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August 28th, 2022

Twelfth 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
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Beverly Alexis
(please rise as you are able)

Leader: When we are left to our own devices, we become cracked vessels, unable to sustain love, mercy, and justice.

People: When we seek God's healing love, we are given strength and courage.

Leader: Lord, come to us this day, heal our mistrust and our hesitancy.

People: Give us spirits ready to receive your forgiveness and mercy. AMEN.

***CENTERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)* Beverly Alexis
Infinite God, You have brought us into abundance. You have given us physical and spiritual nourishment. You have led us to flowing waters of grace. We come to worship today, seeking these things for our souls. May we accept what you offer us today in its entirety, that we might share with others. In Christ's name we pray, AMEN.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
"Lord Listen to Your Children Praying" TFWS #2193

CHILDRENS MOMENT

Alison Johnson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Beverly Alexis

SCRIPTURE

Beverly Alexis

Old Testament: Jeremiah 2:1-11

The word of the Lord came to me: “Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem: “This is what the Lord says: “‘I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a bride you loved me and followed me through the wilderness, through a land not sown. Israel was holy to the Lord, the first fruits of his harvest; all who devoured her were held guilty, and disaster overtook them,’ “declares the Lord. Hear the word of the Lord, you descendants of Jacob, all you clans of Israel. This is what the Lord says: “What fault did your ancestors find in me, that they strayed so far from me? They followed worthless idols and became ruthless themselves. They did not ask, ‘Where is the Lord, who brought us up out of Egypt and led us through the barren wilderness, through a land of deserts and ravines, a land of drought and utter darkness, a land where no one travels and no one lives?’ I brought you into a fertile land to eat its fruit and rich produce .But you came and defiled my land and made my inheritance detestable. The priests did not ask, ‘Where is the Lord?’ Those who deal with the law did not know me; the leaders rebelled against me. The prophets prophesied by Baal, following worthless idols. “Therefore I bring charges against you again, “declares the Lord. “And I will bring charges against your children’s children. Cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and observe closely; see if there has ever been anything like this: Has a nation ever changed its gods? (Yet they are not gods at all.) But my people have exchanged their glorious God for worthless idols.

New Testament: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus at a Pharisee's House

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (vs.1-4) UMH# 57

SERMON: *"Finding Your Rhythm"* Natalie Palacio

OFFERING

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION: *Variations on the Hymn*

"Come, We That Love the Lord"

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

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

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

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH#451

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *“Majestic Recessional”*

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

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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Mervin, The Boggan Family, The Reyes Family, 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, Mrs. Judith Ventura, Dottie Zott, Dadi Hove and family loss of mother, Mary Ellen De Johns brother Mike

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, August 28:

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

Monday, August 29:

7:00-9:00pm	Contemporary Worship (Social Hall)
7:30-8:30pm	Administrative Counsel Meeting (Sanctuary)
7:30-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)
7:45-9:30pm	GA (Chapel Room)

Tuesday, August 30:

7:30-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)
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Wednesday, August 31:

7:15-9:15pm	Toastmasters (Social Hall)
7:30-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Thursday, September 1:

3:30-9:00pm	Debbie's Dance (Dance Studio)
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Friday, September 2:

7:30-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)
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Saturday, September 3:

2:00pm-9:30pm	EMC Shalom (Fellowship Room)
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Homecoming/Fall Kick-off Sunday!

Sunday, September 25th

Join us on September 25th, for our Homecoming/Fall Kick-off Sunday. We will kick-off the church year with the beginning of our Fall Music and

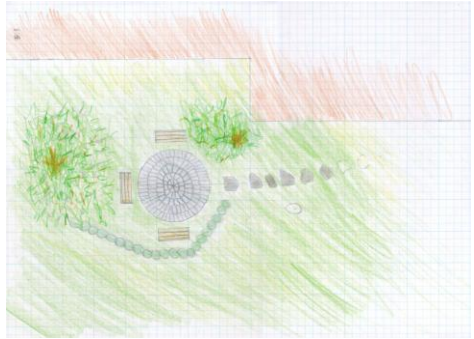
Educational Programming. We will celebrate with a church-wide picnic after worship. Welcome back church family!!

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.





Sunday, September 25th

Kick-Off Sunday!

Drama Club and Sunday School

Join us as we kick-off the year of Children and Youth programming! Our Christian Drama Club meets upstairs in the Green Room from 9:30am - 10:15AM and Children's Sunday School meets during the service from 10:45AM - 11:30AM. Children start in worship at 10:30AM and are dismissed to Sunday School after the Children's Message.

Sunday, September 25th-26th

Youth Group Kick-Off Lock-in!

Join our newly formed Youth Collective with youth from Maplewood, Chatham, Summit, Green Village, and Madison; for this awesome kick-off youth lock-in at Morrow Memorial United Methodist Church, 600 Ridgewood Rd, Maplewood, NJ 07040. For more details, contact CYF Minister Natalie Palacio: CYFMinister@umcsummit.org

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





**Season of Creation
Worship Series
Sunday September 4th –
Sunday October 2nd
Sundays 10:30AM**

Join the UMC of Summit as we celebrate the Season of Creation! The Season of Creation is an annual Christian celebration to listen and respond together

to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to pray and protect our common home. The Season “Celebration” begins on 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. This year we will unite around the theme, “Listen to the Voice of Creation.” During the Season of Creation, our common prayer and action can help us listen for the voices of those who are silenced. In prayer we lament the individuals, communities, species, and ecosystems who are lost, and those whose livelihoods are threatened by habitat loss and climate change. In prayer we center the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. May this season of prayer and action be a time to Listen to the Voice of Creation, so that our lives in words and deeds proclaim good news for all the Earth. We will observe the Season of Creation both in worship and with special events hosted by our SUMC Green Team. Stay tuned for more information!



SAVE THE DATE!

Rummage Sale October 22nd

White Elephant-Furniture, Appliances, Kitchen ware, Kids Toys
No Clothing! Drop off will begin on Sunday October 18th

Volunteers needed. Please see Faye Cunningham, Kim Goldman
or Debbi Picorale for more information.