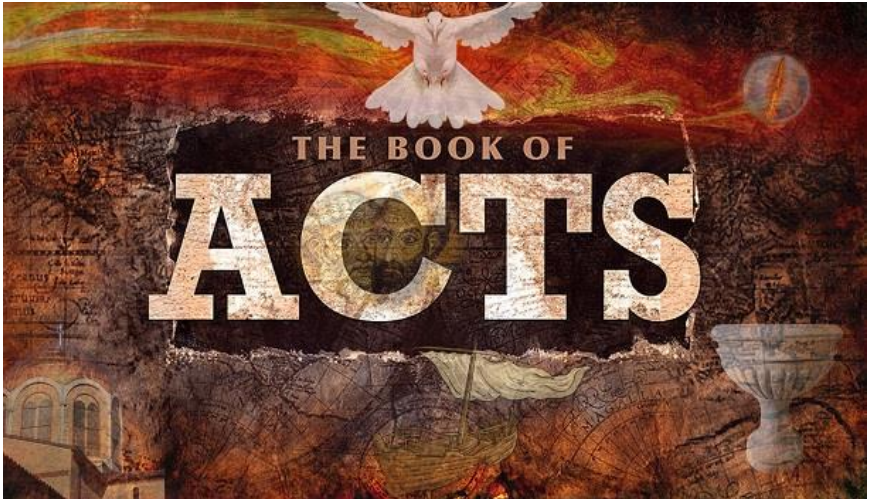




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August 6th, 2023

Tenth 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 Processional on the tune “*Crucifer*”
for Trumpet and Organ

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Alison Johnson
(*please rise as you are able*)

Leader: Great Spirit of God, you have healed our wounds.

People: You have brought us from paths of hurt and anger.

Leader: You have blessed our life that we might be a blessing to others.

People: Let us worship you in great joy.

Leader: Let us remember the ways you have turned our mourning into dancing.

People: Let us give thanks to you forever. AMEN!

***CENTERING PRAYER:** (*in unison*) Alison Johnson
God of power and might, let your love shine on us and through us to others. Take the blindness from our eyes and our hearts. Give us the joy of knowing and serving you in all that we say, think and do. In Jesus’ name, we pray, AMEN.

***OPENING HYMN:** (*please remain standing as you are able*)
“*Lord of the Dance*” UMH #261

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Pastor Laura

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Carol Conway

SCRIPTURE: Acts 9:1-6, 7-20 (NIV)

Alison Johnson

Saul's Conversion

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name." But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings....

This is the Word of God, for the people of God;

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Open Our Eyes, Lord" (sung 2x) TFSW#2086

SERMON

"Blinded by the Light"

Pastor Laura

OFFERING

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

"The Power of Jesus' Name" William Teubner, Trumpet

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

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *(see insert)* UMH p.13

COMMUNION ANTHEM *"The Potter's Hand"*

Latonia Hall and Ximenita Gonzalez

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

"Here I Am, Lord" UMH#593

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Voluntary on the tune *"Here I Am, Lord"*

** 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

Kaye Griffith, The Rivera family, Irma George, Oscar Gonzalez, 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, 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 6:

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 7:

9:00am-3:00pm Applause Theater (Social Hall)
7:00pm-9:00pm Contemporary Worship Rehearsal (Social Hall)
7:45pm-9:30pm Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room and Chapel)

Tuesday, August 8:

9:00am-3:00pm Applause Theater (Social Hall)
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 9:

9:00am-3:00pm Applause Theater (Social Hall)
7:15pm-9:15pm Toastmasters (Social Hall)

Thursday, August 10:

9:00am-3:00pm Applause Theater (Social Hall)

Friday, August 11:

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

Saturday, August 12:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Let Justice and Peace Flow

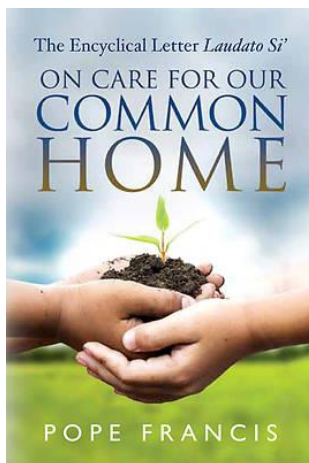
Season of Creation 2023

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

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

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 11th-August 20th

Our annual Jersey Cares School Supply Drive begins next Sunday, June 11th. 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 Teubner-Prussak. This choir rehearses at 10AM each Sunday during the summer months.