



United Methodist
Church of Summit



Prophet Margins

WORSHIP SERIES

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July 3rd, 2022

Fourth 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 *Voluntary on the tune "Materna"*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Emily La Jeunesse
(please rise as you are able)

Leader: Praise be to God who leads us into freedom!

People: Praise be to God who has healed our wounded souls!

Leader: Let our hearts rejoice at God's redeeming love.

People: Let our voices rise in praise and thanksgiving!

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord with all our hearts!

People: May our souls shout with joy this day! AMEN.

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

Merciful God, in all our celebrations, fireworks, parades, and gatherings we proclaim liberty and freedom. Yet our hearts are chained by anger, doubt, and fear. We live in that anger and fear, often forgetting that, through You, there is another way. We have become accustomed to living within our self-made confinement. Forgive us when we turn away from your liberating love. Help us to place our trust in you and serve you by working with others for peace and hope for all. These things we ask in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
"For the Healing of the Nations" UMH #428

CHILDRENS MOMENT

Rev. Laura Steele

ANTHEM

"Shout to the North and South, Sing to the East and the West"

Martin Smith

SUMC Contemporary Ensemble

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Carol Conway

SCRIPTURE:

Emily La Jeunesse

Old Testament: 2 Kings 5:1-14 (NRSV)

The Healing of Naaman

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of

the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

New Testament: Galatians 6:1-6 (NRSV)

Bear One Another's Burdens

My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

Leader: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

"Water, River, Spirit, Grace" (sung 3x) TFWS 2253

SERMON: *Prophet Margins*

Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Voluntary on "Blessed Assurance"

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

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

"Amazing Grace"

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Voluntary on "We Praise Your Name"*

** 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 3:

9:00am	Instrumentalists (Sanctuary)
9:30am	Contemporary Ensemble (Sanctuary)
10:30am	In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30am	Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
7:30-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, July 4:

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

Tuesday, July 5:

7:30-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)
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Weds., July 6:

7:30-9:30pm	Toastmasters (Social Hall)
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Thursday, July 7:

9:30am-12pm	Music Together (Playground)
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Friday, July 8:

7:30-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)
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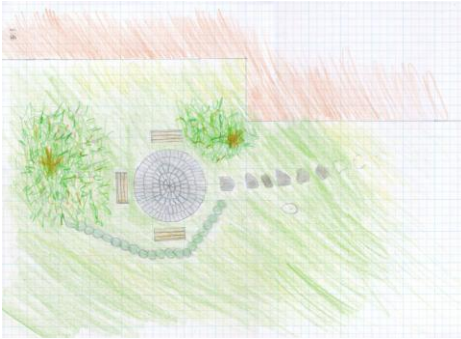
Saturday, July 9:

2:00-9:30pm	EMC Shalom International (Fellowship Room)
5:00-7:00pm	Lauria Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Gladys Martin, Jerry Gaston, gun violence in America, Ukraine, The Burns Family, family of Clyde Branson, Helga Ruttkamp, Adrian Philips, the family of Adrea C. Linder: Joseph, Joshua, and Hannah, 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, 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"





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.

Summit CommUNITY Camp Friendship, Faith and Fun July 25-29

A joint ministry run by the Summit Interfaith Council will run Monday-Friday the last week of July on Central Presbyterian's campus from 8:30am-12pm with rotating stations for Bible stories, music, mission work, science, and games. We'll also be collecting items for a Bridges day of service (the kids usually make sandwiches, pack hygiene kits, decorate bags etc). There will also be before care and AfterCamps for sports, cooking, and theater. The cost is \$75 per child or \$150 max per family, but scholarships are available as needed. We are also looking for volunteers 6th grade and up. Click here to register as a participant or volunteer: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/ec1956>



**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.



**Young Adults Sunday
Brunch! Sunday, July 24th,
11:30AM**

Join the Young Adults of Summit UMC as we get together for brunch at Winberries Restaurant (right across the street from church).

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

**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 Palacio at: CYFMinister@umcsummit.org

