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**October 24th, 2021**  
**Twenty-Second 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 "Holy God"*

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

*(please rise as you are able)*

Leader: Come now to worship, O people of God, take refuge in the Lord.

**People: From the storms and struggles of life we come.**

Leader: In the midst of darkness, there is light.

**People: In the midst of blindness, we will be given sight.**

Leader: Come, take refuge in the Lord, for God is good.

**People: Thanks be to God for opening our hearts this day. AMEN.**

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

Transcendent God, through Jesus Christ, our eternal Redeemer, we give you praise and consecrate ourselves to follow you. There is so much on this earthly journey we simply do not understand. Rescue us, O Lord, from our afflictions. Restore us, O God, from our wounds. Open the eyes of our minds to your teaching and wisdom; open the eyes of our hearts, to your love and compassion; open the eyes of our souls, to experience our spiritual selves during this time of worship. May the Great Physician heal us this day. In His name we pray, Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN:**

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

UMH #452

*(please remain standing as you are able)*

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Natalie Palacio

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

Chancel Choir

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SCRIPTURE:**

Old Testament: Job 42:1-6,10-17 (NRSV)

New Testament: Mark 10:46-52 (NRSV)

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

*Faith Is Patience in the Night*

TFWS 2211

**SERMON:**

*Seeing Through Happily Ever After:  
God's Presence through Suffering and Loss*  
Rev. Laura Steele, Pastor

**OFFERING**

*(Due to safety precautions, we are not currently passing the offering baskets. They are located at the entrance and exits to the sanctuary. Please leave your offering in one of the baskets as the Spirit moves you)*

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

*Voluntary on "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"*

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

TFWS 2173

**\*BENEDICTION**

**BELL CHOIR**            *"Go Now in Peace"*

**POSTLUDE**            *"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"*

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

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

**In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

Kathy Whipps (Alison's mom), family of Dara Callender, congratulations on your 25th anniversary to Myrene and Jesse Reyes, Walter, Doug, Jonathan, Tina Marie, those struggling with mental health, 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, the people of Afghanistan, the people of Haiti, all those suffering from the effects of COVID19.

**Schedule for Week of October 24th****Sunday, October 24th:**

9:00am            Instrumentalists (Sanctuary)  
9:30am            Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)  
9:30am            Christian Drama Club (Social Hall)  
10:30am           In-person/online Worship  
10:45am           Sunday School (2nd floor)  
11:30am           Coffee Hour (Outside)  
11:45am           Bell Choir (Sanctuary)  
12:15pm           Contemporary Ensemble (Sanctuary)  
7:30-8:30pm      Pilgrim Group (Basement)

**Monday, October 25th:**

3:00-5:30pm      Summit Cheerleaders (Social Hall)  
7:30-8:30pm      Pilgrim Group (Basement)  
7:45-9:30pm      GA (Chapel and Fellowship)

**Tuesday, October 26th:**

1:00 -9:30pm Debbi's Dance Classes (2nd floor)  
3:00-5:30pm Summit Cheerleaders (Social Hall)  
7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

**Wednesday, October 27th:**

1:00-9:30pm Debbi's Dance Classes (2nd floor)  
7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)  
7:30-9:30pm Toastmasters (Social Hall)

**Thursday, October 28th:**

3:30-9:00pm Debbi's Dance Classes (2nd floor)

**Friday, October 29th:**

3:00-5:30pm Summit Cheerleaders (Social Hall)  
6:00pm Youth Activity: Flashlight Corn Maze  
7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

**Saturday, October 30th:**

8:00-2:30pm Debbi's Dance Classes (2nd floor)  
9:30-11:15am Music Together (Playground)  
11:30am Wesley Choir (Sanctuary)

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Gift Card Drive:**

UMC Summit is collecting Shop Rite gift cards for Family Promise of Union County in increments of \$25. 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.



**Flood Buckets:**

As GNJ's Disaster Response team continues moving forward with the Ida relief effort, it has become apparent that there is a great need for more cleaning buckets. Over the next few weeks, UMC Summit will be collecting buckets and

supplies. **Here is a list of items needed:** 5 Gallon Buckets, 32–64 oz. bottles liquid laundry detergent, 16–40 oz. bottles liquid concentrate household cleaner, 16–34 oz. bottles liquid dish soap , 4–8 oz. pump spray air freshener, 6–14 oz. pump spray insect repellent, Scrub brushes, Re-usable cleaning wipes, Scouring pads, 50–100 ft. clothesline, 24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33–45 gallon sizes), N95 particulate respirator dust masks, Kitchen gloves, work gloves.

