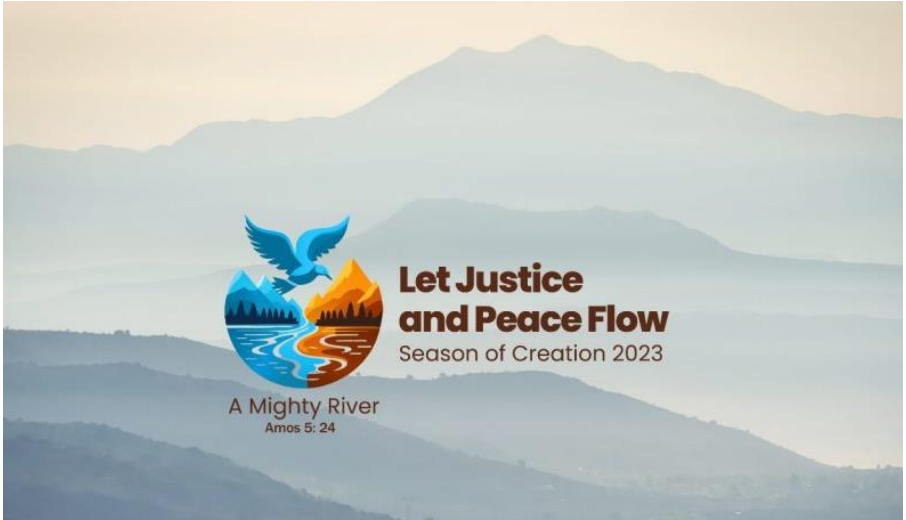




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September 10th, 2023

Season of Creation Week One

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

PRELUDE

“O Lord Most Holy”
for Trumpet and Organ

Cesar Franck

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Kim Goldman

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: We gather in the name of God:

People: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer!

Leader: Praise be to the Holy Trinity!

People: God is sound and life,

Leader: Creator of the Universe,

People: Source of all life,

Leader: The One to whom mortals and angels sing.

People: Let us worship the God of wondrous Light and Life

*CENTERING PRAYER: *(in unison)*

Kim Goldman

Blessed are you, Creator of all. May praise and glory forever be to You. As Your artwork of a new dawn renews the face of the Earth, bringing light and life to all creation, may the dawning of this day bring hope to all Your people. May we rejoice in this day, may our hearts behold your presence while You strengthen our hands to work for justice for all of Creation, so that the world may one day rejoice and give you praise. AMEN.

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

“For the Beauty of the Earth” UMH #92

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Laura Steele

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Beverly Alexis

SCRIPTURE:

Faye Cunningham

Old Testament: Psalm 149 (NSRV)

Praise for God's Goodness to Israel

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful. Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King. Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre. For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory. Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches. Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron, to execute on them the judgment decreed. This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the Lord!

New Testament: Romans 13:8-14 (NRSV)

Love for One Another

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

An Urgent Appeal

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off [\[a\]](#) the works of

darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. *This is the Word of God, for the people of God; People: Thanks be to God.*

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"I Am Your Mother"

TFWS#2059

SERMON *"When the Well Runs Dry"* Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Voluntary on *"O Make Me Thine Forever"*

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

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

**SEASON OF CREATION
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, our Alpha and Omega – Creator of the Universe – whose strong and loving arms encompass all of Creation, for with your eternal Word and Holy Spirit you are forever one God.

Through your Word you created all things and called them good, and in you we live and move and have our being. When we fell into sin, you did not desert us. And so, with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

TFWS 2257-b

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, you have revealed your magnificence in both Creation and most fully in the incarnation of Jesus Christ. Blessed is He. By the baptism of His suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which Jesus gave His life for all of Creation, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

TFWS 2257-c

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of grain and fruit of the vine. Through these gifts, may we encounter the living presence of Christ, so that we, in turn, may be His living presence throughout our communities and the world. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in

ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Creator, now and forever.

TFWS 2257-d

Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

And now with the confidence of children of God, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTHEM:

"Let There Be Peace On Earth" SUMC Ladies Chorus

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

"For the Healing of the Nations" UMH#428

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Variations on the tune "*Crucifer*"

** 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,

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, September 10:

- 9:00am-10:30am Bike, Walk or Take Mass Transit
- 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, September 11

- 7:00pm-9:00pm Contemporary Worship Rehearsal (Social Hall)
- 7:30pm-8:30pm Admin Team Meeting
- 7:45pm-9:30pm Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room and Chapel)

Tuesday, September 12:

- 1:30pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
- 9:30am-10:15am Baby Bandstand (Social Hall)
- 7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Wednesday, September 13:

