



United Methodist
Church of Summit

From Dust to Dwelling



Tabernacle



Temple



Heart



New Creation

— *A Lenten Journey of Faith and Home* —

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February 22nd, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE: Voluntary on *Jesus, I Love Thee*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Alison Johnson

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: We come from dust.

People: And to dust we shall return.

Leader: But between the dust, there is breath.

People: Holy breath. Sacred breath. God's breath within us.

Leader: When we walk in the wilderness,

People: God is with us.

Leader: When we are tempted to prove ourselves,

People: God reminds us we already belong.

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

God of Creation, You formed us from the earth and called us good. In a world that measures worth by achievement, bring us back to the ground of our being. As we begin this Lenten journey, following Christ to the cross, may we strive to strip away what is false, silence what is noisy, and steady what is anxious. Meet us in the wilderness. Teach us to trust the voice that calls us beloved and make room in our hearts for your tender Spirit once again. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** UMH#377 *It Is Well With My Soul*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Laura Steele

ANTHEM: *Your Help Comes From the Lord* Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Laura Steele

SCRIPTURE READING Alison Johnson

Old Testament: Psalm 32: 1-7 (NIV)

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

New Testament: Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)

Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him. *This is the Word of God, for the people of God; People: Thanks be to God.*

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:**

TFWS#2055 *You Are My Hiding Place*

SERMON:

From Dust to Dwelling

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: Variations on *Jesus Paid It All*
William Teubner - trumpet

***DOXOLOGY:** *(please rise as you are able)*
UMH #95 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***CLOSING HYMN:**
Worship and Song #4174 Amazing Grace
(My Chains Are Gone)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Voluntary on *Jesus, The Solid Rock*

**denotes please stand as you are able.*

**PLEASE NOTE: All of our services are livestreamed publicly. If you do not wish to have yourself or your loved ones on camera, please see Pastor Laura.*



Please join us in the Social Hall after worship for Coffee Hour! We welcome all who have come this morning to worship, especially newcomers and visitors among us. Everyone is invited to come to Coffee Hour for refreshments and conversation immediately following the service in our Social Hall by exiting the front of the Sanctuary and proceeding to the door through the breezeway. The restrooms are located in the back of the sanctuary. We ask everyone to silence their cell phones during the service and note that there are emergency exits in the rear and front right of the Sanctuary. May God bless us all as we gather for worship and fellowship together.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Pray for me to feel home ♥; Shela Waldron; the friends and family of Mateo Kaufman Sandler; Vincenzo Lamanginne's mother Angela and brother Mike, rest their souls; prayers to the mother of Shirley Hooper; Ruth Howard; George Drossinos; Laurie Kelly; Alex and Luci Parrish; Blair Conley; Jaimie Bass; Rev. Tanya Lynn Bennett; Greg K.; Patricia Williams, mother of Dr. John Williams; Dadi Hove; Harry Conway; Kitty - recently diagnosed with ovarian cancer; Beverly Alexis; Emily LaJeunesse; the family, friends, and classmates of Dylan Faulkner

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, February 22nd:

9:00am-9:30am Instrumental Rehearsal
9:15am-10:15am Social Skills Group (Chapel)
9:30am-10:00am Chancel Choir
10:00am-10:20am Bell Choir
10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship
11:30am-12:30pm Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
11:45am-12:15pm Singing Believers Family Choir
11:45am-2:00pm Green Team (Fellowship Room)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Monday, February 23rd:

7:00pm-8:15pm Caregivers Support Group (Library/Chapel)
7:45pm-9:30pm Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Rm., Social Hall)

Tuesday, February 24th:

9:30am-11:15am Baby Bandstand (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Wednesday, February 25th:

6:30pm-7:30pm Worship & Soup Supper (Chapel, Social Hall)

Friday, February 27th:

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

Saturday, February 28th:

