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February 5th, 2023
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Communion 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

"O Lord Most Holy"

Cesar Franck

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bill Glancy

Leader: We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

People: We are the salt of the earth.

Leader: We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

People: We are the light of the world.

Leader: We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

People: The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.

Leader: Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

People: Come, let us love one another with the love of God!

CENTERING PRAYER: *(in unison)

Bill Glancy

God of mystery and light, who has created us to season the dark corners of this shadowed world with the flavor of your love, guide us in this time of worship. Grant us understanding and spiritual discernment so that others may see your good works through us. May our daily lives reflect your glory, and may we embody your amazing grace. **AMEN.**

***OPENING HYMN:**

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"
(please remain standing as you are able)

UMH #581

CHILDREN'S MOMENT:

Natalie Palacio, CYF Minister

ANTHEM:

"Kyrie"
Chancel Choir

Antonin Dvorak

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Carol Conway

SCRIPTURE READING:

Bill Glancy

Old Testament: Isaiah 58:4-8 (NRSV)

You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light

shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

New Testament: Matthew 5:13-20 (NRSV)

Salt and Light

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot." "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:**

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

TFWS #2173

SERMON

Be Salty!

Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION:

Variations on *"Be Thou My Vision"*

William Teubner, Trumpet

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

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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SPECIAL MUSIC:

"Grace Alone"

Ximenita Gonzalez

***CLOSING HYMN:**

"This Little Light of Mine"

UMH #585

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Variations on "Praise to the Lord"

**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.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, February 5:

9:00am-9:30am Instrumentalists (Sanctuary)
9:30am – 10:00am 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 – 5:45pm Confirmation Class (Youth Lounge)
5:00pm-6:30pm Johanna Pickle Ball (Social Hall)
7:00am – 10:00pm Youth Group Scavenger Hunt (Chatham UMC)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, February 6:

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

Tuesday, February 7:

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 8:

9:00am-12:00pm Music Together (Social Hall)
1:00pm-9:30pm Debbie' Dance (Dance Studio)
7:15pm-9:15pm Toastmasters (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Thursday, February 9:

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

Friday, February 10:

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

Saturday, February 11:

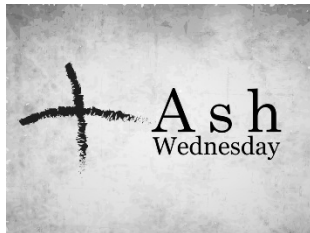
8:00am-3:30pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
9:00am-12:00pm Music Together (Social Hall)
11:30am-12:00pm Wesley Choir (Chapel)
12:00pm-1:00pm Chancel Choir (Chapel)
1:00pm Instrumental
2:00pm-8:30pm EMC Shalom (Fellowship Room)

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/>



Mark Your Calendars:

Ash Wednesday

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.

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





**YOUTH GROUP Kick-Off
TONIGHT! Sunday, February 5th 6PM-7:30PM**

Join our Meadowlands Youth Collective as we kick-off 2023 with a Scavenger Hunt Night at Chatham UMC! All youth middle-school through high-school are welcome to attend! As a reminder, Confirmation Class meets at 5PM at Summit UMC and leaders will drive any Confirmation Class participants to Chatham UMC.



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.

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.



Welcome Back All Music Makers! *"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. Our organizational rehearsals will be on Saturdays at 12:00 and Sundays at 9:30am in the chapel. Now is a great time to come and share your voice with your church friends.

Calling all Children and Youth!

Our Singing Believers and Wesley Choir are beginning this weekend. Wesley Choir on Saturdays at 11:30 in the chapel. Singing Believers resume on Sundays at 12:00 noon. Rehearsals will be in the chapel following coffee hour. Let us grow together in our faith, 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