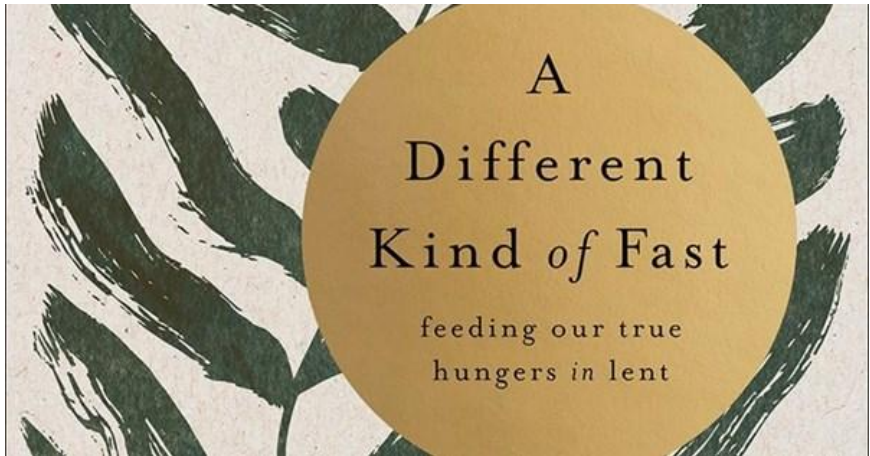




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April 6, 2025
Fifth Sunday in Lent
“A Different Kind of Fast” Worship Series

*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 Voluntary on *On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand*
for Trumpet and Organ

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Bill Glancy
(please rise as you are able)

Leader: We come to worship, remembering God's goodness that has carried us and sustained us to this present moment.

People: We remember the days when God covered us in love and filled us with joy.

Leader: We come to worship, weary from stress, heavy with grief, and wondering when relief will come.

People: We long for the days God covered us in love and filled us with joy.

Leader: We come to worship to remember and remind one another that God's love has never left us, and God's joy cannot be extinguished.

People: God, restore us so that we may know your love and your joy once again.

Leader: We come to worship to remember and become the Body of Christ, a community called to restore the world around us.

People: God, empower us to be your restoration people who fill the world with love, laughter, and abundant life. Amen.

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, Sept. 2024)

***CENTERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)* Bill Glancy
God of Love, you know our lives inside and out—the times of joy and laughter, and the times of loss and pain. You accompanied our faithful ancestors into exile

and then journeyed with them back to the Promised Land. Jesus our sibling, you wept at the grave of Lazarus and then you celebrated at the dinner table with your resurrected friend. Be with us in times of plenty and times of want, and let us rejoice in your presence, for you see us and care for us. In the name of the Embracing Spirit, we pray. Amen.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Rev. Laura Steele

ANTHEM:

Kyrie Eleison
Chancel Choir: Karin Berry - flute

Antonin Dvorak

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Carol Conway

SCRIPTURE READING:

Bill Glancy

New Testament: Philippians 3:4-14 (NRSV)

Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward

to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. *This is the Word of God, for the people of God;* **People: Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** TFWS#2208 *Guide My Feet*

SERMON:

Fasting from Unrealistic Expectations: Heaven's Resumé
Alison Johnson, Seminary Intern

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

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Variations on Christ, the Solid Rock
William Teubner - trumpet

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

UMH #95 *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: UMH p.13 (see insert)

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION: *Fill My Cup, Lord*
Contemporary Ensemble

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

UMH# 370 *Victory in Jesus*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Voluntary on the tune *Hartford*
for Trumpet and Organ

**denotes please stand as you are able*
Please join us after service for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Daniel Faniyan for Divine Guidance, Greg K. and family, Patricia Green, Dotti Zotti, Beverly Alexis, the family and loved ones of Adrian Phillips, Jane McKinley, United Methodists in Nigeria, the family and friends of Brock Button, Shanotte Smith, Gerry Wells, Dick Duenkel, Mary Anne Viaud.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, April 6th:

9:00am-9:30am	Instrumental Rehearsal
9:30am-10:00am	Chancel Choir
10:00am-10:30am	Bell Choir
10:30am-11:30am	In-person/online Worship
10:45am-11:30am	Sunday School
11:30am-11:45am	Easter Festival Choir
11:30am-12:30pm	Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
11:45am-12:15pm	Singing Believers
5:30pm-7:00pm	Came to Believe Service (Chapel)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Monday, April 7th:

7:45pm-9:30pm	Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room)
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Tuesday, April 8th:

