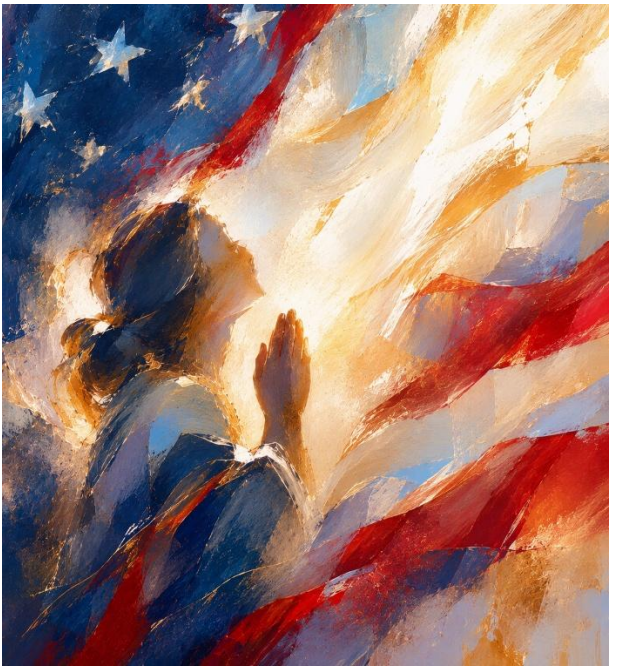
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November 8, 2026

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

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 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

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

Leader: In a world filled with noise, God is still speaking.
People: We come to quiet our hearts and listen.
Leader: In moments of uncertainty, God calls each of us by name.
People: We answer, "Here I am, Lord!"
Leader: When words fail us, when burdens overwhelm us, when we do not know how to pray,
People: God receives even the prayers we cannot speak.
Leader: Today, let us open our hearts to a conversation that can change everything.
People: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening! Let us worship God!

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

Gracious and loving God, in the busyness of our lives, we sometimes forget to stop and listen. We fill our days with words, worries, and distractions, forgetting that You are always near, always calling, always ready to hear us. Teach us to pray with honesty, to listen with open hearts, and to trust that no burden is too heavy and no concern too small to bring before You. Where there is anxiety, bring peace. Where there is division, bring understanding. Where there is hurt, bring healing. And where there is silence, remind us that You are still present. Open our hearts today to the sacred conversation that changes everything. In the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us how to pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
UMH #428 *For the Healing of the Nations*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Rev. Laura Steele

ANTHEM: *A Tribute to the Armed Forces* Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/
SPECIAL VETERANS DAY PRAYER: Parker LaJeunesse

SCRIPTURE READING: Carol Conway

Old Testament: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 *(NIV)*
The Lord Calls Samuel
The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions. One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

New Testament: Luke 11: 1-13 *(NIV)*
Jesus' Teaching on Prayer
One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us

each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.' Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" *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)*
TFWS #2193 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

SERMON: *A Conversation that Changes Everything*
Dr. Alison Johnson,
Mental Health Minister

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

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION:
Taps/Gabriel's Oboe Ennio Morricone
William Teubner - trumpet

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

***CLOSING HYMN:** *(please rise as you are able)*
UMH #717 *Battle Hymn of the Republic (vv.1-4)*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Recessional on *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*

** Denotes please rise in body or spirit 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.*

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Patricia Green; Shela Waldron; Amanda and Frank at the passing of their newborn son, Cameron; all the students and families affected by the shooting in Boulder, CO; the friends and family of Janice Straker; the Powell family as they grieve the passing of Marie; the Reyes family and their loved ones as they grieve the passing of Angie Reyes; Joe Eggebean and his continued recovery; Mike Stewart as he mourns the loss of his brother Ron; Joe Kunyz; Al Lord Sr.; Gary Friez; Patricia; the LaJeunesse family.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, November 8th:

9:00am-9:30am	Instrumental Rehearsal
9:15am-10:15am	Social Skills (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
11:45am-12:15pm	Singing Believers Family Choir
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Monday, November 9th:

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

Tuesday, November 10th:

10:30am-11:30am	Baby Bandstand (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Friday, November 13th:

9:30am – 11:30pm	Music Together (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Saturday, November 14th:

