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# August 29th, 2021 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

PRELUDE "Intrada" for Trumpet and Organ

### **GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Susan Woolever

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: Every generous act of giving is a tribute to God's love for us. People: Lord, let us be people of generous and abundant gifts for others.

Leader: Be ready to listen and slow to react in anger.

People: Lord, prepare us to be peaceful people.

Leader: Keep your hearts and spirits ready to serve the Lord.

People: Lord, open our hearts to hear and respond to your words of life in ministries of

hope and peace. AMEN.

# \*CENTERING PRAYER: (in unison)

Lord of mercy and abundant love, we have gathered here this day to hear your healing words of compassion and to be transformed by your love. Help us to become more faithful servants in our thoughts, words, and deeds. It is in Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

\*HYMN: Gather Us In TFWS #2236

(please remain standing as you are able)

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** 

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Carol Conway

**SCRIPTURE:** James 1:17-27 (NRSV)

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

Spirit Song UMH #347

SERMON:

Guest Preacher, Zachary Holder

#### **OFFERING**

#### MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Voluntary on a "Southern Harmony"

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

Make Me a Servant TFWS #2176

\*BENEDICTION Zachary Holder

BELL CHOIR "Go Now in Peace"

**POSTLUDE** Variations on "We That Love the Lord"

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

Hearing Aid Receivers and Large Print Hymnals are available from our ushers.

# Schedule for Week of August 29th

Sunday, August 29th:

10:30 am In-person/online Worship 11:30 am Coffee Hour (outside)

Monday, August 30th:

3:30-5:00pm Summit High School Cheerleaders

(Social Hall)

7:30pm Zoom Ad Council Meeting 7:45-9:30pm GA (Chapel and Fellowship)

Tuesday, August 31st:

3:30-5:00pm Summit High School Cheerleaders

(Social Hall)

7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Wednesday, September 1st:

7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Friday, September 3rd:

7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

# Reminder: Masking in Worship

As of July 27th, 2021; the CDC has modified its public health recommendation regarding indoor masking for fully vaccinated persons. We are asking that ALL persons - fully vaccinated or not - mask while inside the church. Thank you for your understanding.



### In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Christine Zotti, Betty, Madison, family and friends of William, Christopher (colon cancer), Leah (hospice), Johnny and David (car crash), Gonella/Erb family, family and friends of Audrey, Adrian, friends and family of Ruth, a peaceful and healthy 2021, the people of Afghanistan, the people of Haiti, all those suffering from the effects of COVID19.

#### **WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Season of Creation Worship Series:** Join the United Methodist Church of Summit this September as we celebrate "The Season of Creation". The Season of Creation offers worshipers an opportunity to turn their full attention toward God the Creator and toward their relationship with all of Creation.



**Storytellers:** The UMC of Greater NJ is bringing back its weekly devotions and prayer in a new way because your story matters. "Storytellers" will be a place where people can find hope while connecting to each other. Each Monday you will receive a short devotion and prayer to offer you hope for the week to come. To sign up for the weekly devotions visit: https://www.gnjumc.org/40-days-of-prayer



**Gardening Day, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-12PM:** We are looking for volunteers to help cleanup our beautiful church gardens. No experience necessary! RSVP to Jim Schaefer at: James\_Schaefer@msn.com.



**Gift Card Drive**: You can drop gift cards off at the church office Mon.-Fri. from 9am to 3pm, you can order online and have them mailed to the church, or you can drop them in the basket at the Sunday 10:30AM service.

