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April 23rd, 2023 Third Sunday of Easter Earth Day 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 "Praise for the Sweetness of the Garden" For Trumpet and Organ

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Glancy

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: We depend on those around us. **People: We depend on You, O God.**

Leader: Those who support us and provide wisdom and guidance.

People: Tell of your wisdom, O Christ.

Leader: O Holy Spirit, may we this day recognize our place among

all things which You have created.

People: Show us your love through the beauty of all Creation.

*CENTERING PRAYER: (in unison)

Bill Glancy

Creating God, today, we give You thanks for the richness and abundance of the Earth: the deserts and the rainforests to the oceans and the glaciers. Today, we pause to reflect on some of the moments that have reminded us of your presence throughout the natural world: sunsets and sunrises, butterflies and birds, the beauty of new life blooming in Spring... Offer us your blessing this day, as we begin our worship in praise and thanksgiving. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN: "All Creatures of our God and King" UMH#62 (please remain standing as you are able)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Natalie Palacio, CYF Minister

ANTHEM "Your Help Comes from the Lord"
Chancel Choir

Mark Hayes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Laura Steele

SCRIPTURE READING

Bill Glancy

New Testament: Luke 24:13-18, 28-35 (NRSV)

The Walk to Emmaus

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION: (please rise as you are able)

"God the Sculptor of the Mountains" TFWS#2060

MESSAGE: "Creation of the Crossroads" Bill Glancy

OFFERING

(please place your weekly offering in the offering plates)

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Voluntary on "This Is My Father's World" William Teubner, Trumpet

*DOXOLOGY: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH# 94

*CLOSING HYMN: (please rise as you are able)

"Hymn of Promise" UMH#707

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Voluntary on "Fair Flowers of Paradise"

* 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

Family of Betty Zabrucky, family of Norma Dowe, Tamisha Ramsay, Janet Skakum, Jessica, the Miles family, the Menendez and Aguilera family, Lisa Wood, Mike (MaryEllen DeJohn's brother), family of Linda Dawson, Carmel Christensen, John Jennings, Chris Zotti and son Jack, gun violence in America, Bob Reed and the family of Betty Zabrucky

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, April 23:

9:00am-9:30am Instrumentalists (Sanctuary) 9:30am-10:30am Drama Club (Green Room) Chancel Choir(Sanctuary) 9:30am-10:15am

10:30am-11:30am

In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)

10:45am-11:30am Sunday School

11:30am-12:30pm Coffee Hour (Social Hall) 11:30am-12:00pm Bell Choir(Sanctuary)

12:10pm-12:30pm Singing Believers(Sanctuary) 12:30pm-1:00pm Contemporary Ensemble 7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, April 24:

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 25:

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 26:

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

Toastmasters (Chapel) 7:15pm-9:15pm

Thursday, April 27:

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

Friday, April 28:

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

Saturday, April 29:

8:00am-3:30pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio) 9:00am-12:00pm Music Together (Chapel) 9:00am-12:00pm Norma Dowe Memorial Service 2:00pm-10:00pm EMC Shalom (Fellowship Room)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation Class Sunday May 7th, 5PM As a reminder our next Confirmation Class meeting will be Sunday, May 7th, at 5PM in the Youth Lounge.





UMC Summit
Rummage Sale
10:00am-4:00pm
Save the Date: May
6th, 2023
It's time to bring in
your clothing and
accesorries for our

May 6th Rummage sale. Clothing should be gently used and clean. Any questions please see Faye, Kim or Debbi.

Movie Night! Saturday May 20th 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Age 4-12

Parents can drop off the kids, kick back, relax and enjoy an evening off. Suggested Donation of \$10 per child Thank you! We hope to see you there.





New! Christian Yoga Classes May 5th, 11AM

Join us Friday mornings at 11AM as Pastor Laura leads a new, Christian Yoga class in the Chapel. All levels are welcome, no previous experience necessary. Suggested donation of \$10 per class. Please see Pastor Laura for more information or email: pastor@umcsummit.org



Contemporary
Worship Service
"Waves of Grace"
May 4th, 7:00PM
Join us for our new
Contemporary
Worship Service
"Waves of Grace"
featuring

contemporary Christian music and a faith testimony from community members.



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 Pico





"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