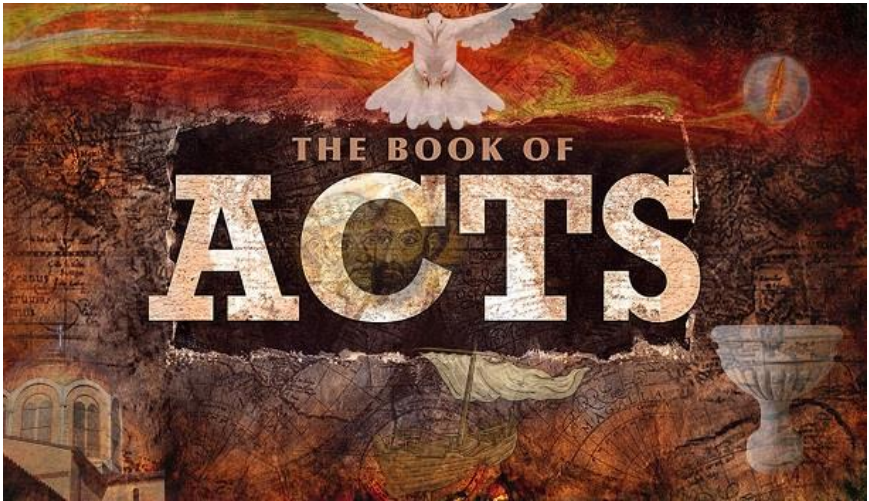




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**July 2nd, 2023**  
**Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Acts Worship Series: Week Two**

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

**PRELUDE**      Variations on “An Early American Hymn”  
For Trumpet and Organ

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP**

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

Leader: Amazing grace, how sweet the sound!

**People: Great God, pour out your amazing grace on us gathered here today.**

Leader: Heal us with your love.

**People: Ignite us with your Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Strengthen us to spread the light of Christ.

**People: We come with thanksgiving and praise in our hearts. Let us worship God!**

**\*CENTERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)* Emily La Jeunesse  
Energizing God, let us jump up to proclaim the splendor of your care! Fill us with wonder and guide us to walk forward with faith and gratitude. Renew us with your love, so that our faith in your transforming power leaps from our hearts. Heal us with the immensity of your mercy and grace. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray, Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*  
“Amazing Grace”(vv. 1-4) UMH #378

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT** Rev. Laura Steele

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Carol Conway

## **SCRIPTURE:**

Emily La Jeunesse

### **Old Testament: Psalm 13 (NRSV)**

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I bear pain in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? Consider and answer me, O Lord my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken. But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord because he has dealt bountifully with me.

### **New Testament: Acts 3:1-10 (NRSV)**

#### **Peter Heals a Crippled Beggar**

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and astonishment at what had happened to him.

*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)*  
*"One Bread, One Body"* UMH#620

**SERMON:** *Acts Week Two: The Beautiful Gate*  
Rev. Laura Steele

**OFFERING**

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**  
Voluntary on *"Southern Harmony"*  
William Teubner, Trumpet

**\*DOXOLOGY** *(please rise as you are able)*  
*"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH #94

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** UMH p.13  
*"Be Strong and Take Courage"* Ximenita Gonzalez  
Mezzo Soprano

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** *(please rise as you are able)*  
*"There is a Balm in Gilead"* UMH #375

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** Variations on *"Melita"* (Navy Hymn)

*\* Please rise in body or spirit as you are able*  
*Please join us after service for our end of year picnic!*

**In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

Dillan, Anabelle, Guy Brasteid, 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, July 2:**

9:30am-10:00am Instrumentalists (Sanctuary)  
10:00am-10:30am Summer Choir (Sanctuary)  
10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)  
11:30am-12:30pm Coffee Hour (Social Hall)  
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

### **Monday, July 3:**

7:00pm-9:00pm Contemporary Worship Rehearsal(Social Hall)  
7:45pm-9:30pm Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room and Chapel)

### **Tuesday, July 4: 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Church office is closed.**

10:00am-3:00pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)  
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

### **Wednesday, July 5:**

7:15pm-9:15pm Toastmasters (Social Hall)

