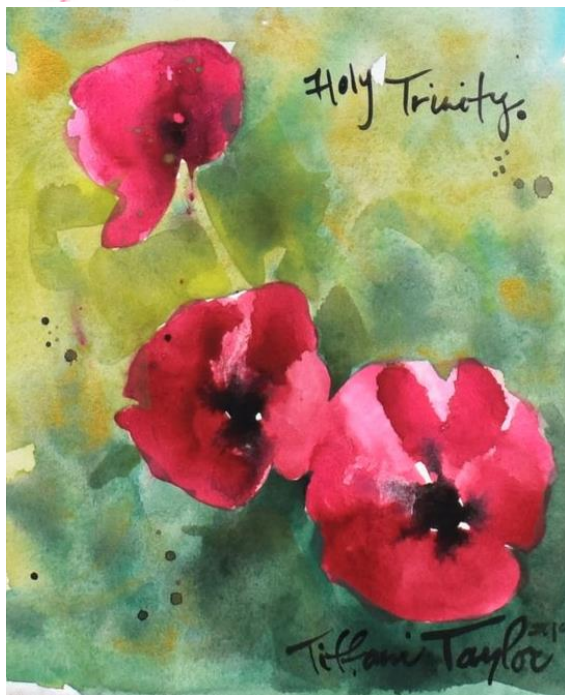




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**May 26th, 2024**

## **Trinity Sunday/Memorial Day Observance**

*The United Methodist Church of Summit invites you to journey with us on  
the mystery of faith!*

**PRELUDE**      Voluntary on *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*  
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: Though many places in the world are bound in war,

**People: The peace of God is poured out for all people.**

Leader: Though discord and struggle have become factors in the  
lives of many people,

**People: The love of God is poured out for all.**

Leader: Through Jesus we have come to know the absolute love  
of God.

**People: May God continue to bless the world with  
unconditional love and may we find peace. AMEN.**

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

**God of majesty and power, how awesome you are to us! The**

**mountains tremble, the seas roar at the sound of your name!**

**Yet you have chosen to come to us in love and tenderness.**

**You have called us to be people who will act in ways of peace**

**and justice in your world. Open our hearts and our spirits,**

**Lord, to hear your word, and having heard, to act in ministries**

**of hope and peace for all your earth. These things we pray in**

**Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

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

UMH #428 *For the Healing of the Nations*

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rev. Laura Steele

**ANTHEM**      *God Bless America* Irving Berlin  
Brian Ernestes, Tenor

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Laura Steele

### SCRIPTURE READING:

Beverly Alexis

#### **Old Testament: Psalm 29 (NRSVE)**

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor. The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare, and in his temple all say, "Glory!" The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

#### **New Testament: John 3:1-17 (NRSVE)**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not

believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.” For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. *This is the Word of God, for the people of God;* **People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

TFWS 2248 *Baptized in Water*

**SERMON** *The Trinity of Sacrifice: If God Wore a Poppy*  
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** *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus*  
William Teubner, Trumpet

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

**MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER**

Leader: Almighty God, before whom stand the living and the dead, we your children, whose mortal life is but a hand’s breadth, give thanks to you: For all those through whom you have blessed our pilgrimage, whose lives that have empowered us, whose influence is a healing grace,

**People: We lift up thankful hearts.**

Leader: For the dear friends and family members whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us forever,

**People: We lift up thankful hearts.**

Leader: For the teachers and companions of our childhood and youth, and for the members of our household of faith who worship with you now in heaven ,

**People: We lift up thankful hearts.**

Leader: For those who sacrificed it all, our siblings in Christ who have given their lives for the sake of others,

**People: We lift up thankful hearts.**

Leader: May we hold them all in continual remembrance, and ever think of them with you in Paradise,

**People: We lift up thankful hearts.**

Leader: That we may now be dedicated to working for a world where labor is rewarded, fear dispelled, and the nations made one,

**O Lord, save your people and bless your heritage. Day by day we magnify you, and worship your name, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

UMH #140 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** Voluntary on the Hymn *Melita*

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

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

### **In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

Steve Ward, Neil Johnson, Friends and Family of Dick Keating, Anne and John R., Scott and Vincent, Jerrie Bunell, Robert Curtis, Family of Martha Stampes, the family and friends of Joan Douglas, Lynn, Ken and Patricia, Nancy Pasquale, Boden, Bob Z., Veronica S., Zandie S., Chris and Dot C., Rachel Calman and the Calman-Beland family, Caroline Kenny, Rick Picorale, Brandon Gomes and family, Adrian, Ricky for a new heart, Irma, Millie, Family and friends of Janet Skakum, David Griffith, Pauline Griffith, Kaye Griffith, Irma George

## **This Week's Schedule**

### **Sunday, May 26th:**

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)  
10:45am-11:30am Children's Sunday School  
11:30am-12:30pm Coffee Hour (Social Hall)  
11:45am-12:15pm Bell Choir (Sanctuary)  
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

### **Monday, May 27th:**

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

### **Tuesday, May 28th:**

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 29th:**

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

### **Thursday, May 30th:**

9:30am-11:30am Music Together (Social Hall)  
10:00am-4:00pm Reeves Reed Arboretum Garden Tour  
3:30pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)  
7:00pm-8:00pm Yogafaith (Social Hall)

### **Friday, May 31st:**

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

### **Saturday, June 1st:**

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



**UMC Summit Featured on  
Summit Garden Tour  
Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>  
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!

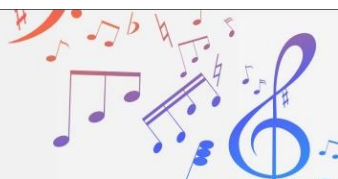
## YOGAFAITH

Christian Yoga Classes are held on 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.



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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:** 12:00pm-1:00pm Contemporary Ensemble; 1:00pm-2:00pm Instrumental **Sundays:** 9:00-9:30am Instrumental; 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](mailto:office@umcsummit.org)



**Music Ministry Sunday  
June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30AM**

Join us on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, as we celebrate and recognize our Music Ministry programming and all the wonderful ways in which our various choirs and ensembles have blessed us this year!

**Education Sunday  
June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:30AM**

Join us on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, as we celebrate our Children, Youth, and Families Ministries. Our Sunday School children will graduate this year's Sunday School session. We will also recognize our graduating seniors and honor this year's scholarship recipients.



**Children, Youth, and Families  
End of Year Movie Night  
Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 6PM-8:30PM**

Gather 'round for a night of tire-screeching fun at our church's end-of-school-year celebration! Join us for a special movie night featuring the heartwarming tale of "Cars." Rev up your engines and settle in as Lightning McQueen and friends take you on a high-octane adventure. But that's not all – we've got tasty treats lined up to fuel your movie-watching experience! Come join us for a night of family-friendly entertainment and fellowship.