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July 31st, 2022
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

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

PRELUDE *“Andante in E Flat Major”* Joseph Haydn

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Susan Woolever
(please rise as you are able)

Leader: Give thanks to God! For God is good.

People: We give thanks for God’s steadfast love.

Leader: Give thanks to God! For God’s love endures.

People: We give thanks that God is at work among humankind.

Leader: Give thanks to God! For only God can satisfy us.

People: We give thanks to God for filling our spiritual hunger with good things.

AMEN.

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

Gracious and holy God, we come to you because you have first come to us. We know you because you have revealed yourself. Give us in this morning hour of worship a new sense of your Spirit breathing through us. Lift our hearts with the wings song, heal our souls with the balm of prayer, enliven our minds with the words of scripture and interpretation, and newly enable us to dedicate our strength, our substance, and our service to your work in the world. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
“Great is Thy Faithfulness” UMH #140

CHILDRENS MOMENT

Natalie Palacio

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Beverly Alexis

SCRIPTURE

Susan Woolever

Old Testament: Hosea 11:1-11 (NRSV)

God's Compassion Despite Israel's Ingratitude When Israel was a child, I loved him and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up in my arms, but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities it consumes their oracle priests and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim, for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt and like doves from the land of Assyria, and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

New Testament: Luke 12:13-21 (NIV)

The Parable of a Rich Fool

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me. Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do: I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." 'But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** *(please rise as you are able)*
"Give Thanks" TFWS #2036

SERMON: ***"A Fathers' Unconditional Love"***
Beverly Alexis, Lay Leader

OFFERING

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION:
"Voluntary on "Lord, Lay Some Spirit 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)*
"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" UMH #127

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *“Recessional in F Major”*

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

Please join us after service in the Social Hall for coffee hour

This Week’s Schedule

Sunday, July 31:

9:00am	Instrumentalists (Sanctuary)
9:45am	Song Leaders (Sanctuary)
10:00am	Phillips Family Singers
10:30am	In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30am	Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
7:30-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, August 1:

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

Tuesday, August 2:

10:00am-4pm	Debbi’s Dance (Dance Studio)
7:30-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Weds, August 3:

9:00am-2pm	Debbi’s Dance (Dance Studio)
7:30-9:30pm	Toastmasters (Social Hall)

Thursday, August 4:

9:30am-12pm	Music Together (Playground)
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Friday, August 5:

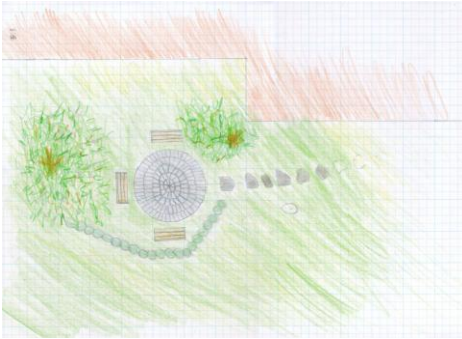
7:30-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)
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Saturday, August 6:

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

The Boggan Family, Gladys Martin, Jerry Gaston, gun violence in America, Ukraine, family of Clyde Branson, Helga Ruttkamp, the family of Adrea C. Linder: Joseph, Joshua, and Hannah, family and friends of Mike Cruz, family of Christopher Juliano, Joan D, Gregory Carter, Kathy Whipps, Walter, Doug, Jonathan, those struggling with mental health, Christine Zotti, Betty, Madi

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Eagle Scout Project: Prayer Garden

Youth Group member Oliver Relf will be blessing our church with a new Prayer Garden this summer as his Eagle Scout project.

Oliver needs OUR help to make this project possible!

The church will be conducting a fundraiser to support the Eagle Scout Prayer Garden Project over the next six-weeks. Our goal is to raise \$3500.00 to help Oliver complete the garden. You can donate by cash or check to "UMC Summit" with the notation of "Eagle Scout Project" on your check or giving envelope.

NEW! Granola Bar Drive!

UMC of Summit is hosting a Granola Bar Drive to donate to our Summer Campers for Vacation Bible School. We also are collecting Water Bottles as well to donate to our Community VBS and to Bridges. Please drop off Granola bars to the church kitchen labeled "Granola Bar Drive"



Young adults are anyone ages 18-30. RSVP to Natalie Palacio, CYFMinister@umcsummit.org by July 11th.



Back to School Drive:

6/26/22–8/14/22 Each year thousands of New Jersey children attend their first day of school without basic educational tools. These under-resourced children struggle to succeed academically. With your

help we can bridge the gap between disadvantage and academic success. We will be collecting Back to School Supplies in partnership with Jersey Cares. Items that will be accepted: Backpacks; 1, 3, and 5 Subject Notebooks, Composition Notebooks, 2-Pocket Folders, Pencil Cases, #2 Pencils, Pencil Sharpeners, Erasers, Pens, Hi-lighters, Crayons, Washable Markers, Colored Pencils, Calculators, Child Safety Scissors, Glue. Please drop donations off Sunday mornings in the bins located at the front and rear of the sanctuary, or drop off donations Mon-Fri to the church office between 9am-1pm.



Young Adults Movie

**Night! Thursday,
August 25th**

AMC Mountainside

Join the Young Adults of Summit UMC as we catch a summer movie. Young adults are anyone ages 18-30. All are

welcome! Please see CYF Minister, Natalie Palacio, for more information.

**IGNITE YOUTH
Conference
9/30/22 – 10/2/22**

This event is open to all students grades 6-12 along with their fearless leaders! A high-impact, life-changing weekend for young people! High energy worship with powerful worship bands. A relevant, engaging message from nationally known speakers. Interactive and inspiring workshops led by dynamic professionals. Spiritual growth alongside 2,000 young people from around the region. Mark your calendars, save the date, fill out your permission slips in order to register ahead. For more info contact Natalie Pacio at: CYFMinister@umcsummit.org



Open Auditions for New Mid-Week Contemporary Service - Tuesday, August 2 @ 7:00pm

Open Auditions for our Contemporary Worship Band. We are looking for talented singers and musicians to be part of our team! Contemporary Worship Services will be held on Thursday evenings at 7PM in the Social

Hall, with rehearsals on Tuesday evenings. Needed most are Guitarists, Bass Players and Drummers however all instrumentalists are welcome. Having a prepared piece is preferred however accompaniment will be available Contact: Guy Braisted at: CWDirector@umcsummit.org for questions or further information.