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**April 24th, 2022**  
**Second Sunday in Easter**  
**Festival of God's Creation Sunday**

*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 the tune "Bunessan" for Trumpet and Organ

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP**

*Each year, The United Methodist Church designates one Sunday as Festival of God's Creation. The purpose of this festival is to recognize and celebrate God's gracious work as Creator of the earth and all of its amazing biological life. The festival highlights God's mandate that humans care for the rest of creation.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Johanna Aguilera

*(please rise as you are able)*

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: Praise God in the sanctuary.**

Leader: Praise God in the vault of heaven.

**People: Praise God in the earth and skies.**

Leader: We have witnessed God's mighty acts.

**People: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!**

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

Johanna Aguilera

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.**

**O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

*(Prayer of St. Francis)*

**\*OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*

*"Morning Has Broken"*

UMH #145

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Natalie Palacio, CYF Minister

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Laura Steele

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*"Our Hearts Rejoice this Day"*

Chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURE:**

Johanna Aguilera

**Old Testament: Psalm 150 (NRSV)**

Praise for God's Surpassing Greatness

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

**New Testament: Revelation 1:4-8 (NRSV)**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

*"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"*

TFWS #2171

**SERMON:** *"Weathering the Storm"*

Rev. Laura Steele

**OFFERING**

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

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

*Voluntary on "Lord, Lay Some Soul Upon My Heart"*

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

*"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

UMH #95

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

*"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

UMH #147

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *Variations on "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

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

**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, Christine Zotti, Betty, Madison

## **Weekly Schedule:**

### **Sunday, April 24:**

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  
11:45am Staff/Parish Meeting  
12:00pm Singing Believers  
12:15pm Contemporary Ensemble  
7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

### **Monday, April 25:**

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

### **Tuesday, April 26:**

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, April 27:**

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

### **Thursday, April 28:**

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

### **Friday, April 29:**

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

### **Saturday, April 30:**

8:00am – 2:30pm Debbi's Dance School (Dance Studio)  
9:30am -11:15am Music Together (Playground)  
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 (Green Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

**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)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Last Call for Scholarship Applications!

**Due Date: April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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)



### Parent's Night Out:

**May 20, 6-8pm**

Join us for our next Parent's Night Out! Parents can drop off the kids, kick back and enjoy an evening off. Kids will have pizza and snacks, play games, and watch a movie. Parent's Night Out meets upstairs in the Green Room and Youth Lounge. Suggested donation of \$10.00 per child cash or check.

### Youth Group

**May 1<sup>st</sup>, 6pm-8pm**

All youth 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for our combined youth group meeting with Madison and Chatham UMC's youth. This month we will meet at Madison UMC, 24 Madison Ave.





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

***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".***



**Bike, Walk, or Take Mass Transit to Church Sunday  
June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Join us as we live out our call to creation care by biking, walking, or taking mass transit to church on June 5th. Please park bikes in the Social Hall.

