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May 28th, 2023

Pentecost 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

“God Bless America”
“Taps”

Brett Kendall, Bass
William Teubner, Trumpet

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

Carol Conway

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: Lord, our hearts are on fire this day!

People: Set ablaze the kind of hope in our hearts that quenches away fear!

Leader: Lord, we come here to be empowered by Your Spirit.

People: May the winds of change blow away doubt and uncertainty.

Leader: Praise be to God who has brought to us the Holy Spirit!

People: Let us worship and rejoice, for God is challenging and empowering us this day!

CENTERING PRAYER: *(in unison)

Carol Conway

Spirit of wind and fire, come to us this day, free us from our fears. Lift us up when we have fallen. Dust us off and set us squarely on the path to hope you have set before us. Remind us that we are never far from your presence. Ready us for the mission and opportunities that lie before us. Help us to be good and willing workers for you. In Christ's Name, we pray. AMEN.

***OPENING HYMN:** *“Come Down O Love Divine”*

UMH#475

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Laura Steele

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"
Chancel Choir

Peter Wilhousky

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (see *insert*)

Rev. Laura Steele

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:1-21 (NRSV)

Mandarin Reading.....Javen Yang
Spanish Reading.....Jesse Reyes
English Reading.....Carol Conway

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." Peter Addresses the Crowd. But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and

women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' *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)*
"As a Fire Is Meant for Burning" TFWS#2237

SERMON: *"Blowing Through Despair"* Rev. Laura Steele

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

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION *"Gabriel's Trumpet"*
William Teubner, Trumpet

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

***CLOSING HYMN:** *(please rise as you are able)*
"Sweet, Sweet Spirit" (sung 2x) UMH#334

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Voluntary on *"O Beautiful For Spacious Skies"*
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 Zabucky, 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 28:

9:00am-9:30am	Instrumentalists (Sanctuary)
9:30am-10:30am	Drama Club (Green Room)
9:30am-10:30am	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)
12:15pm-1:15pm	Contemporary Ensemble
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, May 29:

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 30:

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 31:

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

Thursday, June 1:

3:30pm-9:00pm	Debbi's 'Dance (Dance Studio)
7:00pm-8:00pm	Contemporary Worship (Social Hall)

Friday, June 2:

9:00am-12:00pm	Music Together(Social Hall)
11:00am-12:00pm	Christian Yoga(Chapel)
12:00pm-8:00pm	Debbi's Picture Day(Green Room)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Saturday, June 3:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Education Sunday, June 4th

Mark your calendars! Sunday, June 4th, 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.



Contemporary Worship, June 1st, 7:00PM

Join us this Thursday, June 1st, at 7PM for our Contemporary Worship! This week’s lineup includes songs such as “Graves into Gardens”, “Who You Say I Am”, and “Jericho”. All are welcome!



Bike, Walk, or Take Mass Transit to Church - June 4th

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

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

**Music Ministry and
Confirmation Sunday
June 11th**

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



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

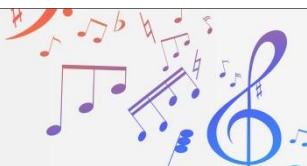
Explore the Holy Land with Bishop John Schol and United Methodists of Eastern Pennsylvania and Greater New Jersey for 11 days. The Journey Through the Bible

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/>



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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