



United Methodist
Church of Summit



We Love One Another

HOW SHALL WE LOVE WORSHIP SERIES

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May 5th, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

PRELUDE

Gabriel's Trumpet

Ennio Morricone

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Rev. Laura Steele

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: Easter people, Jesus chose you and calls you friend!

People: We abide in Christ because Christ abides in us.

Leader: Jesus made a home among us to show us how to love.

People: We abide in Love because Love abides in us.

Leader: Jesus invites us in and beckons us to come to the table to know the joy that comes when we love one another the way God loves us.

People: We abide in Joy because Joy abides with us.

Leader: Easter people, Jesus welcomes you home!

**People: We come to make our home with God and one another, bound together by Love and enlivened by Joy.
Amen.**

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

Rev. Laura Steele

**We, who so often take the wonders of creation for granted, welcome the opportunity to make a joyful noise before you, O God. Yet, joyful noises are not easy for everyone to make, as we come from differing situations and lifestyles. Some are burdened down with the stresses of daily living and all that involves; some wearied from tasks of serving others; some worried over the state of the world and where that is all leading. Speak to us all, O God, in the stillness of this time and remind us of Jesus' willingness to take our burdens upon himself and to learn from him. This we pray in his name.
Amen.**

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carrie-Lee Farnham, CYF Minister

ANTHEM *"Do Not Be Afraid, I Am With You"* Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Carol Conway

SCRIPTURE: Rev. Laura Steele

Old Testament: Psalm 98

O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory.
The Lord has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.
Let the sea roar and all that fills it,
the world and those who live in it.
Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the
Lord, for he is coming
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

New Testament: John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. *This is the Word of God, for the people of God;*

People: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

TFWS#2226 *Bind Us Together*

SERMON

"Divine Joy"

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

"Precious Love" Mark Lopez
William Teubner, Trumpet

***DOXOLOGY** *(please rise as you are able)*

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #94

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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COMMUNION MUSIC “*Amazing Abundance*” Mark Miller
Contemporary Ensemble

***CLOSING HYMN:** (*please rise as you are able*)
UMH#526 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

***BENEDICTION**

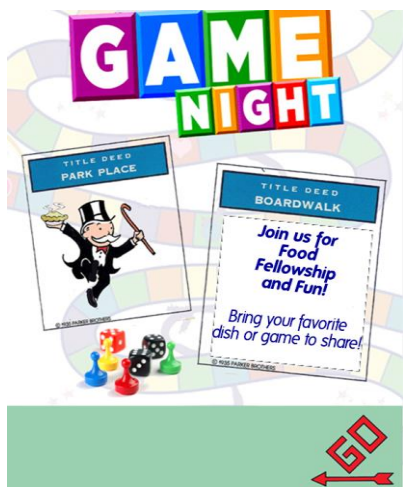
POSTLUDE: “*Majestic Recessional*” R. Wetzler

** 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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

We encourage all church members to join us in the Social Hall for this special event and to bring along their favorite board games, card games, or any other interactive games that they love to play with family and friends. As part of the evening, we invite everyone to participate in a potluck-style dinner. Please bring a dish to share with your fellow church members, whether it's a savory casserole, a refreshing salad, or a delightful dessert!



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!

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:

12pm-1pm Contemporary Ensemble

1:00pm-2:00pm Instrumental

Sundays: 9:00-9:30 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

Mental Health Awareness Month

In recognition of Mental Health Awareness month, our church is partnering with the City of Summit to [#chalkitup](#) and [#breakthestigma](#).

The 'Chalk It Up!' campaign invites community members to



engage in creating positive messages and artwork using sidewalk chalk available at local parks and elementary schools. This initiative includes a collaborative effort with the United Methodist Church of Summit, where a chalkboard will be placed at the intersection of Springfield Avenue and Kent Place Boulevard. This board will feature weekly prompts encouraging people passing by to express their feelings and thoughts.