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**May 14th, 2023**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Mothering 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**

*"Cannon in D"*

Johann Pachelbel

for Trumpet and Organ

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP**

**ANTHEM:** *"Love, Love, Love, That's What It's All About"*  
Singing Believers

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Alison Johnson

*(please rise as you are able)*

Leader: The Lord has been our refuge and our keeper.

**People: It is God who has kept us from falling and saved our lives.**

Leader: Let our thanks and praise resound throughout this place of worship!

**People: Let our love and gratitude be shown in all that we do.**

Leader: Open your hearts and souls to God this day.

**People: Lord, be with us and place your hand of healing in our lives. AMEN.**

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

Alison Johnson

**Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you; you are gentle with us. Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; through your gentleness we find comfort in fear. Your warmth gives life to the dead, your touch makes sinners righteous. Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us; in your love and tenderness remake us. In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness, for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us. Amen.**

*(Ansalem, 1109)*

**\*OPENING HYMN:**     *“For All the Saints”* (vv.1-4)  
*(please remain standing as you are able)*

UMH#711

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

Rev. Laura Steele

**ANTHEM**

*“The Heavens Proclaim the Lord of Life”*

Chancel Choir

Benadetto Marcello

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Beverly Alexis

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Alison Johnson

**Old Testament: Proverbs 31:25-31**

She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future. When she speaks, her words are wise, and she gives instructions with kindness. She carefully watches everything in her household and suffers nothing from laziness. Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her: “There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!” Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised. Reward her for all she has done. Let her deeds publicly declare her praise.

**New Testament: John 14:15-21**

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” *This is the Word of God, for the people of God;*

***People: Thanks be to God.***

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION:** *(please rise as you are able)*  
*"Mothering God You Gave Me Birth"* TWS#2050

**SERMON:** *"Mothering God"* Rev. Laura Steele

**OFFERING**  
*(please place your weekly offering in the offering plates)*

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**  
*"Ave Maria"* Franz Schubert  
William Teubner, Trumpet

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

## **In Honor of Mothers & Mentors**

### **A Litany for Mother's Day**

Leader: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

**All: Thank God for these persons!**

Leader: Everyone here was raised and shaped by someone influential.

**All: Thank God for the people who nurture us!**

Leader: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

**All: Thank God for the mothers of the past.**

Leader: For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children.

**All: Thank God for the mothers of today.**

Leader: For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet!

**All: Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.**

Leader: For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

**All: Thank God for hearts so big.**

Leader: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

**All: Thank God for those who are so strong.**

Leader: For all the women who may not have children of their own, but mentor and inspire others.

**All: Thank God for the mothers in spirit.**

Leader: For all those who experience troubled relationships with their mothers.

**All: Thank you for being a God who cares for us and shapes us into your people.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways.

**All: We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen.**

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

*"The Battle Hymn of the Republic" (vv.1-4)*      UMH#717

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**      *"Majestic Recessional"* for Trumpet and Organ

*\* 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, the Hasem family, 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 and Bob Reed.

## **This Week's Schedule**

### **Sunday, May 14:**

9:00am-9:30am	Instrumentalists (Sanctuary)
9:30am-10:30am	Drama Club (Green Room)
9:30am-10:15am	Chancel Choir(Sanctuary)
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)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)

### **Monday, May 15:**

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, May 16:**

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, May 17:**

1:00pm-9:30pm	Debbie' Dance (Dance Studio)
7:15pm-9:15pm	Toastmasters (Chapel)

### **Thursday, May 18:**

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

### **Friday, May 19:**

9:00am-12:00pm	Music Together(Social Hall)
11:00am-12:00pm	Christian Yoga(Chapel)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)

### **Saturday, May 20:**

8:00am-3:30pm	Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
9:00am-12:00pm	Music Together (Chapel)
12:00am-1:00pm	Chancel Choir
1:00pm-2:00pm	Contemporary Ensemble
2:00pm-3:00pm	Instrumental
2:00pm-10:00pm	EMC Shalom (Fellowship Room)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Movie Night!**  
**Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 PM-8:00 PM**

Ages 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.



## YOGAFAITH

**New! Christian Yoga Classes Fridays @ 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:

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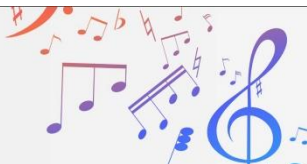
**Coffee Hour Hosts NEEDED!**

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



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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

### 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