30pm Birthday Sunday at 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 20:**

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

#### **Tuesday, February 21:**

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

#### **Wednesday February 22:**

1:00pm-9:30pm Debbie' Dance (Dance Studio)  
7:15pm-9:15pm Toastmasters (Social Hall)  
7:30pm Ash Wednesday Service (Chapel)

#### **Thursday, February 23:**

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

#### **Friday, February 24:**

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

#### **Saturday, February 25:**

8:00am-3:30pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)  
9:00am-12:00pm Music Together (Social Hall)

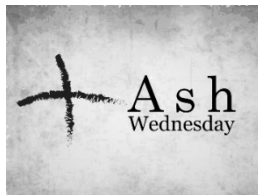
11:30am-12:00pm Wesley Choir (Chapel)  
12:00pm-1:00pm Chancel Choir (Chapel)  
1:00pm Instrumental  
2:00pm – 10:00pm EMC Shalom (Fellowship Room)

## 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/>



### 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>-March 29<sup>th</sup>, 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!



**Easter Egg Hunt Candy/Toy Drive**  
**Now-Sunday, March 15th**

Our Easter Egg Hunt is early this year slated for Saturday, April 1st. We are hosting our Easter Candy Collection. We will be happy to receive a donation of every size. You can donate online or by bringing donations to the church. Small candy (nut-free and individually wrapped) or small toys/stickers are gladly appreciated! Thank you in advance for helping us in reaching the community outside our church walls. If you have any questions please see Natalie Palacio or email: [CYFMinister@umcsummit.org](mailto:CYFMinister@umcsummit.org).

**Coffee Hour Hosts NEEDED!** The Hospitality Team is in need of volunteers to help host Coffee Hour each Sunday. There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall. For more information or if you have any questions, please see Debbi Picoral





*"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