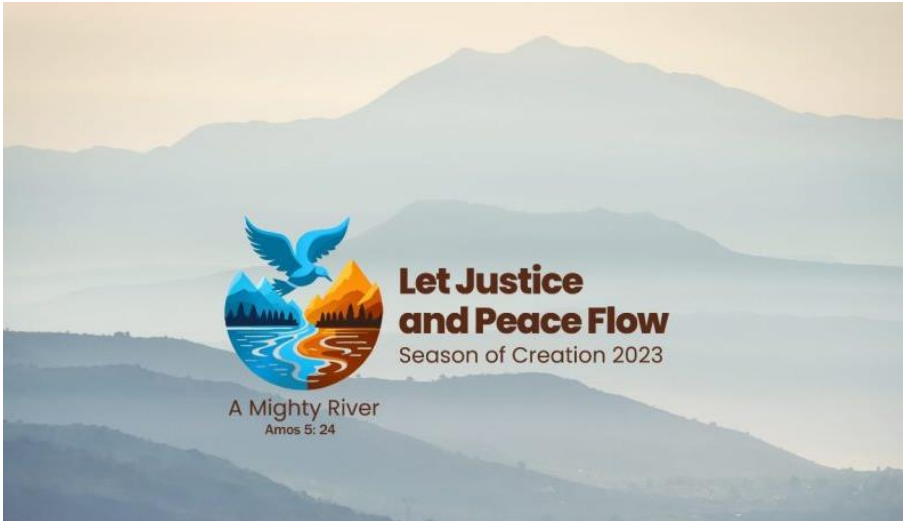




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September 24th, 2023

Season of Creation Week Three

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 “*Holy God*”
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: Open your hearts to God’s loving mercy.

People: Lord, come into our hearts this day.

Leader: Having received God’s mercy, bring that love to others.

People: Lord, be with us as we reach out to others in compassion.

Leader: Feel your spirits filled with the goodness of God.

People: Lord, we thank you for the many blessings which you pour into our lives. AMEN.

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

Creator God, as we face the storms of this world, as we wander in the wilderness, may we remember Your promise to sustain us. Help us to recognize Your presence, not only in the joys and challenges of our own lives, but may we also recognize Your presence and call in those who hunger and suffer. Teach us to recognize that Your Wisdom is imbedded in all of Creation. May we never lose sight of Your love. In the name of Christ who renews all things we pray, AMEN.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
“This Is My Father’s World” UMH #144

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Laura Steele

ANTHEM

"Creation Will Be At Peace"
Chancel Choir

Anna Page

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Laura Steele

SCRIPTURE:

Alison Johnson

Old Testament: Exodus 16:2-15 (NSRV)

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a

fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

New Testament Matthew 20:15-16 (NRSV)

Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"As the Deer"

TFWS#2025

SERMON

"It's Raining Bread, Hallelujah"

Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Variations on *"This Is My Father's World"*

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)*

"Pass It On"

UMH#572

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE:

"Majestic Praise"

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

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, September 24:

9:00am-9:30am Instrumentalists (Sanctuary)
9:30am-10:15am ChancelChoir (Sanctuary)
10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)
11:45am-12:15pm Bell Choir(Sanctuary)
12:15am-12:45pm Singing Believers
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, September 25

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

Tuesday, September 26:

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 27:

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 28:

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

Friday, September 29:

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

Saturday, September 30:

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)

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,

ANNOUNCEMENTS



World Communion Sunday

October 1st, 2023

Join us next Sunday for World

Communion Sunday as we celebrate our unity in Christ with churches around the world. In United Methodist Churches, a special offering is collected on World Communion

Sunday to fund scholarships for seminarians. If you would like to give, please mark on your envelope or check "World Communion Sunday". Please note, Pastor Laura will be away next Sunday.

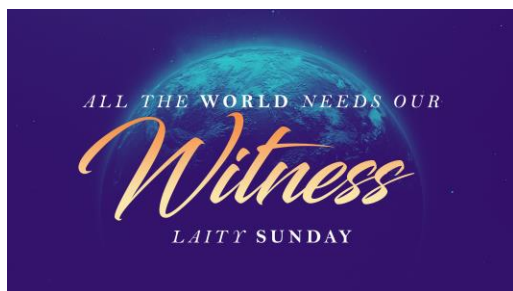
Fall 2023 Lay Servant Ministries

Are you interested in becoming a Lay Servant? A United Methodist Lay Servant is an active member of a local church or charge who is ready and

desirous to serve the Church and who is well informed on and committed to the Scriptures and the doctrine, heritage, organization, and life of The United Methodist Church and who has received specific training to develop skills in witnessing to the Christian faith through spoken communications, church and community leadership, and care-giving ministries. Lay Servants serve by leading, caring and communicating. The GNJ Conference will be offering classes this Fall.

Visit: <https://www.gnjumc.org/news/fall-2023-lay-servant-ministries-class-schedule/> for more information and to register.





**Laity Sunday,
October 15th, 2023**

Mark your calendars and join us and UMC's around GNJ as we celebrate Laity Sunday on October 15th. This year's theme is "All the

World Needs Our Witness". Drawn from Acts 8:26-40, the theme recalls how the Holy Spirit sent the apostle Philip to witness about Jesus Christ to an Ethiopian official returning home from Jerusalem. We can presume that the new convert, once baptized by Philip, went forth to share that same witness with others in North Africa and beyond. All Committee Chairpersons and Church Leaders are invited to this special service as we celebrate your gifts to our church!



**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!"*

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.



Children, Youth, and Family Ministries are BACK!!

The UMC Summit Children's Programming is back in action 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)



Our Fall Season has begun, this is a wonderful time to consider shaving your musical gifts as we praise Our Lord! Our Chancel Choir rehearses each Sunday morning at 9:30 as well as Saturdays at 12:00 noon. Our Contemporary Ensemble also rehearses on Saturdays at 1:00 pm. Our Bell Choir meets on Sundays at 11:45 in the Sanctuary. All these choirs welcome youth and adults to make music to the Lord. Our Singing Believers, children and youth, sing the songs of the Church each Sunday at 12:15 pm in the Sanctuary. Come and share your gifts of music!