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Church of Summit



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**March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**Questions to God Series**

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

**PRELUDE**      *“Andante in “F Major” for Trumpet and Organ*

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** Beverly Alexis  
*(please rise as you are able)*

Leader: God tells us to forgive others.

**People: We wonder—why should we? Forgiveness is hard to extend when we are hurting.**

Leader: Teach us, O God, how to forgive and to trust again.

**People: May we be open to the lessons of giving and receiving forgiveness.**

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

**Lord, things are broken, again. The remnants of shattered trust and fractured hope lie in our path. Bring us to the place of forgiveness, your great mystery of healing. Give us back our lives, we pray. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN:**      *“My Hope is Built”* UMH #368  
*(please remain standing as you are able)*

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT** Alison Johnson

**ANTHEM**      *“Into the Garden”* Peter Lutkin  
Chancel Choir

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Beverly Alexis

**SCRIPTURE:**

Beverly Alexis

**New Testament: Matthew 6:9-15 (NIV)**

“This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our  
debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you,  
your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not  
forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your  
sins. *This is the Word of God, for the people of God;*

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION:**

*“Help Us Accept Each Other”*

UMH #560

**SERMON:**

*“Forgive As We Forgive”*

Guest Preacher, Zachary Holder

**OFFERING****MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

*Variations on an “Early American Hymn”*

William Teubner, Trumpet

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

UMH #95

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** *“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”* UMH#462

**\*BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE**

*Voluntary on “Solid Rocks!”*

*\* 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**

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.



### **Lent Soup Suppers and Dinner Church Wednesdays March 1<sup>st</sup>-March 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30PM**

Last week to try our new Soup Supper and Dinner Church! 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 sing-up sheet in the Social Hall. A special "thank you" to all of our "Soup Chefs" past and present

## **This Week's Schedule**

### **Sunday, March 26:**

9:00am-9:30am	Instrumentalists (Sanctuary)
9:30am-10:30am	Drama Club (Green Room)
9:30am-10:30am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chapel)
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	Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
11:30am-12:00pm	Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
12:10pm-12:30pm	Singing Believers (Chapel)
12:30pm -1:00pm	Contemporary Ensemble (Chapel)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)

### **Monday, March 27:**

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

### **Tuesday, March 28:**

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

### **Wednesday March 29:**

1:00pm-9:30pm	Debbie' Dance (Dance Studio)
7:15pm-9:15pm	Toastmasters (Chapel)
6:30pm-7:30pm	Soup Supper and Dinner Church (Social Hall)

### **Thursday, March 30:**

3:30pm-9:00pm	Debbi's 'Dance (Dance Studio)
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### **Friday, March 31:**

7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)
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### **Saturday, April 1:**

8:00am-3:30pm	Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
12:00pm-1:00pm	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
1:00pm-2:00pm	Easter Egg Hunt (Memorial Garden)
2:00pm-10:00pm	EMC Shalom (Fellowship Room)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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.



## JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK!

### Palm Sunday

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30AM**

#### Sanctuary

Join us as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Our children will lead us in a Palm Parade as we shout for joy "Hosanna!"



### Maundy Thursday Service

**April 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM**

#### Reeves Chapel

Join us as we remember the Last Supper with the sacrament of Holy Communion and a sacred hand-washing ceremony.

### Good Friday Service

**April 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM**

#### Reeves Chapel

Join us as we observe Good Friday with a "Nails of the Cross" Tennebrae service.





## Annual Easter Egg Hunt! Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 1:00PM

Games, Prizes, and Photos with the Easter Bunny! Join us once again as we host our Community Easter Egg Hunt! Pre-registration is suggested. Please see CYF Minister, Natalie Palacio, for more information. Email: [CYFMinister@umcsummit.org](mailto:CYFMinister@umcsummit.org)

## 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.



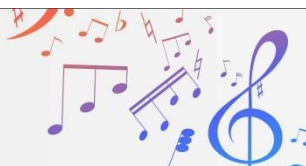
**Join Us! April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Saturday 9AM-12PM**  
for our annual earth day clean-up. Walk-ins are welcome at Briant Park and Martin's Brook Park. We hope to see you there!





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## MUSIC MINISTRY



*"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