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**March 13th, 2022**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**

*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 "I Will Go, Lord, If You Lead Me"*

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP**

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

Leader: Shout with joy to God, all the Earth!

**People: Glory to the One who made us,**

Leader: Praise to the One who sustains us,

**People: Blessed be the One whose Spirit lives within us.**

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

**Blessed Lord, you have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly contemplate them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.**

*(Concerning the Scriptures, from The Book of Common Prayer, UMH 602)*

**\*OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*  
*"Blessed Jesus at Thy Word"* UMH #596

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** Natalie Palacio, CYF Minister

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *"The Carpenter from Galilee"*  
arr. Joseph Martin  
Chancel Choir

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Beverly Alexis

**SCRIPTURE:** Darren Halverson

**Old Testament: Micah 6:1-8 (NRSV)**

God Challenges Israel

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving

acts of the Lord.” What God Requires “With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**New Testament: 2 Timothy 3:10-17 (NRSV)**

Paul’s Charge to Timothy

Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

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

*“What does the Lord Require of You”*

TFWS #2174

**SERMON:**

*Read Like a Middle Child*

Wren Hillis

**OFFERING**

*(please place your weekly offering in the offering plates)*

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

*Voluntary on “Be Thou My Vision”*

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

*“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

UMH #95

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

*“We’ll Understand It Better By and By”*

UMH #525

**\*BENEDICTION**

Wren Hillis

**POSTLUDE:**

*“Maestoso in G”*

H. Purcell

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

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



As United Methodists, we are unique in our connectionalism around the world. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is working closely with churches in the region to assist those in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church's leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.

***If you'd like to contribute to this cause, please make your check out to "The United Methodist Church of Summit" and notate "UMCOR/Ukraine" in the memo line. Or notate on your cash envelope "UMCOR/Ukraine".***

One hundred percent of all contributions go to the designated cause.

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

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

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

**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**

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

**Youth Group every first Sunday of the month, 6PM-8PM**

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

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

Scott Davis, Cory Fish, Shela Waldron, family and friends of Mike Cruz, Lindsay Fauth, family of Christopher Juliano, Joan D, Gregory Carter, Kathy Whipps (Alison's mom), Walter, Doug, Jonathan, those struggling with mental health, Ken Green, Christine Zotti, Betty, Madison.

### **Sunday, March 13:**

9:00am Instrumentalists  
9:30am Chancel Choir  
9:30am Christian Drama Club  
10:30am In-person/online Worship  
10:45am Sunday School (2nd floor)  
11:30am Coffee Hour (Social Hall)  
11:30am Bell Choir  
12:00pm Singing Believers  
1:00pm Briant Park Walk  
12:15pm Contemporary Ensemble  
7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

### **Monday, March 14:**

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

### **Tuesday, March 15:**

9:30-12:15pm Music Together (Social Hall)

1:00-9:30pm      Debbi's Dance School (Dance Studio)  
7:30-8:30pm      Pilgrim Group (Basement)

**Wednesday, March 16:**

9:30-11:30am      Music Together (Social Hall)  
1:00-9:30pm      Debbi's Dance School (Dance Studio)  
6:30pm              Soup Supper  
7:30pm              Lenten Service (Chapel)  
7:30-8:30pm      Pilgrim Group (Basement)  
7:30-9:30pm      Toastmasters (Social Hall)

**Thursday, March 17:**

3:30-9:00pm      Debbi's Dance School (Dance Studio)

**Friday, March 18:**

9:30-12:15pm      Music Together (Social Hall)  
7:30-8:30pm      Pilgrim Group (Basement)

**Saturday, March 19:**

8:00am – 2:30pm      Debbi's Dance School (Dance Studio)  
9:30-11:30am      Music Together (Social Hall)  
11:30am              Wesley Singers

**Join Our Music Ministries!**

**Chancel Choir:**

It's a joy to work together and lift our voices in praise of our Maker. Our Chancel Choir rehearses at 9:30am each Sunday in the Sanctuary.

**Wesley Singers:**

Children and youth sing songs of faith and share their gifts of music on Saturday morning at 11:30am in our Sanctuary. Make a joyful sound to the Lord.

**Bell Choir:**

Our Bell choir rings joyous music of faith. Rehearsals are Sundays at 11:30am 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 are on Sundays at 12:15pm in the Sanctuary.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Easter Egg Hunt Collection

This year the Children, Youth, and Families Ministry is planning a community **Easter Egg Hunt for Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**; and we need your help! We are collecting baskets, plastic Easter eggs, and egg fillers. There will be baskets set up to collect items at the front and back of the sanctuary. You can also drop off donations to the church office Mon-Fri. from 9am-3pm. (Egg fillers are small, individually wrapped candy – no nuts, and/or small toys)



### Parents' Night Out: Friday, March 25

**6:00pm - 8:00pm**

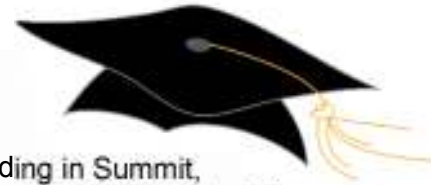
Popcorn, Movie, & Games

Parents can drop off their kids kick back, relax, & enjoy an evening out!

*Suggested donation of \$10 per child.*

### Scholarship Available for Graduating Seniors:

Attention Graduating Seniors: The United Methodist Church of Summit awards two memorial scholarships of distinction annually. One scholarship is open to any member of the United Methodist Church of Summit who meets the scholarship qualifications and the second is available to any young woman residing in Summit, NJ with financial need who meets the scholarship qualifications. The annual amount of the scholarship will vary by year. To learn more visit [umcsummit.org](http://umcsummit.org) and click on the "2022 Scholarship Application" button. Scholarship forms are also available at the welcome desk. If you have any questions, please contact Children, Youth, and Families Minister Natalie Palacio at [CYFMinister@umcsummit.org](mailto:CYFMinister@umcsummit.org).



# SEVEN-MILE MIRACLE

### Join us for our 2022 Lenten Journey "Seven Mile Miracle"

Each week we will explore a different spiritual discipline during worship and study the book "*Seven Mile Miracle*" during our 9:30AM Bible Study class. On Sunday afternoons at 1PM, we will walk a mile together at Briant Park. By Easter Sunday, we will have walked seven miles! Please see the newsletter for more detailed information.

**Lent Soup Suppers and Worship start March 9th**

Join us Wednesday evenings March 9<sup>th</sup>- April 13<sup>th</sup>, as we gather together for Lenten soup suppers and worship. If you are willing to provide a simple soup supper on one of the Wednesday nights, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Social Hall. Following the supper, at 7:00PM, we will gather in the Chapel for a brief service of worship.



**Youth Group Bowling Night: All Middle/High School Youth**



**Sunday, April 3, 2022**

**6:00pm – 8:00pm**

At STRYXE, 300 Main Street Madison, NJ

\$35 per player includes: Unlimited lanes & arcade, pizza & beverages.

RSVP in advance:

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