



United Methodist
Church of Summit



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

A Mighty River
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October 8th, 2023

Season of Creation

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

PRELUDE “*Andante in E Flat*” Joseph Haydn
for Trumpet and Organ

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Carol Conway
(*please rise as you are able*)

Leader: Welcome to this sacred space.

People: We come seeking God’s word.

Leader: Here you will find nourishment and hope.

People: May we learn lessons of courage and peace.

Leader: Here you will find rest from your struggles.

People: Lord, prepare our hearts to receive your grace, so that we are encouraged and challenged to be your people. AMEN.

***CENTERING PRAYER:** (*in unison*) Carol Conway
Liberating God, you give us commandments not as a burden to bear but as an invitation to live the life you have for us. Grant us open hearts ready to accept your invitation, that we might become a people who bear the fruit of the freedom and new life you give us. AMEN.

***OPENING HYMN:** (*please remain standing as you are able*)
“*My Hope Is Built*” UMH #368

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Rev. Laura Steele

ANTHEM “*The Heavens Proclaim the Glory of God*”
Chancel Choir Benadetto Marcello

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Beverly Alexis

SCRIPTURE:

Carol Conway

Old Testament: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 (NSRV)

The Ten Commandments

Then God spoke all these words,

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. “You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth.” “You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. “Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. “Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. “You shall not murder. “You shall not commit adultery. “You shall not steal. “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female servant, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.”

New Testament: Matthew 21:33-46 (NRSV)

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants and beat one, killed another, and

stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; his was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?" "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet. *This is the Word of God, for the people of God;*

People: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"Grace Alone"

TFWS#2162

SERMON

"Bad Tenants"

Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION *"Christ, the Solid Rock"*

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)*

"A Charge to Keep I Have"

UMH#413

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE:

Voluntary on “*He Shall Come with Trumpet Sound*”

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

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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Millie, 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, October 8:

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

Monday, October 9:

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

Tuesday, October 10:

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, October 11:

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, October 12:

3:30pm-9:00pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
3:30-5:00pm Girl Scouts (Social Hall)
7:00pm-8:00pm SPRC Meeting (Fellowship Room)

Friday, October 13:

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

Saturday, October 14:

8:00am-3:00pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
9:00am-12:00pm Music Together (Social Hall)
12:00pm-1:00pm Church Conference (Zoom)
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)

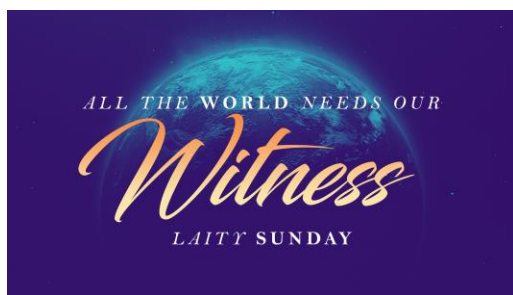
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!



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

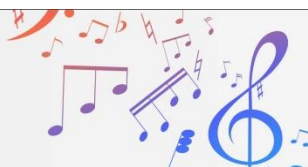
12:15AM: Singing Believers Children's Choir

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)



MUSIC MINISTRY



Our Fall Season has begun, this is a wonderful time to consider shaving your musical gifts as we praise Our Lord!

The Music Ministry line up is as follows:

Saturdays: 12:00-12:00 Chancel Choir

1:00-1:45 Contemporary Ensemble

2:00-3:30 Instrumental

Sundays: 9:30-10:15 Chancel Choir, 10:30 Worship, 11:45 Bell Choir, 12:15 Singing Believers

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