### **Friday, July 7:**

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

### **Saturday, July 8:**

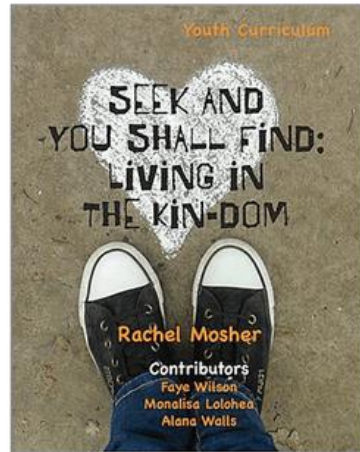
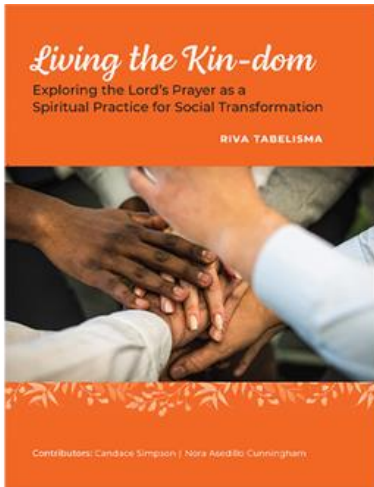
9:00am-12:00pm Music Together (Chapel)  
12:00pm-2:00pm Instrumental Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
2:00pm-11:00pm EMC Shalom (Fellowship Room)



## **Children, Youth, and Families Update**

Please note the Nursery, Sunday School, and Youth Group programming will be taking a break for the summer. Children are invited to remain in worship and praise God together.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Mission U to explore Living the Kin-dom

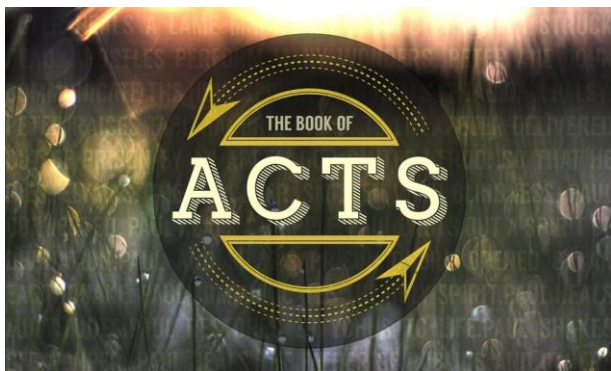
**GNJ's United Women in Faith (UWF)** will offer Mission U in two sessions during July—first onsite and then online. With the theme “Living the Kin-dom,” attendees will study the Lord's Prayer using the original Aramaic words of Jesus and discover a fresh vision for those seeking to be in mission today. The sessions will be held in-person July 14-15, at Centenary University's Lackland Center in Hackettstown, and then virtually via Zoom July 21-22. Visit the <https://gnjumw.org> to learn more.

## 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)



## **Summer Worship Series: The Book of Acts** **June 25<sup>th</sup> – August 27<sup>th</sup>**

The combination of God's purpose, power, and presence is vital to our life as a church. Throughout the New Testament Book of Acts, we find the themes of mission, prayer, discipleship, and evangelism that help us to wrap our minds around a larger expression of God's mission here on earth. We see how the Holy Spirit empowers the early church to overcome hard times, persecution, turmoil, and pressure. How can we, as the church, live into the pressures of our times using the example of the Apostles? Join us this summer as we explore the world of the Book of Acts.



### **Book of Acts Summer Reading Challenge!**

This summer, Pastor Laura is challenging the congregation to read through the Book of Acts. The Book of Acts has 28 chapters, and with 14 weeks until

Labor Day, your challenge is to read two chapters a week.

### **Green Team Update**

Good News! In order to reduce waste The Green Team will begin providing reusable coffee mugs and drinking glasses during coffee hour effective July 2nd. Please consider helping us improve our environmental stewardship, one coffee cup at a time.







## School Supply Drive June 11<sup>th</sup>-August 20<sup>th</sup>

Our annual Jersey Cares School Supply Drive begins next Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Each year, thousands of New Jersey children attend their first day of school without basic educational tools such as

backpacks, notebooks, and calculators. These under-resourced children struggle to succeed academically. Jersey Cares works with dozens of schools, children's shelters, and community centers with the goal that no children in New Jersey will have to experience a first day of school without these basic necessities. With your help we can bridge the gap between disadvantage and academic success.

Items ACCEPTED for the School Supply Drive include:

Backpacks (may be new OR gently used), 1, 3, and 5 Subject Notebooks, Composition Notebooks, 2-Pocket Folders, Pencil Cases, #2 Pencils, Pencil Sharpeners, Erasers, Pens, Hi-lighters Crayons, Washable Markers, and Colored Pencils, Book Covers, Calculators, Child Safety Scissors, Glue, Rulers (12"), Headphones, Visa or Amazon Gift Cards. Please bring in items and place them in the bins at the back and/or front of the sanctuary. Or, you can drop off/send items to the church office Monday-Friday from 9AM-1PM.



Please note our Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, Bell Choir, and Contemporary Ensembles will be taking a break for summer. Check back in September for upcoming schedules. If you're interested in joining our informal Summer Choir, please see Director of Music Joanne Tuebner-Prussak. This choir rehearses at 10AM each Sunday during the summer months.