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Church of Summit

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# November 7th, 2021

*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 the tune "Diademata"

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** Alison Johnson

*(please rise as you are able)*

Leader: The generous love of God abounds.

**People: We celebrate and give thanks for God's infinite love.**

Leader: The unending grace of God surrounds us.

**People: With humble joy, we give thanks for the astounding gift of God's grace.**

Leader: The joy of being a child of God encompasses us.

**People: With gratitude for a God who knows us by name, we give our thanks.**

Leader: The steadfast love of God is always present and always ours.

**People: Let us celebrate the overwhelming love of God. Come, let us worship and sing our praise!**

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

**Holy One, we long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace. To serve each other in love and humility. To serve your world with wisdom and energy. Forgive us when we stumble over pride, when our words and actions are not guided by love. Through your Spirit remake us into hope-filled disciples, discovering lives in tune with your wonder. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN:**

*Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing*  
*(please remain standing as you are able)*

UMH #400

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Natalie Palacio, CYF Minister

**SOLO**

*"Open the Eyes of My Heart"*  
Lou Steele, Tenor

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Carol Conway

**SCRIPTURE:**

Alison Johnson

Old Testament: Proverbs 3:13-14 (NRSV)

New Testament: Luke 16: 1-13 (NRSV)

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

*Seek Ye First*

UMH #405

**SERMON:**

*Faithful Stewardship: Earn. Save. Give.*  
Rev. Laura Steele, Pastor

## OFFERING

## MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

*Voluntary on "Near to the Heart of God"*

**\*DOXOLOGY** (*please rise as you are able*)

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

*The Summons*

TFWS 2130

## \*BENEDICTION

## BELL CHOIR

*Go Now in Peace*

## POSTLUDE

*Voluntary 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.***

### **In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

Jane McKinley, Marg Edwards, 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, all those suffering from the effects of COVID19.

### **Schedule for Week of November 7th**

#### **Sunday, November 7th:**

9:00am Instrumentalists (Sanctuary)  
9:30am Bible Study (Chapel)  
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)  
12:00pm Singing Believers (Sanctuary)  
12:15pm Contemporary Ensemble (Sanctuary)  
6:00-8:00pm Youth Group (Green Room)  
7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

#### **Monday, November 8th:**

7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)  
7:45-9:30pm GA (Chapel and Fellowship)

#### **Tuesday, November 9th:**

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

**Wednesday, November 10th:**

12:00pm Bible Study (Fellowship Room)  
 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, November 11th:**

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

**Friday, November 12th:**

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

**Saturday, November 13th:**

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

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS****Turkey Drive for the Community Food Bank of New Jersey:**

Did you earn a free turkey this year? Not sure what to do with it? UMC Summit is collecting frozen turkeys to support the Community Food Bank of NJ. Please drop off your turkeys to the church by November 21st, 2021. Let's be a blessing to our community!

**Prepare and Deliver Meals:****Sunday, November 14 from 1-3pm**

Youth will bring dishes from home to prepare, package and deliver to families from Family Promise.

**Youth Lock-In:****Saturday, November 20 from 7:00pm - Overnight**

Youth to bring in tents, sleeping bags & necessities for Saturday evening into the Sunday morning Youth Service!

**Hanging of the Greenery:****Sunday, November 28**

Join us Sunday, November 28th, for our annual Hanging of the Greenery during the 10:30AM worship service. Evergreens are a symbol of the eternal coming of God to dwell among us as the Word made flesh. They are a sign of life and resurrection as we overcome the cold of winter. Join us as we kick off the Advent season in anticipation of the arrival of Emmanuel: God with us.

**Webinar on Habitat Gardening:****November 30 at 7:00pm**

Have you wondered how your garden can help native wildlife thrive? On November 30, 7:00 p.m. join the Beacon Unitarian Universalist Congregation's webinar on Habitat Gardening for Birds, Butterflies, and Wildlife.

**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 Singers:**

Children and youth who would like to sing songs of faith please share your gifts of music on Saturday morning at 11:30am in our Sanctuary. We will make a joyful sound to the Lord.

**Bell Choir:**

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

**Singing Believers:**

We welcome all children 4 years old and up, to sing joyful songs of the church each Sunday at 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary. Please have a snack at coffee hour, then come back to church to share fun songs of faith.

**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.

**Christmas Concert:****Sunday, December 5 at 3:00pm**

Come hear the sounds of the season in our beautiful Sanctuary, featuring the choirs of the church as well as professional soloists



## 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)

### **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)





**To Mask or Not to Mask?  
Update on COVID19 Safety Protocols:**

**Masking in Worship**

As of Monday, November 1st, 2021; the Administrative Council of SUMC agreed the church should follow CDC recommendations for masking during Sunday morning worship based on the published COVID -19 transmission rate for Union County. For **low and moderate** transmission rates, the CDC recommends all unvaccinated persons wear masks while vaccinated persons may attend unmasked (if so desired) as the risk for infection is considered low. For **substantial and high** transmission rates, the CDC recommends ALL persons wear a mask regardless of vaccination status to mitigate the risk of infection.

As of November 1st, the transmission rate in Union County was moderate. However, as of November 4th, the rate of transmission for COVID-19 in Union County has increased to "substantial". As a result, we will continue to require everyone to wear a mask during Sunday morning worship until the Union County transmission rate drops back down to moderate or low.

Many Blessings,

Pastor Laura