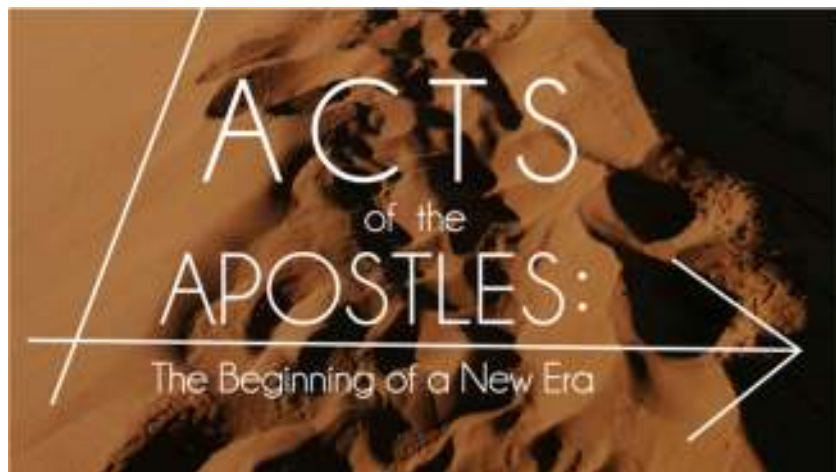




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May 15, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Welcome to the United Methodist Church of Summit! We invite you to join us on a journey of faith,
worshiping and serving God.*

PRELUDE: *“Processional in B Flat Major”*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

(if you have/had a birthday or anniversary in April or May, please come forward and receive a flower)

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Jesse Reyes
(please rise as you are able)

Leader: Praise the LORD!

People: Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the highest!

Leader: Praise God, all the angels; praise God, all ye hosts!

People: Let all the Earth praise the name of the LORD!

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

Gracious and loving God, you meet us where we are. We gather together from many walks of life, but we are unified as one heart in the body of Christ. In our time of worship, open our ears to hear your voice; open our eyes to see your glory; open our minds to receive your word; open our hearts to perceive your presence. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
“Spirit Song” UMH #347

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Rev. Laura Steele

CHOIR ANTHEM *“River in Judea”* Jack Feldman
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Alison Johnson

SCRIPTURE: Jesse Reyes

Old Testament: Psalm 148: 1-3, 11-14 (NRSV)

Praise for God’s Universal Glory

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike old and young together! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

New Testament: Acts 11:1-18 (NRSV)
Peter's Report to the Church at Jerusalem

Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

"Holy, Holy, Holy" (Santo, Santo, Santo)

TFWS #2007

MESSAGE: *Bacon-Wrapped Scallops*

Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Voluntary on "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #94

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

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

UMH #664

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Variations on "Praise the Lord"*

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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Lou and Juliet, Helga Ruttkamp, Beth Van Brunt, 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, May 15:

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
12:00pm Education Committee Meeting (Fellowship Room)
12:15pm Contemporary Ensemble
7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, May 16:

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

Tuesday, May 17:

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, May 18:

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, May 19:

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

Friday, May 20:

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

Saturday, May 21:

8:00am – 2:30pm Debbi's Dance School (Dance Studio)
9:30am -11:15am Music Together (Playground)
11:30am Wesley Singers
2:00-9:30pm EMC Shalom International (Fellowship Room)

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, 2nd 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Volunteers Needed for the Memorial Garden:

Help is needed to spread mulch and wrap-up any planting / weeding in all the garden areas. Saturday, **May 21** from 9:30-noon.

Gift Cards Needed:

For our May Family Promise virtual hosting week, we are collecting \$25 Shoprite gift cards for 6 families

Please drop off cards or a designated donation at the church office or into the offering plate. If you purchase online you can have them mailed to the church office for \$2 (go to www.shoprite.com/giftcards).



Volunteers Needed:

We are looking for volunteers for coffee hour. A sign-up sheet is available in the Social Hall. Any questions? Please see Debbi.

Education Sunday: Join us Sunday, **June 5th**, as we celebrate Education Sunday. We will award our Wyckoff and Welsh Scholarships to our graduating seniors as well as celebrate our youngest disciples as they finish out an incredible year of Sunday School and Youth Group.



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.

Your Help is Needed:

May of 2022 will mark the 40th anniversary of Shawn Callender Hogan's Ordination in the United Methodist Church. I would like to extend an invitation to the members of your congregation to celebrate this milestone by sending Shawn a congratulations card, or note acknowledging her ministry and the impact it had on them while their Pastor. I am looking to gather these messages in the hope of surprising her following this year's Annual Conference. **Please send your comments/cards to my attention at the following address by May 20th:** Bill Hogan
PO Box 435, South Seaville, NJ 08246



**Bike, Walk, or Take Mass Transit to Church Sunday
June 5th, 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.