



United Methodist Church of Summit



The Burning Bush
Ex 3:1-12

*Listen to the
Voice of creation*
SEASON OF CREATION 2022



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CREATION**

**SEPT. 4TH - OCT. 2ND
SUNDAYS 10:30AM**

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September 4th, 2022

Thirteenth 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

“Arioso”

J.S.Bach

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Lou Steele

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: You have set Your glory above the heavens.

Leader: When I consider the work of Your hands, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place...

People: What is humankind that you are mindful of us, that you care for us so deeply?

Leader: Creator of Heaven and Earth, thank You for creating us and loving us in a way that knows no limits.

People: We acknowledge You as Lord, and we praise You for all of Creation.

Leader: Holy Spirit, we welcome You in this time of praise and worship.

People: Please, Lord, shape us and mold us into the disciples of Jesus Christ that You are calling us to be.

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

Lou Steele

Creator God, give us hearts to listen for the good news of your promise to renew the face of the Earth. Enlighten us with the grace to follow the Way of Christ as we learn to walk lightly upon this holy ground. Fill us with the hope to quench the fires of injustice with the light of your healing love that sustains our common home. In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (vv. 1-4)

UMH #92

Old Testament: Exodus 3:1-12 (NIV)**Moses and the Burning Bush**

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up. "When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

New Testament: Luke 14:25-33 (NIV)**The Cost of Being a Disciple**

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their

own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’ “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

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

“God the Sculptor of the Mountains” TFWS #2060

SERMON: *Listening to the Voice of Creation* Rev.Laura Steele

OFFERING

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION: *“Lamb of God”* T.Paris
Lou Steele, Tenor

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

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH #94

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH p.13

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

“As a Fire is Meant for Burning” TFWS #2237

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Voluntary on the Tune “Harwell”*

** 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

The Miles Family, 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, September 4:

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, September 5:

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

Tuesday, September 6:

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

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

Thursday, September 8:

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

7:30-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)
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Saturday, September 10:

8:00am	Debbi's Dance (Open House)
9:30-11:30am	Music Together (Social Hall)
2:00-9:30pm	EMC Shalom (Fellowship Room)

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!!



Free Ice Cream Truck and Presentation from Friends of Drew Forest!

As a part of the Caring for Creation Series, the UMCS Green Team will sponsor a presentation given by the Friends of Drew Forest immediately following worship on **September 11th**. Learn about the 14 year restoration project of Drew

Forest which resulted in a "flourishing understory of native wild flowers and native trees" and their efforts to prevent the forest from being sold to developers for a high density housing project. Ice Cream will be served!



SAVE THE DATE!

Rummage Sale October 22nd

White Elephant-Furniture, Appliances, Kitchen ware, Kids Toys No Clothing! Drop off will begin on Sunday October 16th

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



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

**UPDATE: IGNITE YOUTH
Conference Oct. 1st, 2022**

Have you been interested in IGNITE but not quite sure about the whole weekend? Well, we have great news! The Meadowlands District Youth Collective and UMC

Summit are putting together a day trip to Ignite for **Saturday, October 1st**. We hope this will be a great way to introduce IGNITE to our youth! This event is open to all students grades 6-12 along with their fearless leaders!

For more info contact Natalie Pacio at: CYFMinister@umcsummit.org



Parent & Chaperone Training



Join Us

Sunday, September 18, 2022:
Fellowship Lounge
11:45am - 12:30pm

Volunteer Training Sunday, September 18th, 11:45AM-12:30PM

Are you one of our regular Parent/Chaperone Volunteers? Are you interested in helping with the Nursery, Sunday School, Drama Club, and/or Youth Group? Join us as we prepare for the upcoming year of programming. We will review our UMC of Summit Safe Sanctuary

Policy, chat about the yearly curriculum, and sign-up for the Fall schedule. We encourage all parents and volunteers to attend. All staff that will be actively engaged with the Children, Family, Youth Ministry will be required to participate.

Calling All 6th-12th Graders!! Youth Group Kickoff Sunday!! 9/25/22

7PM-10PM

Morrow UMC in Maplewood

In celebration of National Comic Book Day, we will have our own gathering of heroes. Gather your youth, have them bring their favorite comics (or not), and join us for a night of hero adventures, games, challenges, conversations and of course food. Dress for comfort and movement. Please contact Natalie Palacio at: CYFMinister@umcsummit.org for more information.

WHAT'S A HERO? POWER LEGEND



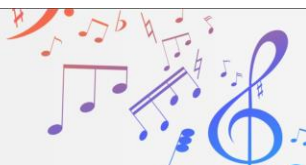
Sun, Sept 25
7 - 10pm

Morrow Church
600 Ridgewood Rd, Maplewood, NJ 07040



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MUSIC MINISTRY



Welcome All Music Makers!!

