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August 27th, 2023

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

“Moderato in F”
For Trumpet and Organ

G.F Handel

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Beverly Alexis

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: Family of God, as we gather today, the Holy Spirit asks us, “Who do you say that I am?”

People: You are our Messiah, the Son of the living God!

Leader: Family of God, as we gather today, Jesus asks us, “Who do you say that I am?”

People: You are our Creator, Provider and Healer!

Leader: Welcome this day to our family of faith,

People: Let us worship God as siblings in Christ!

Leader: Family of God, as we gather today, the Triune God asks us, “Who do you say that I am?”

People: You are Love that creates, saves, and enfolds us into the family of God! May we be instruments of Love in all that we are and all that we do. Amen.

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

Beverly Alexis

God, without you on our side, our troubles would swallow us whole. Guide us, merciful God, as we navigate through the muck and mire in our lives. Help us to trust your guidance. Without you on our side, disasters would overwhelm and sweep us away. Protect us, merciful God, and inspire us to give and receive help when we face times of calamity and destruction. Heal us, merciful God, that we may be agents of restoration, peace, and help everywhere we go. Thanks be to You, the One who guides, protects, heals, and helps us now and forevermore. AMEN.

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

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH #140

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Alison Johnson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Beverly Alexis

SCRIPTURE:

Old Testament: Psalm 124 (NSRV)

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

If I had not been the Lord who was on our side, let Israel now say if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us, then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; then the flood would have swept us away; the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters. Blessed be the Lord, who was not given us as prey to their teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the hunters; the snare is broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

New Testament: Matthew 16:13-20 (NRSV)

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be

loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. *This is the Word of God, for the people of God;*

People: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

“Change My Heart, O God”

TFWS#2152

SERMON

“Who Do You Say I Am?”

Alison Johnson

OFFERING

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Variations on *“Southern Hymn”*

William Teubner, Trumpet

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

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH #95

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

“On Eagle’s Wings”

UMH#143

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE:

Voluntary on the Hymn *“On Eagle’s Wings”*

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

Please join us after service for our Coffee Hour in the Social Hall!

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Family and friends of Janet Skakum, David Griffith, Pauline Griffith, Kaye Griffith, The Rivera family, Irma George, Oscar Gonzalez, Dillan, Anabelle, Guy Brasteid, Family of Betty Zabruck, family of Norma Dowe, the Hasem family, Tamisha Ramsay, Jessica, the Miles family, the Menendez and Aguilera family, Mike (MaryEllen DeJohn’s brother), Carmel Christensen, John Jennings, Chris Zotti and son Jack, gun violence in America and Bob Reed

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, August 27:

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, August 28:

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

Tuesday, August 29:

9:00am-3:00pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
9:30am-10:30am Baby Bandstand (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Wednesday, August 30:

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

Thursday, August 31:

1:30pm-4:45pm CPR(Chapel)

Friday, September 1:

7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Saturday, September 2:

11:30am-12:00pm Vocal Rehearsal
12:00pm-2:00pm Instrumental Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
2:00pm-11:00pm EMC Shalom (Fellowship Room)

A Few Important Messages.....

Please note Pastor Laura will be on vacation August 21st-September 4th. If you need pastoral care, please call Lay Leader Beverly Alexis.

Please note the church office will be closed August 28th-August 31st. If you have an emergency, please contact Facilities Manager Geraldo Rivera: facilities@umcsummit.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Let Justice and Peace Flow

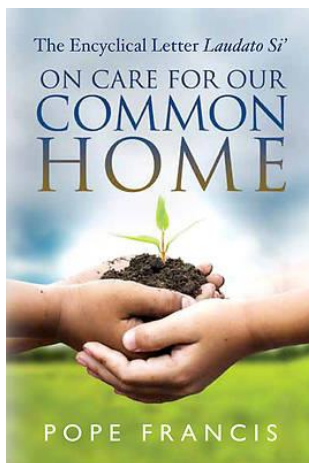
Season of Creation 2023

Creation Worship Series
September 10th-October 15th
Sundays 10:30AM

Join us for our annual Season of Creation worship series! Every September our church takes time to reflect on our call as people of faith to responsible stewardship of the Earth. This year's theme is based on Amos 5:24 *"let justice roll down like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!"*

**New! Six-Week Season of
Creation Study**
"On Care for our Common Home"
**Wednesdays @ 7PM in the
Fellowship Room**
September 6th - October 11th

Join us as we journey through Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si*. There are six copies available in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Laura at: pastor@umcsummit.org.



Children, Youth, and Families Summer 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.



Mark your calendars!

Homecoming Sunday Worship and Picnic

Sunday September 17th, 2023; 10:30AM

Join us as we kick-off the new year in church programming with our annual Homecoming Worship and Picnic! Our Children and Youth Ministries and our Music Ministries will begin once again as we celebrate the great work God is doing in our faith community. All are welcome, invite a friend!

YOGAFAITH

Please note that Yoga Faith will be taking a break for the next couple of weeks. We appreciate your understanding and hope to see you in when it's back in action!

CPR Classes

UMC Summit has started to offer CPR Classes right here in the Chapel! The next class will be held on August 31st. Please go on this website

<https://nationsbestcpr.enrollware.com/schedule>

To register. Use discount code: UMCS2305





Bike, Walk, or Take Mass Transit to Church Sunday! **September 10th, 2023**

The UMC Summit Green Team invites you to join us in our bi-annual Bike, Walk, or Take Mass Transit to Church event on Sunday, September 10th. This year, the Green Team is offering an incentive for participants: if you can show you walked, biked, or took mass transit to church, the Green Team has a special prize for you on September 10th! Interested in joining the Green Team? Please see Green Team Chairperson Bill Glancy for more information.



Please note our Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, Bell Choir, and Contemporary Ensembles will be taking a break for summer. The Music Ministry schedule will resume on Saturday September 16th and Sunday September 17th, our Homecoming Sunday. If you're interested in joining our informal Summer Choir, please see Director of Music Joanne Teubner-Prussak. This choir rehearses at 10AM each Sunday during the summer months.