



United Methodist Church of Summit



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April 28th, 2024
Fifth Sunday after Easter
How Shall We Love Worship Series

The United Methodist Church of Summit is a diverse church committed to serving the Lord Jesus Christ, dedicated to building disciples, passionate about growing in faith, and motivated to be a voice of hope for the world.

PRELUDE: *“Majestic Processional”* Joseph Haydn

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Carol Conway
(please rise as you are able)

Leader: Easter people, we have been saved by the Risen Christ.

People: We abide in Christ, the life-giving vine.

Leader: We are His branches—sustained and nurtured by His love.

People: When we abide in Christ, and allow Christ to abide in us, we bear the fruit of Love.

Leader: Easter people, come, let us worship the God of love!

People: We lift our hearts, and minds, and souls to the One who gives us life as we worship and build community with God and one another.

***CENTERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)* Carol Conway

Merciful One, you know when we are afraid to love; you know when we are too cowardly to show mercy. Remind us again that perfect love casts out such fears.

Surround us and strengthen us with that perfect love, even in the face of our imperfections and trials. Abide in us with a love so strong that we may grow in you and you within us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
"All People That on Earth Do Dwell" UMH #75

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Laura Steele

ANTHEM

"I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light" Kathleen Thomerson
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Laura Steele

SCRIPTURE:

Carol Conway

Old Testament: Psalm 22:25-31 (NRSV)

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.

May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord,

and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord

And proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

New Testament: John 15:1-8 (NRSV)

Jesus the True Vine

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it

abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. *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)*
"He Came Down" TFWS#2085

SERMON: *You Can't Produce Fruits Without the Roots*
Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING

*(please place offering envelope in basket or text:
"dollar amount you wish to give" to 908-224-7670)*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION:

Voluntary on *"Near to the Heart of God"* William Teubner, Trumpet

***DOXOLOGY** *(please rise as you are able)*
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #94

***CLOSING HYMN:** *(please rise as you are able)*
"Near to the Heart of God" UMH #472

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Variations on *"Christ, the Solid Rock"*

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

**Please join us in the Social Hall after service for Coffee Hour!*

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, April 28th:

9:00am-9:30am Instrumentalists
9:30am-10:15am Chancel Choir
10:15am-10:30am Singing Believers
10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30am-12:30pm Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
11:45-12:15am Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, April 29th:

7:45pm-9:30pm Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship and Chapel)

Tuesday, April 30th:

9:30am-10:15am Baby Bandstand (Social Hall)
1:30pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Wednesday, May 1st:

1:30pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
7:15pm-9:15pm Toastmasters (Social Hall)

Thursday, May 2nd:

9:30am-11:30am Music Together (Social Hall)
1:30pm-5:00pm CPR (Chapel)
1:30pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
3:30pm-5:00pm Girl Scouts (Social Hall)
7:00pm-8:00pm Yogafaith (Social Hall)

Friday, May 3rd:

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

Saturday, May 4th:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Senior Scholarships

Attention high school seniors! Don't miss out on scholarship opportunities offered by the UMC Summit. Apply now! Visit www.umcsummit.org.

Game Night! 5/5/24 6PM-8PM

We encourage all church members to join us in the Social Hall to bring along their favorite board games, card games, or any other interactive games you love to play. This will be a potluck-style dinner. Please bring a dish to share with your fellow church members!



UMC SUMMIT Children's Ministry Schedule APRIL - JUNE

April 7	Sunday School Lesson:	Jesus and Thomas
April 14	Sunday School Lesson:	Breakfast on the Beach
April 21	Sunday School Lesson:	The Great Commission
April 28	Sunday School Lesson:	Jeremiah
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May 5	Sunday School Lesson:	Timothy
May 12	Sunday School Lesson:	Mary and Martha
May 19	Sunday School Lesson:	Pentocost
May 26	Sunday School Lesson:	Spiritual Gifts
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June 9	Education Sunday:	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL!!

Children's Ministry

Check out our Children's Ministry schedule. Each Sunday we focus on a different biblical topic through stories, games, crafts, and more! Every third Sunday of the month, the Children's Ministry participates in a "Service Sunday" with a hands-on project. Spread the news about our great program and help our young disciples grow!





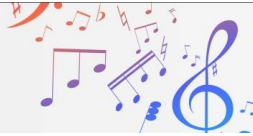
**UMC Summit Featured on
Summit Garden Tour
Thursday, May 30th
10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

The Reeves Memorial Garden, a part of UMC Summit, will be featured on this year's Summit Garden Tour. Hosted by the Reeves Reed Arboretum and the Summit Garden Club. Join us as we welcome the community to our beautiful garden!



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MUSIC MINISTRY



This is a wonderful time to consider sharing your musical gifts as we praise Our Lord! The Music Ministry line up is as follows:

Saturdays: 12:00-1:30pm Chancel Choir

1:00-1:30pm Contemporary Ensemble

2:00pm-3:30pm Instrumental

Sundays: 9:00-9:30 Instrumentalists,

9:30-10:15am Chancel Choir,

10:15am-10:30am Singing Believers,

10:30am Worship

11:45am-12:15am Bell Choir

For more information please see Music Director: JoAnne Teubner Prussak or email: office@umcsummit.org

YOGAFAITH

Please join us for Christian inspired Yoga classes! Thursdays at 7pm in the Social Hall and Fridays at 11am in the chapel. All levels welcome! Suggested donation of \$10 per class. See Pastor Laura for more information



**General Conference of the
United Methodist Church
April 23rd – May 3rd, 2024**

The General Conference of The United Methodist Church is a key decision-making body that plays a crucial role in shaping the church's doctrine, policies, and social principles. Think of it as the highest legislative body, akin to a

parliament or congress, where representatives from United Methodist congregations around the world gather every four years. The last scheduled General Conference in 2020 was cancelled due to the pandemic.

These representatives, called delegates, are both clergy and lay members. They worship together, join in discussions, and vote on various matters through a legislative process. Matters up for consideration can include changes to church law, adoption of new social principles, and resolutions on current moral, social, public policy, and economic issues. It's a forum where diverse voices come together to democratically shape the direction and policies of The United Methodist Church on a worldwide scale.

General Conference takes place from April 23 to May 3, 2024, in Charlotte, North Carolina (USA). There are a lot of items on the docket for this year's conference, some may even make the mainstream news outlets. To get the most up-to-date, intuitive, and correct reporting on General Conference please visit: umcnews.org

Also, if you'd like to discuss any items further with Pastor Laura, please feel free to stop by the church office Tuesday-Fridays from 9:30am-2:00pm.