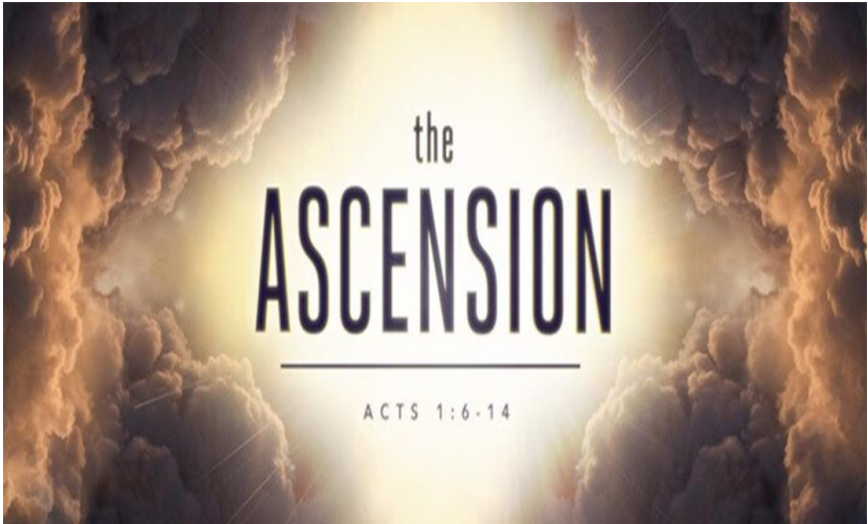




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**May 21st, 2023**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**Ascension Sunday**

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

**PRELUDE**                    *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”*  
for Trumpet and Organ

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

*(if you have a birthday or anniversary in the month of May please come forward)*

**PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Ximenita Gonzalez

*(please rise as you are able)*

Leader: What a glorious vision!

**People: Jesus gave the glorious promise of an Advocate, a Sustainer, the Holy Spirit to live among us!**

Leader: Then he ascended to sit at the right hand of God!

**People: What joy there must have been in the hearts of the disciples.**

Leader: May God find such joy in our hearts and souls this day!

**People: Prepare our hearts and minds, O Lord, for the mighty works you place before us. AMEN.**

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

Ximenita Gonzalez

**Holy God, God of the Risen and Ascended Christ, you surround us with witnesses who have shown us the way. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit to balance our visions of looking into the heavens with doing the work of the kingdom of heaven here on Earth. Help us to seek justice, becoming a people who nourish and care for others. Help us to practice love kindness, becoming a people who forgive and accept forgiveness. Help us to become a people who show mercy and grace in all we do. Help us to walk humbly with you, becoming a people whose earthly identities melt away**

revealing the living Christ within. It is in His name and glory we pray, Amen.

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

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**      Natalie Palacio

**ANTHEM**      *“I Lift My Voice to Worship You”*      Lauren Klein  
Chancel Choir

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**      Rev. Laura Steele

**SCRIPTURE READING**      Ximenita Gonzalez

**Old Testament: Psalm 68:1-4**

Praise and Thanksgiving

Let God rise up; let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God. But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy. Sing to God; sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds his name is the Lord— be exultant before him.

**New Testament: Acts 1:6-11**

The Ascension of Jesus

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

*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)*  
                          *"Surely the Presence of the Lord"*           UMH#328

**SERMON:**                   *"Up, Up and Away!"*           Rev. Laura Steele

**OFFERING**  
*(please place your weekly offering in the offering plates)*

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**  
                          *"On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand"*  
                          William Teubner, Trumpet

**\*DOXOLOGY:** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH# 94

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** *(please rise as you are able)*  
                          *"Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise"* (vv.1-4)           UMH#312

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**           Voluntary on *"Lift High The Cross"*  
                          For Trumpet and Organ

                          \* *Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.*  
                          \**Please join us in the Social Hall after service for coffee and*  
                          *refreshments.*

### **In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

Family of Betty Zabrocky, family of Norma Dowe, the Hasem family, Tamisha Ramsay, Janet Skakum, Jessica, the Miles family, the Menendez and Aguilera family, Lisa Wood, Mike (MaryEllen DeJohn's brother), family of Linda Dawson, Carmel Christensen, John Jennings, Chris Zotti and son Jack, gun violence in America and Bob Reed.

