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**April 16th, 2023**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

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

**PRELUDE:** "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"

For Trumpet and Organ

George F Handel

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

**PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP**

**Anthem** "River in Judea"  
Chancel Choir

Jack Feldman

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

*(please rise as you are able)*

Leader: Our hearts are glad!

**People: Our souls rejoice!**

Leader: For you do not abandon us.

**People: You give us counsel.**

Leader: You are at our right hand.

**People: You show us the path of life.**

Leader: Your presence is sheer joy.

**People: You are our God; blessed is your name!**

Ximenita Gonzalez

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

Ximenita Gonzalez

Good and gracious God, our most glorious Creator, as we greet the signs of Spring around us in bloom, we give you praise for an even greater sign of new life: the Resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. The sadness and despair of his death gave way to the bright promise of immortality. For the Resurrection is our guarantee that justice will triumph over treason, Light will overcome darkness, and love will conquer death. We praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives and change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever. Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*

"Christ is Alive"

UMH#218

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Rev. Laura Steele

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Alison Johnson

### **SCRIPTURE: Old Testament: Psalm 16**

Ximenita Gonzalez

Song of Trust and Security in God. A Miktam of David.

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you."

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones  
in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names upon my lips.

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol  
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

### **New Testament: 1 Peter 1:3-9 (NRSV)**

A Living Hope

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have

not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION:** (please rise as you are able)  
“Because He Lives”

UMH#364

**SERMON:** “*Fullness of Joy*” Natalie Palacio, CYF Minister

**OFFERING**

(please place your weekly offering in the offering plates)

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION** Voluntary on “Jesus Shall Reign”

**\*DOXOLOGY UMH 94 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** (please rise as you are able)  
“How Great Thou Art”

UMH#77

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** “Lift High The Cross”

Sidney Nicholson

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

*\*Please join us in the Social Hall after service for coffee and refreshments.*

**In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

Tamisha Ramsay, Janet Skakum, Jessica, the Miles family, the Menendez and Aguilera family, 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, April 16:**

9:00am-9:30am Instrumentalists (Sanctuary)  
9:30am-10:30am Drama Club (Green Room)  
10:00am-11:00am Chancel Choir(Sanctuary)  
10:30am-11:30am Worship  
10:45am-11:30am Sunday School  
11:30am-12:30pm Bell Choir(Sanctuary)  
10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)  
11:30am-12:30pm Coffee Hour (Social Hall)  
12:00pm-12:30pm Singing Believers(Sanctuary)  
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

#### **Monday, April 17:**

10:00am-11:00am Play and Say(Playground)  
7:00pm-9:00pm Contemporary Worship Rehearsal (Social Hall)  
7:45pm-9:30pm Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room and Chapel)

#### **Tuesday, April 18:**

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 April 19:**

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

#### **Thursday, April 20:**

3:30pm-5:00pm Girl Scouts(Social Hall)  
3:30pm-9:00pm Debbi's 'Dance (Dance Studio)

#### **Friday, April 21:**

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

#### **Saturday, April 22:**

8:00am-3:30pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)  
9:00am-12:00pm Music Together(Social Hall)  
11:30am-12:30am Wesley Choir(Sanctuary)  
12:00pm-1:0pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)  
2:00pm-10:00pm EMC Shalom (Fellowship Room)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Garden Volunteers Needed! Sat. April 15<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-12PM**

Calling all hands on deck! We need your help to spruce up the Reeves Memorial Garden for its Spring bloom! Please join us on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, from 9am-12pm.



**Join the City of Summit for Earth Day Cleanup! April 22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 9AM-12PM** Walk-ins are welcome at Briant Park and Martin's Brook Park. Please bring work gloves and a drink. Community service hours are available. We hope to see you there!



### **UMC Summit Rummage Sale**

**Save the Date: May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

It's time to bring in your clothing and accessories for our May 6<sup>th</sup> Rummage sale. Clothing should be gently used and clean. Any questions please see Faye, Kim or Debby.



*"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 Singing Believers rehearse on Sundays at 12:10pm 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 12:30pm 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