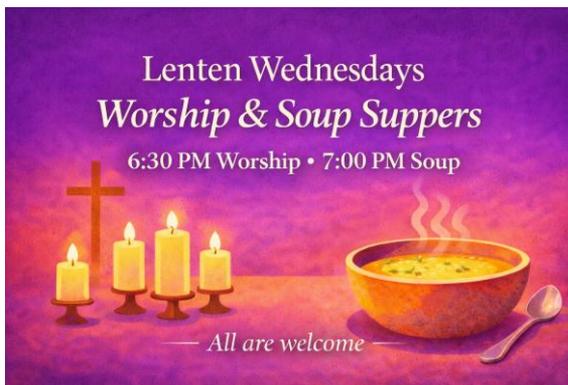
9:30am-11:30am Music Together (Social Hall)
12:00pm-1:00pm Chancel Choir
1:00pm-1:30pm Contemporary Ensemble
1:30pm-2:00pm Bell Choir
2:00pm-3:00pm Instrumental Rehearsal
2:00pm-10:00pm Casa de Estudio de Torah (Fellowship Room)
2:30pm-3:30pm Liturgical Dance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lent Weds. Night
Worship and
Soup Suppers
2/25-3/25
Services 6:30PM
in Reeves Chapel
Soup Suppers
7PM Social Hall**

Join us on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent for a simple,

meaningful rhythm of worship and table fellowship. We will gather for a brief Lenten worship service at 6:30 PM, followed by a soup supper at 7:00 PM. These evenings are designed to be accessible and grounding with a time for prayer, Scripture, shared food, and gentle conversation as we journey through the Lenten series *"From Dust to Dwelling"*. Come for worship, stay for soup, or join us when you're able. All are welcome.



We are also looking for some awesome Soup Chefs to volunteer for our Soup Suppers. There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall if you can help out! Each week we need one person to cook soup, one person to prep salad, and one person to bring in bread. Thank you in advance!

"Come to the Table" Small Group, Sundays after Church

Every Sunday there will be an extra table set up during Coffee Hour for those who want to dig deeper into God's Word. We are calling this small group "Come to the Table" and you can grab some refreshments and join in conversation and fellowship about the day's Scripture readings and sermon topics. This is a "self-led" group. There is no sign-up or commitment to join this group, just COME TO THE TABLE! All are welcome.



NEW! Caregivers Support Group Mondays – A new Caregivers Support Group is meeting weekly on Monday evenings in the Library from 7:00–8:15 p.m. This group will offer a warm,

confidential space for caregivers to support one another, share both encouraging stories and the moments when we struggle, and exchange helpful resources for the journey. Led by Dr. Alison Johnson, this group is part of Summit UMC's Mental Health Ministry, dedicated to fostering connection, resilience, and hope within our community. All caregivers are welcome.



Easter Egg Hunt Collection

We are excited to start collecting Easter eggs and allergy-friendly items to fill the eggs for our 5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Donations can be dropped off from Feb. 15 to March 22. You can place your items in the Easter baskets located in the Social Hall and the Sanctuary. Thank you for helping us make this event fun and safe for all of our young participants!



Come and share your musical gifts and enrich your faith with your Church Family!

Chancel Choir

It is a joy to work together and lift our voices in praise. Our Chancel Choir rehearses on Saturdays at 12:00 p.m. and Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in preparation for worship. Come before His presence with singing and sing joyful songs to the Lord! The Chancel Choir shares an anthem each Sunday as well as leading the congregation in song. Come and share the inspiration of singing with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

Bell Choir

Calling all bell ringers!! Making a joyful sound is the mission of our Bell Choir. Come and ring Handbells and Handchimes with your church

friends. Rehearsals are on Saturdays at 1:30 and on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Come and ring with our Church Family.

Singing Believers Family Choir

All children, youth and adults are invited to sing the songs of the church. Let us share the light of Christ through music. Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings at 11:45 a.m. in the Music Room. Come and share the joyous songs of Christ's church.

Contemporary Ensemble

Our Contemporary Ensemble shares music for Holy Communion each month. The ensemble prepares music from the contemporary hymnal "Worship and Song". Rehearsals are on Saturdays at 1:00 and on Communion Sundays at 9:15 a.m. All singers and instrumentalists are welcome to praise and make music to the Lord during the sacred time of the Lord's Supper.

With much love,

JoAnne Teubner Prussak
Director of Music

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There will be a meeting of the **Green Team** today at **11:45** in the **Fellowship Room.**