- 1:30pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance(Dance Studio)
- 7:00pm-8:00pm Creation Study(Fellowship Room)
- 7:15pm-9:15pm Toastmasters (Social Hall)

Thursday, September 14:

- 3:30pm-9:00pm Debbi's Dance(Dance Studio)

Friday, September 15:

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

Saturday, September 16:

- 8:00am-3:00pm Debbi's Dance(Dance Studio)
- 9:00am-12:00pm Music Together(Social Hall)
- 12:00pm-2:00pm Instrumental Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 12:00pm-1:00pm Chancel Choir(Sanctuary)
- 2:00pm-11:00pm EMC Shalom (Fellowship Room)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



TODAY! 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! Please see Debbi Picorale or Bill Glancy after church. Interested in joining the Green Team? Please see Green Team Chairperson Bill Glancy for more information.

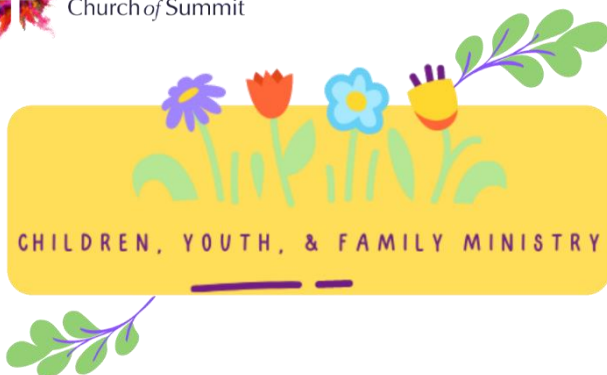


Mark your calendars! Homecoming Sunday Worship and Picnic Sunday September 17th, 2023; 10:30AM

Join us as we kick-off the new year of 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!



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**Children's Drama Club and Sunday School Start
NEXT WEEK – September 17th, 9:30AM and 10:30AM**

The UMC Summit Children's Programming kicks off next Sunday, September 17th, with our Drama Club meeting during the 9:30AM hour and our Sunday School program during the regular worship hour. As a reminder, children begin in worship at 10:30AM and are dismissed to Sunday School after the Children's Message. Drama Club and Sunday School meet on the second floor of the Education Building. If you have any questions, please email our Children, Youth, and Families Minister, Carrie-Lee Farnham, at: CYFMinister@umcsummit.org.

The CYF Sunday line up is as follows:

9:30AM-10:15AM: Christian Drama Club for ages K-5th

10:30AM-10:45AM: Worship in the Sanctuary

10:45AM - 11:30AM: Sunday School for ages K-5th grade

11:30AM: Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall

12:15AM: Singing Believers Children's Choir

9:30AM-12:30PM: Nursery Care Available every Sunday for babies and toddlers in the Nursery Room

6:00PM-8:00PM: YOUTH GROUP First Sunday of the Month in the Green Room (Starting October 1st, 2023)



Let Justice and Peace Flow

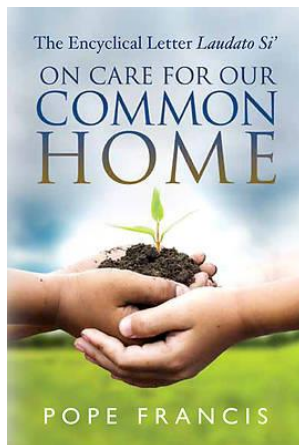
Season of Creation 2023

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! 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.

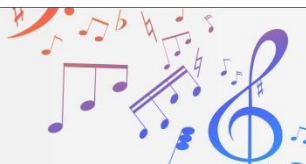


YOGAFAITH

Please join us every Friday as we "stretch our faith". Pastor Laura leads Christian Yoga classes in the chapel Fridays at 11 AM.
All levels are welcome.



MUSIC MINISTRY



Homecoming Sunday is next week September 17th. Our Chancel Choir will rehearse on Saturday, September 16th at 12:00 noon and Sunday September 17th at 9:30am. Our Contemporary Ensemble will also begin on Saturday September 16th, rehearsal at 1:30pm.

Following worship on September 17th we will have a terrific Church picnic.

Our Bell choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday September 24th at 11:45.

Our Singing Believers, children and youth will sing at 12:15pm each Sunday starting on September 24th.

I am so looking forward to praising our Lord through your gifts of music! Interested in joining one of our choirs or ensembles? Please see Music Director: JoAnne Teubner Prussak for more information.

CPR Classes

UMC Summit has partnered with Nations Best CPR to classes right here in the Chapel!

Nations Best is offering a 15% discount to church

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

To register. Use discount code: UMCS2305

