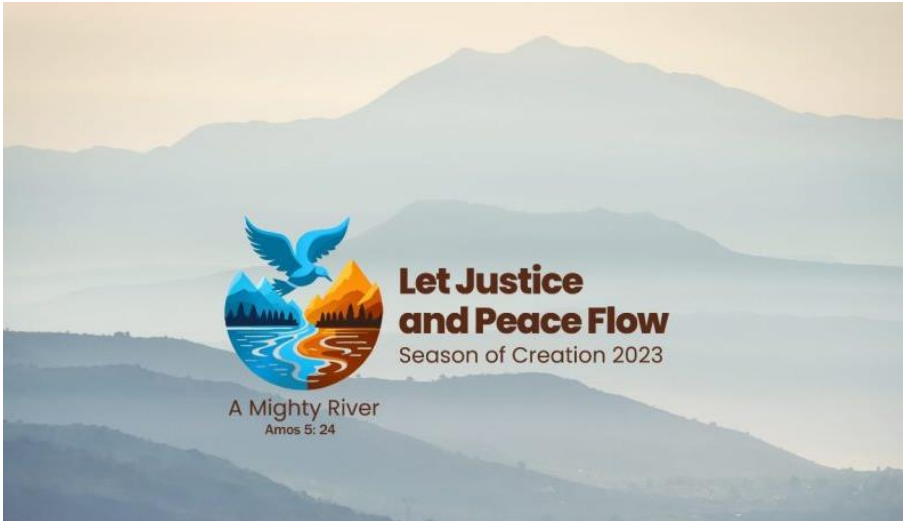




# United Methodist Church of Summit



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**Homecoming Sunday**  
**September 17th, 2023**  
**Season of Creation 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**                      *“Festival Processional”*                      Gustav Holst  
for Trumpet and Organ

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

*(if you have a birthday or an anniversary in the month of September, please come forward and receive a flower)*

**PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**                      Latonia Hall  
*(please rise as you are able)*

Leader: In every one of us, there is a longing for home.

**People: It's a longing for a place where we are known, accepted, and loved for who we are.**

Leader: It's a longing for a place where we are nurtured, guided, and challenged to grow.

**People: It's a longing to belong and create a home where all God's children know they belong.**

Leader: God calls to us today “You are home in my forgiving love. You are home in my amazing grace. There is a home for you in my church, in the fellowship of my servant people.”

**People: Our hearts respond “Welcome home.”**

**\*CENTERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)*                      Latonia Hall

**Most loving Lord, bless us this day we pray. May this homecoming worship and celebration be an experience of hospitality and hope. May all who enter this holy ground, may all who walk through these sacred doors, know and feel your love and presence. May no one feel**

as a stranger, may all be guests at your endless table;  
and may we all feel at “home”. May our worship this day  
give delight and honor and reverence to You, most Holy  
One. In the name of our Savior Jesus the Christ we pray,  
Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*  
*“Morning Has Broken”* UMH #145

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT** Carrie-Lee Farnham, CYF Minister

**ANTHEM** *“Let Us Consecrate Our Purpose to Proclaim the Lord of All”* Joseph Martin  
Chancel Choir

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Alison Johnson

**SCRIPTURE:** Latonia Hall

**Old Testament: Exodus 14:19-23, 26-27 (NSRV)**

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea.

## **New Testament Matthew 18:21-35 (NRSV)**

### **Forgiveness**

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times." *This is the Word of God, for the people of God;*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

*"God the Sculptor of the Mountains"* TFWS#2059

**SERMON**      *"Home Sweet Home?"*      Rev. Laura Steele

### **OFFERING**

### **MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

Variations *"How Deep God's Love For Us"*  
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)*

*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* UMH#89

### **\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:**      *"Maestoso in D"*      Jean Mouret

*\* Please rise in body or spirit as you are able  
Please join us after service for our Homecoming Picnic!*

### **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 17:**

9:00am-9:30am Instrumentalists (Sanctuary)  
9:30am-10:15am ChancelChoir (Sanctuary)  
10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)  
11:30am-12:30pm Homecoming Picnic (Playground)  
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

### **Monday, September 18**

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

### **Tuesday, September 19:**

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 20:**

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 21:**

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

### **Friday, September 22:**

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

### **Saturday, September 23:**

8:00am-3:00pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)  
9:00am-12:00pm Music Together (Social Hall)  
12:00pm-1:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)  
1:00pm-1:45pm Contemporary Ensemble(Sanctuary)  
2:00pm-3:30pm Instrumental Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
2:00pm-11:00pm EMC Shalom (Fellowship Room)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **Join Us After Church for our Homecoming Picnic Sunday September 17th, 2023; 11:30AM**

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!



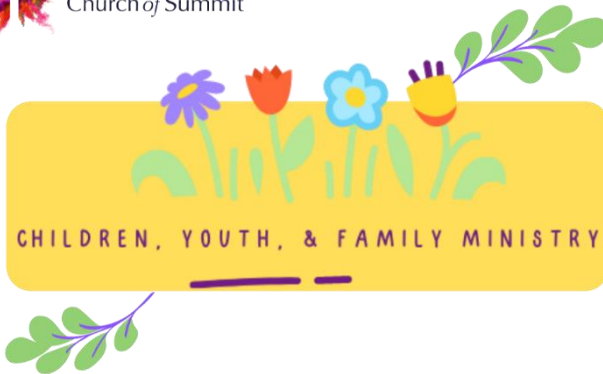
**Let Justice  
and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023

### **Creation Worship Series September 10<sup>th</sup>-October 15<sup>th</sup> 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!"*



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**Children's Drama Club and Sunday School Start  
TODAY – September 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:30AM and 10:30AM**

The UMC Summit Children's Programming kicks off today Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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**

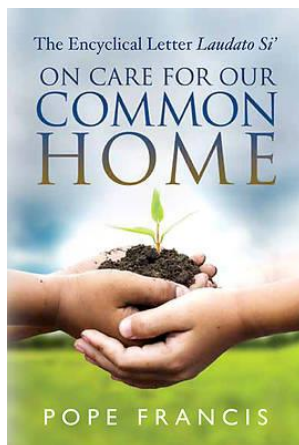
**12:15AM: Singing Believers Children's Choir**

**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)**

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

Join us as we journey through Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter *Laudtao Si*. There are six copies available in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Laura at: [pastor@umcsummit.org](mailto: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! Suggested donation \$10 dollars.



On Sunday September 17th we kick off the fall church year with our Homecoming Sunday. The Chancel Choir will continue to rehearse at 9:30 each Sunday mornings as we prepare for our 10:30 worship. Following worship on September 17th we will have our wonderful Church picnic. Our Bell Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, September 24th at 11:45 in the Sanctuary. This is a great time to join our fun bellringers. Our Singing Believers, children and youth, will begin singing on Sunday September 24th at 12:15 pm. Come learn the songs of the Church. I am so looking forward to the fall season, Season of Creation and for all our choirs and ensembles praising God together in His Sanctuary! Come and share your gifts of music!