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

Wednesday, April 9th:

9:30am-10:15am	Baby Bandstand (Social Hall)
1:30pm-9:30pm	Debbi's Dance
6:00pm-7:00pm	Soup Supper & Worship (Social Hall)

Thursday, April 10th:

2:45pm-9:00pm	Debbi's Dance
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Friday, April 11th:

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

Saturday, April 12th:

8:30am-4:30pm	Debbi's Dance
9:30 am-11:30am	Music Together (Chapel)
10:00am-12:00pm	Sensory Friendly Easter Egg Hunt (Sanctuary, Social Hall)
12:00pm-12:30pm	Bell Choir
12:30pm-1:00pm	Contemporary Ensemble
1:00pm-2:00pm	Chancel Choir
2:00pm-3:00pm	Traditional Easter Egg Hunt (Social Hall)
2:00pm-3:00pm	Instrumental Rehearsal
2:00pm-10:00pm	Casa de Estudio de Torah (Fellowship Room)
2:30pm-3:30pm	Liturgical Dance
6:30pm-11:30pm	Casa de Estudio de Torah (Social Hall)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Dinner Church Soup Suppers LAST SOUP SUPPER – “SOUP AND PAINT” Wednesday, April 9th, 6PM

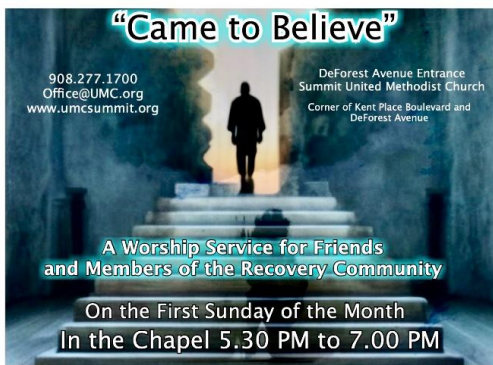
Join us for our LAST Lenten Soup Supper. This year we've been looking at the Biblical artwork of John August Swanson. For our last session, we will be Souping and Painting! No experience needed. All are welcome!

LAST DAY TO DONATE! Donations for Jefferson School Easter Baskets

Our partnership with Jefferson Elementary School continues this year as we seek to arrange Easter dinners for 10 families in need. *Please help fill these baskets by donating food. Boxes for donations are in the Social Hall.*



All Easter dinner donations will be gathered by April 6th and delivered to and distributed by Jefferson School. We will also accept financial donations to give funds that will be transformed into food and gift cards for the families. The delivery date for the donations will be April 7th.



"CAME TO BELIEVE" WORSHIP SERVICE TONIGHT @5:30PM

The UMC of Summit realized that there is a need for a "safe space" for recovering individuals, their friends and families, and saw that our church could provide that space by offering a worship

service for all those people whose lives have been affected by alcoholism and addiction. Everyone is invited to attend the worship service created to speak to the needs of people in recovery as well as their families and friends. Please join us on the **first Sunday of every month** in the UMC Chapel located on DeForest Avenue. **FREE Childcare provided! FREE coffee and refreshments! ALL are welcome!**

NEW! "Wings of Faith" Liturgical Dance Ministry Saturdays, 2:30-3:30PM

Join the UMC of Summit for our NEW Liturgical Dance Ministry. Liturgical dance is a form of praise and should be thought of as an act of



worship, rather than a performance. We are praising God through movement and expression. We want the congregation to feel they are part of our expression, accepting the dance as a form of prayer. Resident dance instructor Debbi Picorale will be leading the classes on Saturdays in the Dance Studio. See Ms. Debbi for more information, all levels welcome – no experience necessary!

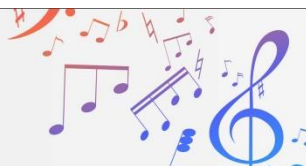
YOGAFAITH

Christian Yoga classes meet on Fridays at 11AM. All levels welcome! Suggested donation of \$10 per class. See Pastor Laura for more information.



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MUSIC MINISTRY



Come and make a joyful sound! Come before the Lord with Praise and Thanksgiving! Come and share your gift of music as we praise and worship the Lord in our magnificent Sanctuary!