9:30am-10:30am	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

Mental Health Ministry





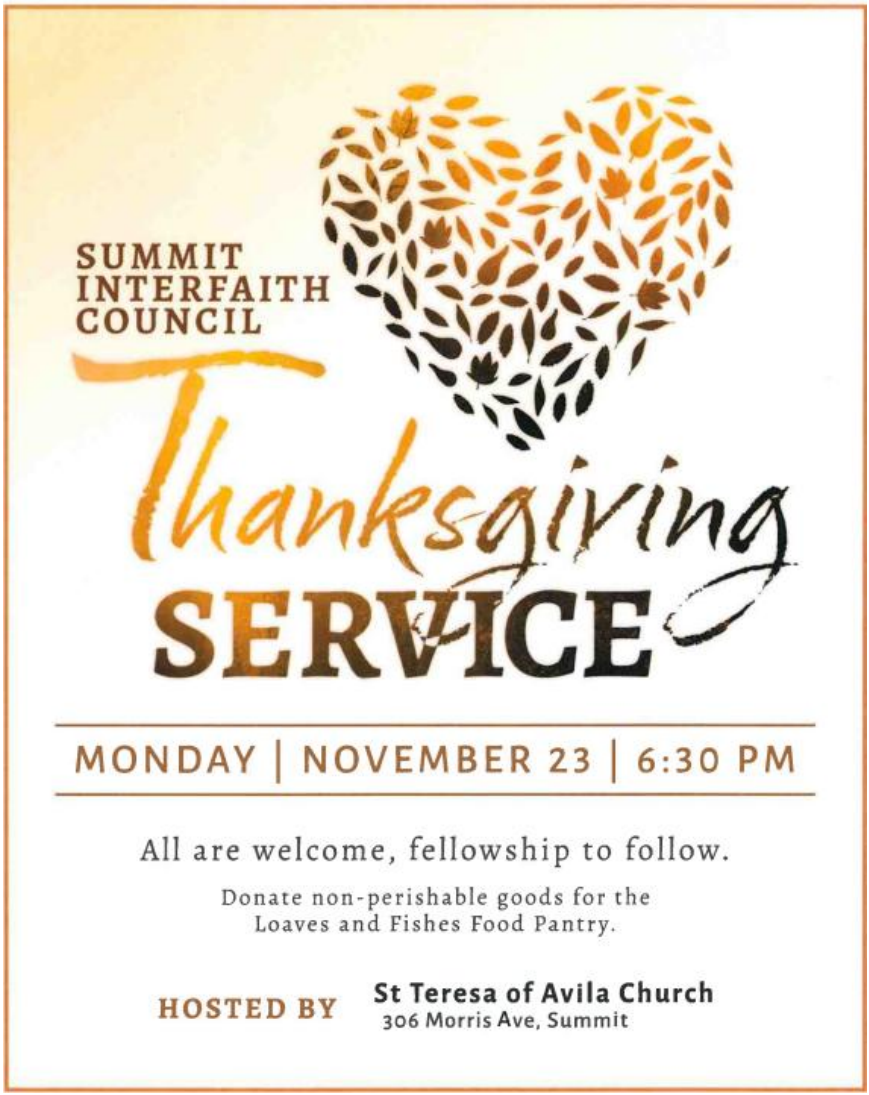




Hearts & Hands for the Holidays: A Family Craft Tradition

Parents, children, and youth are invited to join us for a special seasonal gathering! **Starting November 8th**, we will meet every Sunday morning from 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM during the POP hour. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to slow down, connect, and make beautiful Christmas crafts together for the holiday season. Come build lasting memories and festive creations side-by-side! No prior crafting skills are needed—just bring your holiday spirit.

For more details, please reach out to Dr. Janice Powell, CYF Minister, at cyfminister@umcsummit.org, or stop by the Social Hall after church on Sundays.



Summit Interfaith Council Thanksgiving Service

Join us for the Summit Interfaith Council Thanksgiving Service on Monday, November 23, at 6:30 PM at St. Teresa of Avila Church, 306 Morris Avenue, Summit



Hello my fellow bakers ….
It's that time again…you guessed it ….

UMC Cookie Walk and Holiday Bazaar
December 5, 2026
10AM-4PM

We are looking for bakers to contribute to the cookie walk. A signup sheet will be set up in the Social Hall: for sign up we ask that you let us know what cookies you will be making so we do not have many duplicates.

Requirements for the cookies

-Homemade cookies only please
-Nothing store bought
-5 dozen or more cookies of one recipe.
(Double the recipe if necessary or use a smaller scoop to make smaller cookies to get the 60+ cookie count).

Cookie Delivery: The Church Kitchen on
Friday December 4, 2026

If you have to deliver on
Saturday December 5, no later than 7:30 am
Thank you in advance for your help!

If you have any questions, you can contact the church office at: 908-277-1700

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MUSIC MINISTRY



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.

Please mark your calendars! Our Christmas Concert will be on Sunday, December 13 at 3:00 p.m. Come and share in the joyful and hopeful sounds of this Blessed Season.



REMINDER!!

Annual Charge Conference

Sunday Nov. 15th, 2026 – 11:30AM

Charge Conference

New location: Chapel



“Wings of Faith” Liturgical Dance Ministry
Saturdays, 2:30-3:30PM

Join the UMC of Summit for our 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!