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May 22, 2022
Sixth 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: *Voluntary on "Here I Am, Lord"*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Alison Johnson
(please rise as you are able)

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us.

People: May the Lord's face shine upon us.

Leader: May God's way be known upon the Earth.

People: Let all people praise the Lord!

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

Loving God, you give your people visions that allow us to believe in your promises. We come before you this day to profess our love and proclaim our faith. May our hearts be opened to the signs all around us that you are calling. May your voice not be drowned out by the distractions of this world. May our souls be in tune with your Holy Spirit so that we may be nurtured by your amazing grace. It is in Christ's name we pray, Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
"Be Thou My Vision" UMH #451

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Natalie Palacio, CYF Minister

CHOIR ANTHEM
"I'll Worship Only at the Feet of Jesus" W. Gaither
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Laura Steele

SCRIPTURE: Alison Johnson

Old Testament: Psalm 67 (NRSV)

The Nations Called to Praise God

To the leader: with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah* that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah* Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

New Testament: Acts 16:9-15 (NRSV)

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." **10** When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

The Conversion of Lydia

We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed ^[b] there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** *(please rise as you are able)*
"Open Our Eyes" (sung 2x)

TFWS #2086

MESSAGE: *"Blurry Vision"*

Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

Voluntary on "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #94

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

"Forward Through the Ages" UMH #555

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *"Majestic Recessional"*

R. Wetzler

** 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

*****A note about livestreaming*****

Our Sunday morning worship services are live streamed each week. We understand that some folks may not be comfortable being on camera. There are some moments during the worship service where congregation members may be seen on camera and if you are not comfortable being seen on the live stream we suggest you DO NOT sit in the first three rows of the sanctuary. If you would like to speak further with someone about making sure you are not on camera, please speak with Pastor Laura: pastor@umcsummit.org.

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday, May 22:

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
12:15pm	Contemporary Ensemble
7:30-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, May 23:

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

Tuesday, May 24:

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 25:

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 26:

3:30-9:00pm	Debbi's Dance School (Dance Studio)
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Friday, May 27:

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

Saturday, May 28:

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



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).

Family Promise Training:

Family Promise-Union County is offering a workshop titled, "Living with Loss, Healing from Homelessness" on June 4, 2022 from 10am-12pm at FUMC Westfield ([1 E. Broad St., Westfield](#)). Connie Palmer, Grief Educator from Imagine will lead the workshop, which is designed to help you identify with the feelings of grief and loss associated with homelessness that our guests experience. Register today: <https://forms.office.com/r/5BhZURhUvK>

Masking in Worship

Currently, masking in church is **optional**. Please note that COVID19 levels of transmission are rising in our area. As of Friday, May 20th, Union county is in the "medium" level of community transmission and Morris County is in the "high" level of transmission. For medium level the CDC recommends those at high risk for serious infection DO mask indoors. If you are experiencing any symptoms of illness we encourage you to stay home and worship with us online.



Education Sunday:

Join us Sunday, **June 5**, 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. **Parents of Graduates:**

If you'd like to lift up your graduate on Education Sunday please let the church office know. Pastor Laura will be saying a special prayer to all graduates that Sunday. Email: Office@umcsummit.org to list your graduate!

Celebration Potluck Picnic June 5th:

Join us after church on June 5th, for a celebration picnic! We will celebrate a great year in ministry as well as honor our church's Office Administrator Polly del Campo for her many years of service. Please bring a nut-free dish to share. A sign-up sheet is in the Social Hall, please list what you will bring.

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