



United Methodist
Church of Summit



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September 5th, 2021
Fifteenth 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 *Voluntary on the Hymn "Morning Has Broken"*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

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

Leader: We come to worship this day in honor of God our Creator.

People: Holy! Holy! Holy! Earth is filled with God's presence.

Leader: We come to worship this day in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: Holy! Holy! Holy! Earth is filled with God's grace.

Leader: We come to worship today in the joy of the Spirit who envelopes Creation.

People: Holy! Holy! Holy! Earth is filled with God's wisdom.

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

God, our Creator, as we reflect on the mystery of our fragile planet, we celebrate the wonders of Earth as our home. Help us to discern how we connect with our planet and to empathise with the groaning of creation beneath us. Teach us to sense the presence of the Holy Spirit, pulsing throughout the Earth as a living green and blue sanctuary. Teach us to love the Earth as our gifted home. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *Morning Has Broken* UMH #145
(please remain standing as you are able)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Alison Johnson

SCRIPTURE: Alison Johnson

Old Testament: Genesis 1:1-25 (abbr. NRSV)

New Testament: John 1:1-14 (NRSV)

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** *(please rise as you are able)*
God the Sculptor of the Mountains TFWS #2060

SERMON: *In the Beginning*
Laura Steele, Pastor

OFFERING

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

“As the Deer”
Lou Steele, Tenor

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

UMH #707

***BENEDICTION**

BELL CHOIR

“Go Now in Peace”

POSTLUDE

Variations on “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

** 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 September 5th

Sunday, September 5th:

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

Monday, September 6th:

Labor Day – Office is Closed
7:45-9:30pm GA (Chapel and Fellowship)

Tuesday, September 7th:

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

Wednesday, September 8th:

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

Friday, September 10th:

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**

Family Promise Team, Ken Green, Rosa Smith, 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.