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March 20th, 2022
Third 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: *“There is a Balm in Gilead”*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Latonia Hall

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: Gracious Spirit, we ask you to fill this space with your presence this day. **People: We yearn to see more of God and live more like Christ.**

Leader: Open our eyes as we seek to live a life that is pleasing to you.

People: We hope, oh God, that our lives would have an impact on this hurting world.

Leader: Nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died!

People: Draw us nearer to you, Jesus, that we might live as you would have us live.

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

Jesus, we come here today to receive Your teaching on what it means to live a life more deeply connected to You. Direct our hearts, minds and actions in a way that leads to new life for ourselves and for your kingdom come. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
“God of Grace and God of Glory”

UMH #577

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rev. Laura Steele

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Jesus, With Loving Touch He Healed the Sick and Fixed the Sinner’s Heart”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Alison Johnson

SCRIPTURE:

Latonia Hall

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:1-9 (NRSV)

An Invitation to Abundant Life

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he

has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

New Testament: Matthew 6:16-18 (NRSV)

Concerning Fasting

“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** *(please rise as you are able)*
“Sanctuary” (sung 3x)

TFWS #2164

SERMON: *Mile Marker 2: Fasting “Feasting and Fasting”*
Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING

(please place your weekly offering in the offering plates)

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

“Before the Throne of God Above”

***DOXOLOGY** *(please rise as you are able)*
“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #95

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

UMH #707

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Voluntary on “Praise 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

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.

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday, March 20:

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 21:

7:00pm Ad Council Meeting
7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)
7:45-9:30pm GA (Chapel and Fellowship Room)

Tuesday, March 22:

9:30-12:15pm Music Together (Social Hall)
1:00-9:30pm Debbi's Dance School (Dance Studio)
7:00pm Book Study
7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Wednesday, March 23:

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

Thursday, March 24:

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

Friday, March 25:

6:00-8:00pm Parents' Night Out
7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Saturday, March 26:

8:00am – 2:30pm Debbi's Dance School (Dance Studio)
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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Egg Hunt Collection

This year the Children, Youth, and Families Ministry is planning a community **Easter Egg Hunt for Saturday, April 9th**; 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 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.



**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 9th- April 13th, 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:

CYFMinister@umcsummit.org