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October 3rd, 2021
Nineteenth 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 *Variations on “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

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

Leader: Praise be to God who has called us together.

People: **We come here seeking healing and hope.**

Leader: Open your hearts to God’s redeeming love.

People: **Help us to hear your words, O Lord, and follow your ways. AMEN.**

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

Lord, we come to you today with so many things that weigh heavy on our hearts. You call us to be in a relationship of love and trust with you and you offer us healing for those broken and injured areas of our lives. Help us to be open to your mercy, grace, and healing power. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.

***OPENING HYMN:**

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound (vv.1-4)
(please remain standing as you are able)

UMH #378

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Natalie Palacio

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Carol Conway

CHOIR ANTHEM *“You Are Mine”*

David Haas

HOLY BAPTISM *Ryleigh May Kweselait*

SCRIPTURE:

Alison Johnson

Old Testament: Psalm 26 (NIV)

New Testament: Acts 2:38-41 (NRSV)

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

Baptized in Water

TFWS #2248

SERMON: *Means of Grace*

Rev. Laura Steele

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION *Voluntary on "O Sacred Head"*

HOLY COMMUNION UMH p.13, TFWS 2257b-d

***CLOSING HYMN:** *(please rise as you are able)*
Victory in Jesus UMC #370

***BENEDICTION**

BELL CHOIR *"Go Now in Peace"*

POSTLUDE

** 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

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 3rd

Sunday, October 3rd:

9:00am Instrumentalists (Sanctuary)
9:30am Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
9:30am Christian Drama Club (Social Hall)
9:30am Bible Study (Chapel)
10:30am In-person/online Worship
10:45am Sunday School (second floor)
11:30am Coffee Hour (outside)
11:45am Bell Choir
12:15pm Contemporary Ensemble
3:00pm Blessing of the Animals
6:00-8:00pm Youth Group (Library)

Monday, October 4th:

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

Tuesday, October 5th:

9:30-11:15am Music Together (Playground)
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 6th:

12:00pm Lunch and Learn (Memorial Garden)
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 7th:

10:30-12:15pm Music Together (Playground)
3:30-9:00pm Debbi's Dance Classes (2nd floor)

Friday, October 8th:

3:00-5:30pm Summit Cheerleaders (Social Hall)
7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Saturday, October 9th:

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

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gift Card Drive: UMC Summit is collecting ShoptRite 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.

Blessing of the Animals

To close out our Creation of St. Francis of Assisi Day, UMC of the Animals outside near the 3PM. Bring your pet and you will special blessing from Pastor snakes) Please leash your dogs secure.



Worship Series and in honor Summit will hold a Blessing playground today at receive a certificate and a Laura. (please note: no and make sure animals are



Youth Group TONIGHT! Calling all youth 6th-12th grade! Tonight we kick-off our Youth Group once again. We will meet from 6pm-8pm in the Youth Lounge/Green Room (second floor Education building). We'll have pizza, games, fellowship, and work together to plan out a year filled with faith and fun! (Please wear a mask) If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Natalie at: CYFMinister@umcsummit.org

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.





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 and will resume on October 3rd.

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism
we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.

We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation
and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Today, I present *Ryleigh May Kwesela* for baptism.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

The pastor addresses parents and other sponsors:

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Will you nurture Ryleigh in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

I will.

The pastor addresses the congregation, and the congregation responds:

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.

We will surround Ryleigh with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in service to others.

We will pray for Ryleigh, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

***POURING & THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

All may stand.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Eternal Father, your mighty acts of salvation have been made known through water – from the moving of your Spirit upon the waters of Creation, to the deliverance of your people through the flood. You sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb, baptized by John, and anointed by your Spirit. He called upon the disciples, to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to go out and make disciples of all the world. Pour out your Holy Spirit, bless this gift of water and *Ryleigh* who receives it, wash away her sins and clothe her in righteousness throughout her life, so that in dying and being raised with Christ, she may share in his final victory, through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. **Amen.**

Ryleigh May Kweselait I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend Ryleigh to your love and care. Now it is our joy to welcome our new sister in Christ!