Chancel Choir

Won't you come and join us as we sing joyful songs to the Lord? It is a joy to work together and lift our voices in praise.

Our organizational rehearsal will be on Sunday September 18th at 9:30 am in the Music Room to prepare for our Home Coming Sunday on September 25th. The Chancel Choir rehearsals continue at 9:00am each Sunday, Additional Saturday afternoon rehearsals will begin in October. Come Before His Presence with Singing!

Calling all Children!

Wesley Choir

Calling all children to come and sing joyful songs of the church. Let us grow together in our faith, through music. Rehearsals are at 11:30 am on Saturday mornings in the Sanctuary. Our first rehearsal will be on Saturday September 24th, Come and make music to the Lord.

Bell Choir

Making a joyful sound is the mission of our Bell Choir. Come and try ringing Handbells and Handchimes with your church friends.

Rehearsals are Sunday's following worship in the Sanctuary and we will begin on Sunday, October 2nd.

Singing Believers

All children 4 years old and young people are invited to learn the youth songs of the church. Let us share the light of Christ through music. Our first Rehearsal of the fall season will be on Sunday, October 2nd at 12:00 noon in our beautiful Sanctuary. Come and sing "We are the Church Together"

Contemporary Ensemble

Our Contemporary Ensemble share music for Holy communion each month. The Ensemble prepares music from the contemporary hymnals. "The Faith We Sing" and "Worship and Song". Rehearsals are at 12:15 in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals resume October 2nd. All are welcome.

Please contact Director of Music JoAnne Teubner Prussak 908-277-1700 or office@umcsummit.org

Meet our new Church Staff Members!



Meet Guy Braisted - New Contemporary Worship Director

Guy is our new contemporary worship director and will be leading our new monthly Contemporary Worship Service set to launch Thursday, October 13th. Guy grew up at the Jersey Shore where he has been involved in many facets of the entertainment business from musical theatre to international touring musician and everything in between. He has studied

privately in voice, guitar and piano and was formally educated at Boston Berklee College of Music. Guy came to know the Lord in 1985 and has served on worship teams, as a worship leader and composer of Contemporary Christian Music. He lives in Morristown and loves his job working at UMC family and is super excited to be involved in our night of contemporary worship.

Meet JoAnn Profita - New Admin Assistant/Office Manager

JoAnn grew up in the area of Vailsburg Newark and has close ties to Seton Hall University where she was married and spent 21 years working in the Facilities Engineering Department. She has a wonderful family life with and a daughter who attended Seton Hall. She enjoys being semi-retired and spending much of her time with her two grandchildren and her little Maltese named Hoppi.. She is very happy to be here at UMC Summit and has already met so many wonderful people.



Meet Geraldo Rivera – Facilities Manager

Geraldo is a bilingual "jack of all trades" who is self-sufficient, utilizing innovation to solve problems. Geraldo possesses exceptional project management skills with 15 + years experience managing a diverse team of operations. He is extremely goal oriented and consistently exceeds expectations. Geraldo's previous employment includes Long Island University, Columbia University, Radio City Music Hall, and my most recently managing the campus at Liquid Church



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Season of Creation 2022 Schedule and Events

Join the United Methodist Church of Summit this September as we celebrate “The Season of Creation”. The Season of Creation offers worshipers an opportunity to turn their full attention toward God the Creator and toward their relationship with all of Creation. Below, please find the worship schedule, Bible study schedule, and events schedule for the 2022 Season of Creation. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Laura: pastor@umcsummit.org.

Week One

Sunday 9/4 –Season of Creation Starts 10:30AM Worship

Wednesday 9/7 – Creation Bible Study 1PM

Week Two

Sunday 9/11 – Forest Sunday 10:30AM Worship

11:30AM FREE Ice Cream and Friends of Drew Forest Presentation

Wednesday 9/14 – Creation Bible Study 1PM

Week Three

Sunday 9/18 – Water Sunday 10:30AM Worship

Wednesday 9/21 - Creation Bible Study 1PM

Week Four

Sunday 9/25 – Garden Sunday - 10:30AM Homecoming Sunday!

11:30AM Picnic and Dedication of New Prayer Garden

Week Five

Sunday 10/3 – Humanity Sunday – 10:30AM Worship

World Communion Sunday

CREATION BIBLE STUDY: Weds. September 7th – October 5th
1PM Every Wednesday

Lunch and Learn Creation Bible Study: Pack a lunch or pop by on your lunch break for this weekly Creation Bible Study! For more information email: pastor@umcsummit.org