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March 27th, 2022
Fourth 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: *“So Art Thou With Me” for Trumpet and Organ*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

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

Leader: This is the Good News which we proclaim:

People: Jesus Christ washes away our sins.

Leader: Let us walk in the Light of His love.

People: Let us live in the Spirit of truth.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who forgives us and takes away our sins.

People: Let us worship in the Light of Truth this day.

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

Open our hearts and minds this day to the presence of Jesus. Give us courage this Lenten season to walk the path of discipleship, knowing that Jesus goes before us, leading and guiding our every step. May we recognize our need for forgiveness and grace this day. May we journey to the cross with Jesus this season growing ever closer to your love and light. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
“Blessed Assurance”

UMH #369

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

“This Is the Day that the Lord Has Made”

Singing Believers

CHOIR ANTHEM *“God’s Perfect Gift His Perfect Son”*
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Laura Steele

SCRIPTURE:

Old Testament: Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah* Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah* Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. *Selah* I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

New Testament: 1 John 1:5-9

God Is Light

Jesus told us that God is light and doesn't have any darkness in him. Now we are telling you. If we say that we share in life with God and keep on living in the dark, we are lying and are not living by the truth. But if we live in the light, as God does, we share in life with each other. And the blood of his Son Jesus washes all our sins away. If we say that we have not sinned, we are fooling ourselves, and the truth isn't in our hearts. But if we confess our sins to God, he can always be trusted to forgive us and take our sins away.

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

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

UMH #206

SERMON: *Mile Marker 4: Confession*

Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING

(please place your weekly offering in the offering plates)

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Voluntary on the tune "Assurance"

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

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

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

"Victory in Jesus"

UMH #370

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *"Allegretto in E Flat Major"*

Susan Wallace

**** 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

Adrian Philips, the family of Adrea C. Linder: Joseph, Joshua, and Hannah. 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 27:

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 28:

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

Tuesday, March 29:

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

Wednesday, March 30:

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

Thursday, March 31:

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

Friday, April 1:

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

Saturday, April 2:

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

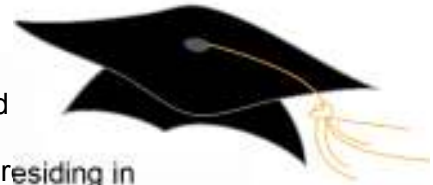


Easter Egg Hunt:

Saturday, April 9. This year the Children, Youth, and Families Ministry is planning a community Easter egg hunt. Come join the fun!

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



Repair Café:

Saturday, March 26

Union County's only Repair Café event will take place on March 26, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., at Christ Church in Summit. County residents and their neighbors can bring their beloved, but broken, items to Summit's Repair Café, with available repair services at the event to include small electronics, jewelry, sewing / textiles, lamps, wooden items and knife sharpening. The event -- and the services provided -- are free, however a voluntary contribution is appreciated when an item is brought for repair.

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*". 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 at 6:30pm 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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