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April 17th, 2022
Easter 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: *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* O. Holden

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

ANTHEM *"He is the King of Kings"*
Singing Believers

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Beverly Alexis

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Let Earth and heaven in chorus sing!

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Lord of Life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross you draw all people into your love and grace. By being raised from the dead you restored to humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter may we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and for eternity, Amen.

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

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (vv. 1-4)

with Bell Choir, Chancel Choir and Trumpet

UMH #302

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(in unison)*

Rev. Laura Steele

Gracious and loving Lord, we admit we have heard the Resurrection story time and time again, and for so many years, it has been a comforting story. But this time it is different. This time we have journeyed to the cross with Christ. We have witnessed His miracles, we have walked in the wilderness and through the darkest of valleys, from the mountaintops to the cross. We wait for you to perform miracles deep within our hearts and souls. Now you bring us to the empty tomb, just as we have emptied ourselves, you bring us to the joyous news of the resurrection miracle.

(moment of silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Come into the light of God's love! Christ is risen! Know beyond all doubt that God's love is always with you, surrounding you, leading you, comforting you, forgiving you. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Drama Club Presentation *"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"*

(there will be no Children's Sunday School during worship today. Children are invited to stay in worship and celebrate Easter. Nursery care is still available.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Alison Johnson

CHOIR ANTHEM

"See Him Rise! Alleluia"
Chancel Choir

D. Wagner

SCRIPTURE:

Old Testament: Psalm 118 (NRSV)

A Song of Victory

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly." I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

New Testament: John 20:1-18 (NRSV)

The Resurrection of Jesus

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I

am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** *(please rise as you are able)*
“Up From the Grave He Arose”

UMH #322

SERMON: *Resurrection Hope*

Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING

(please place your weekly offering in the offering plates)

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

“Because He Lives”

W. & G. Gaither, D. Carson

Lou Steele, Tenor

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

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #95

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give thanks to you, O Lord, for you have done marvelous things! When we were walking in darkness, you were there, when we were kneeling in weakness, you were there, when we were feeling worthless, you were there, when we were needing forgiveness, you were there, when we were searching for your grace, you were there. At every turn, in every circumstance you offer us love.

And so this day, with all your people on Earth, and all the company of heaven, we raise our voices and shout Alleluias! we sing praises for the wonder of an empty tomb, as we join together in the unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blest is the one who comes

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church and made with us a new covenant by water and Spirit.

On that last night, as he gathered his followers around the table,
He took the bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to You, gave it to his disciples and
said, “Drink from this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and
for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice as we proclaim the
mystery of faith:

***Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!***

God of Resurrection hope, you take our emptiness and you make us whole. You surprise and
astound us in places where we expected you to be absent. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and juice, Make them be for us the body and blood of
Christ, So that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Make us one with you, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ
comes again in final victory, And we all feast at His heavenly banquet. All honor and glory is
yours, Almighty God, now and forever, Amen.

***Amen. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!***

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray:

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses. As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.***

SHARING THE LOAF AND CUP

*Voluntary on “Assurance with Jesu Joy”
William Teubner, Trumpet*

*(There are two options to receive communion depending on your comfort level. Prepackaged
communion elements are located at the entrances to the sanctuary or you may come forward to the
altar. The ushers will guide the congregation to come forward pew by pew. Please take one bread
container and one juice cup. If you need the elements brought to you where you are seated please
indicate your need to an usher. Gluten free elements are available at the sanctuary entrances.)*

***CLOSING HYMN:** *(please rise as you are able)*
“He Lives”

UMH #310

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE:

"Lift High the Cross"

S. Nicholson

** 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 17:

9:00am Instrumentalists
9:30am Chancel Choir
9:30am Christian Drama Club
9:50am Bell Choir
10:10am Singing Believers
10:15am Drama Club
10:30am In-person/online Worship
10:45am Sunday School (2nd floor)
11:30am Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, April 18:

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

Tuesday, April 19:

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, April 20:

1:00pm Book Study
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 21:

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

Friday, April 8:

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

Saturday, April 22:

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 (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.

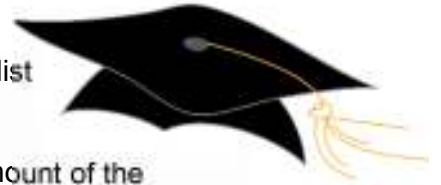
Youth Group every first Sunday of the month, 6PM-8PM

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



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.

Chancel Flowers at Easter 2022

Adrian, Faye and Kim in honor of their wonderful and loving mother, Shela Waldron.

The Barry Family.

Dr. Ashley Boggan in honor of Rev. Rebecca Boggan and Rev. Dr. Kurt Boggan.

Stephen and Beverly Brown in honor of Amanda.

Maria Caneiro in loving memory of the Caneiro family and friends, Gonzalez and Veloso families. In honor of the Ukrainian president and people.

Gail Champney and Megan Champney Kweselait in loving memory of parents/grandparents Evelyn and John Keating.

Marg and Alf Edwards in loving memory of their parents: Rod and Doris Edwards, and Don and Elizabeth Robins.

David and Maria Hughes; Angelica Policastro; Richard Hughes, Betsy Caulfield; Deann Lentz and Jennifer Seeger in loving memory of Lloyd and Adele Hughes.

Debbi Picorale in loving memory of her dad, mom, and brother.

Isabel and Joshua Reyes in loving memory of "Papaw".

Shela Waldron in honor of Latonia, Dwayne, James, Kayla, and Malik – her grandchildren.

Bob and Dotti Zotti in honor of their children and grandchildren.