Saturdays: 12:00PM Bell Choir, 12:30PM Contemporary Ensemble, 1:00PM Chancel Choir, 2:00PM Instrumental

Sundays: 9:00AM Instrumental, 9:30AM Chancel Choir, 10:00AM Bell Choir, 10:30AM Worship, 11:45 Singing Believers

Please come and make music to the Lord with your church friends. For more information, please e-mail Director of Music, JoAnne Teubner Prussak, at office@umcsummit.org

Children Youth and Families Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS		
1.19 - 2.9	Souper Bowl of Caring	2.16
2.23	Youth Mental Health Night @ 3-6 PM	3.5
3.12	Wednesday Lent Soup Supper Begins @ 6 PM	4.5
4.6	Egg Stuffing Party	4.12
4.17	Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:30 PM	4.18
4.20	Easter Breakfast @ 9:30 AM	4.20
6.8	Education Sunday Service @ 10:30 AM	6.8
6.15	Music Ministry Sunday @ 10:30 AM	6.8
	Chili Cook Off @ 3 PM	
	Ash Wednesday Service @ 7 PM	
	Prom Shop @ 11 AM - 4 PM	
	Easter Egg Hunt	
	Good Friday Service @ 7:30 PM	
	Easter Service @ 10:30 AM	
	BBQ Picnic @ 11:30 AM	
	TEA with a TWIST @ 3:30 PM	

Children's Ministry

Children, Youth, and Family Ministries Update

Sunday School is BACK! Join us every Sunday for our CYF programming with Creative Christianity at 9:30AM and Sunday School at 10:45AM. Email: CYFMinister@umcsummit.org for more!



Creative Christianity

Creative Christianity is Back!

Join at 9:30AM every Sunday as we celebrate our faith with fun, hands-on activities for all ages. Join us at 9:30AM in the Green Room. This is an intergenerational program for all ages to explore faith through creative modalities. Drop the kids and grab a coffee or stay and play!

Easter Egg Hunt Collection

Speaking of the Easter Egg Hunt, we're collecting Easter eggs, allergy-friendly candy, and other fun items to stuff the eggs, such as fidgets, small toys, and temporary tattoos. This year, we'll be hosting two different Easter egg hunts, a sensory-friendly hunt and a classic hunt, so we're aiming to collect a lot of eggs and stuffing materials. We will be collecting these items until **April 6th**, so please consider donating to help make this a fun and safe event for everyone involved.





Annual Easter Egg Hunt April 12th, 10AM and 2PM

Join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 12th! This year, we're hosting two hunts to include everyone. Our first hunt will be a sensory friendly hunt and will start at 10:00 AM.

There will be a max 20 spots, so to not overstimulate anyone. Our second hunt will be our classic hunt at 2:00 PM and has a max of 100 spots. Please see CYF Minister Carrie-Lee Farnham for more information.

Easter Egg Stuffing TODAY after Church

Join us after church today, April 6th, to help stuff eggs for the hunts on April 12th. Come join in on the fun and bring a friend!



UMC Summit Scholarships!

Do you know someone who could benefit from receiving a scholarship to make college more affordable? Apply now or share this opportunity! The application deadline is April 30th, so don't miss out! Click the link below or check the church website to apply.

JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK!



Palm Sunday

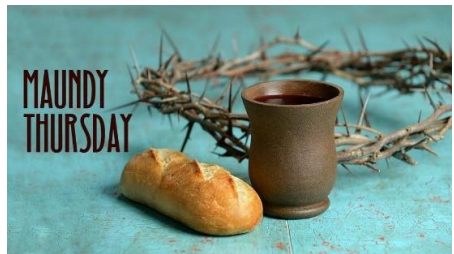
April 13th, 10:30AM

Join us on Palm Sunday as our children participate in our annual Palm Parade. If your child would like to participate in the Palm parade, please arrive at 10:15am.

Maundy Thursday

April 17th, 7:30PM

Join us for our Maundy Thursday handwashing service in the Chapel. We will also celebrate the Lord's Supper with Holy Communion.

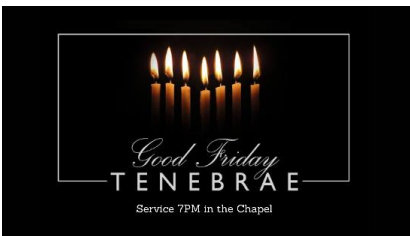


Good Friday

April 18th, 7:30PM

Join us for a Good Friday "Tenebrae Service of Shadows". "Tenebrae" is the Latin word meaning "darkness." Candles are

extinguished one by one as we journey through the biblical story of Jesus' journey to the cross and subsequent death.



Easter Sunday Service

April 20th, 10:30AM

Join us on Easter Sunday as we gather to rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This special service will be filled with uplifting worship, a powerful

message of hope, and joy as we proclaim, "He is risen!"