## Join our Music Ministries!

### Chancel Choir:

Won't you come and join us as we sing joyful and meaningful songs to the Lord? It's a joy to work together and lift our voices in praise of our Maker. The Chancel Choir rehearsals continue at 9:30am each Sunday in the Sanctuary.

### Wesley Choir:

Calling all children 4 years old and up, to come and sing joyful songs of the church. Let us grow together in our faith, through music. Rehearsals are at 11:30am on Saturday mornings in the Sanctuary.

### Bell Choir:

Come and try ringing hand bells and hand chimes with your church friends. Rehearsals are Sundays at 11:45am in the Sanctuary.

### Contemporary Ensemble:

Our Contemporary Ensemble shares music for Holy Communion each month. The Ensemble uses music from the contemporary hymnals "The Faith We Sing" and "Worship and Song". Rehearsals will be on Sundays and 12:15pm in the Sanctuary.

### Children's Drama Club:

Our Children's Drama Club will soon begin planning and designing our Children's Christmas Pageant. We are looking for children and youth to participate in the pageant and designing the set. Drama Club meets at 9:30AM Sunday mornings in the Social Hall. If you'd like to join, please contact

Natalie Palacio at: [CYFMinister@umcsummit.org](mailto:CYFMinister@umcsummit.org)



### Youth Activity:

**Friday, October 29th 6:00PM**

Flashlight Corn Maze at Alstede Farms! Bring your flashlight for some fall fun as we try to figure out this giant corn maze in the dark! \$17.99 per person includes the maze, apple cider, hayride, and pumpkin. To sign up please contact Natalie Palacio at: [CYFMinister@umcsummit.org](mailto:CYFMinister@umcsummit.org)

### **Children, Youth and Family Ministries Update**

Our Children, Families, and Youth Ministries programming has started once again. Each Sunday there is something for everyone! Under the direction of our new Children, Families, and Youth Minister; our new Sunday schedule for children and youth is as follows:

**9:30AM-10:15AM: Christian Drama Club for ages K-12th grade (Social Hall)**

**10:30AM-10:45AM: Worship in the Sanctuary**

**10:45AM - 11:30AM: Sunday School for ages K-5th grade (2nd floor)**

**11:30AM: Coffee Hour Outside**

**9:30AM-11:30AM: Nursery Care Available every Sunday in the Nursery Room**

**November 7th: YOUTH GROUP FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 6:30PM-8:30PM**

\*Children are always welcome to stay in worship, Sunday school is optional for those families who wish to attend.

If you have any questions, please email our Children, Youth, and Families Minister Natalie Palacio at: [CYFMinister@umcsummit.org](mailto:CYFMinister@umcsummit.org)

### **Creating a Safe Environment for our Church Community**

Over the past few months UMC Summit has had to make careful and compassionate decisions regarding our safety protocols in relation to the spread of COVID19. The following protocols are broken down into specific categories we hope will help clarify our current safety protocols:

**Worship:** In response to the spread of the Delta variant, as of July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the CDC updated its guidance for mask wearing in public indoor settings for fully vaccinated people in areas where coronavirus transmission is high. We are asking that ALL persons - fully vaccinated or not - mask during worship. We will continue with socially distanced seating, and the windows and doors in the Sanctuary will be open during worship to increase ventilation.

**Small Groups and Committee Meetings:** Our small groups and committees continue to be welcomed to meet indoors. We recommend that group leaders and committee chairpersons communicate with their members to gauge the comfort level of masking/unmasking indoors. Indoor capacity limits have been lifted, however, we recommend groups and committees continue to socially distance. We also suggest offering a zoom option for members who may not be comfortable meeting in person.

**Children's Activities:** We ask that all children between the ages of 2-11 years old continue to wear masks when participating in our indoor activities. Please continue to respect one another's boundaries and choices as we continue to take these reopening steps. Not everyone is able to receive a vaccine at this point, especially those under the age of 12, so regardless of our vaccination status, we want to make sure we are continuing to care for one another's health and well-being in the most Christ-like ways possible.