## **This Week's Schedule**

### **Sunday, May 21:**

9:00am-9:30am	Instrumentalists (Sanctuary)
9:30am-10:30am	Drama Club (Green Room)
9:30am-10:15am	Chancel Choir(Sanctuary)
10:30am-11:30am	In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)
10:45am-11:30am	Sunday School
11:30am-12:30pm	Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
11:30am-12:00pm	Bell Choir(Sanctuary)
12:10pm-12:30pm	Singing Believers(Sanctuary)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)

### **Monday, May 22:**

10:00am-11:00am	Play and Say(Playground)
7:00pm-9:00pm	Contemporary Worship Rehearsal (Social Hall)
7:45pm-9:30pm	Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room and Chapel)

### **Tuesday, May 23:**

9:30am-10:30am	Baby Bandstand(Social Hall)
1:00pm-9:30pm	Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)

### **Wednesday, May 24:**

1:00pm-9:30pm	Debbie' Dance (Dance Studio)
7:15pm-9:15pm	Toastmasters (Chapel)

### **Thursday, May 25:**

3:30pm-9:00pm	Debbi's 'Dance (Dance Studio)
3:30pm-5:00pm	Girl Scouts(Social Hal)

### **Friday, May 26:**

9:00am-12:00pm	Music Together(Social Hall)
11:00am-12:00pm	Christian Yoga(Chapel)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)

### **Saturday, May 27:**

8:00am-3:30pm	Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
9:00am-12:00pm	Music Together (Chapel)
12:00am-1:00pm	Chancel Choir
1:00pm-2:00pm	Contemporary Ensemble
2:00pm-3:00pm	Instrumental
2:00pm-11:00pm	EMC Shalom (Fellowship Room)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Education Sunday, June 4th**

Mark your calendars! Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, Education Sunday!

Join us as we celebrate our youngest disciples. Our Sunday School children will celebrate their “graduation” from this year’s programming and we will honor our 2023 UMC Summit Scholarship recipients.



## **Bike, Walk, or Take Mass Transit to Church - June 4<sup>th</sup>**

The SUMC Green Team invites you to celebrate World Environment Day (June 5<sup>th</sup>) by biking,

walking, or taking mass transit to church on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Please park bicycles in the Social Hall during worship.

## **Music Ministry and Confirmation Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>**

Mark your calendars! Join us as we celebrate our Music Ministry team and their gifts of music over this past year. We will also celebrate the confirmation of five of our church youth!



# YOGAFAITH

## **New! Christian Yoga Classes Fridays @ 11AM**

Join us Friday mornings at 11AM as Pastor Laura leads a new, Christian Yoga class in the Chapel. All levels are welcome, no previous experience necessary. Suggested donation of \$10 per class. Please see Pastor Laura for more information or email: [pastor@umcsummit.org](mailto:pastor@umcsummit.org)



## **Journey Through the Bible, January 4-14, 2024**

Explore the Holy Land with Bishop John Schol and United Methodists of Eastern Pennsylvania and Greater New Jersey for 11 days. The Journey Through the Bible

Tour leaves from New York, Newark and Philadelphia, departing on January 4, 2024. All starting at \$3,398. Scholarships are available. Visit: <https://www.epaumc.org/news/bishop-invites-all-on-2024-holy-land-pilgrimage/>



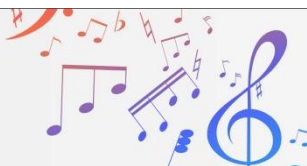
## **Coffee Hour Hosts NEEDED!**

The Hospitality Team is in need of volunteers to help host Coffee Hour each Sunday. All you have to do is bring some refreshments for folks to share and we'll do the heavy lifting! There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall. For more information or if you have any questions, please see Debbi Picorale.



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## MUSIC MINISTRY



"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity as you follow Jesus Christ, so that with one heart and voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" Romans 15:5

### Chancel Choir:

It's a joy to work together and lift our voices in praise. The Chancel Choir rehearses on Saturdays at 12:00pm and on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. Both rehearsals are in the chapel. Come and share your voice with your church friends to sing God's praises.

### Calling all Children and Youth!

Our Singing Believers rehearse on Sundays at 12:10pm in the chapel, following coffee hour. Let us grow together through the songs of the church.

### Bell Choir:

Making a joyful sound is the mission of our Bell Choir. Now is a wonderful time to come and ring Hand Bells and Hand Chimes with your church friends. Rehearsals are on Sunday's following worship in the Sanctuary. Please come right over to the Bell tables and Debbie will have coffee hour waiting for us after rehearsal. Please come and join with your church friends this Sunday to ring bells.

### Contemporary Ensemble:

Our Contemporary Ensemble shares music for Holy Communion each month. Come and share your gifts of singing and instruments. Rehearsals are on Sundays at 12:30pm in the chapel. Come and share your musical gift and enrich your faith. Looking forward to Praising God together.

With much love,  
JoAnne Teubner Prussak  
Director of Music