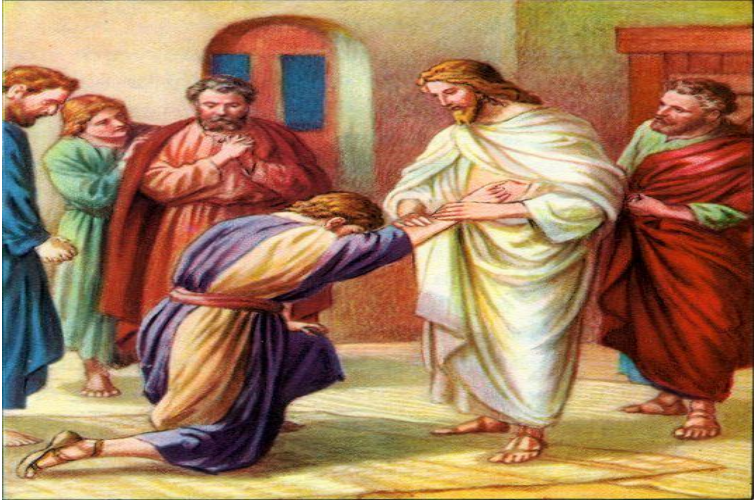




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April 7th, 2024
Second Sunday of Easter

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

PRELUDE: Voluntary on a “*Traditional Gaelic Melody*”
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 Second Sunday of Easter,

People: Where we embrace the joy of resurrection.

Leader: Let our hearts be open to worship,

People: And be renewed by the presence of Christ among us.

Leader: Let us celebrate the life-giving power of our God,

People: And share in the joy of Easter's promise.

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

God of peace and presence, in the stillness of this moment, we quiet our minds and open our hearts to your presence. Help us to release the worries and distractions of the day, and to rest in the assurance of your love and grace. Guide us as we seek your wisdom, and fill us with your peace that surpasses all understanding. In this sacred space, may we find renewal, and may your light shine within us and around us. Amen.

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

“*Crown Him with Many Crowns*”

UMH #327

With Trumpet and Organ

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Alison Johnson

SCRIPTURE:

Old Testament: Psalm 133 (*NRSV*)

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

New Testament: John 20:19-31 (*NRSV*)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me?

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** *(please rise as you are able)*
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TFWS#2166

SERMON: *A Case for Thomas* Carrie-Lee Farnham

OFFERING

*(please place offering envelope in basket or text:
“dollar amount you wish to give” to 908-224-7670)*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION *“Before the Throne of God Above”*
William Teubner, Trumpet

***DOXOLOGY** *(please rise as you are able)*
“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH #94

***CLOSING HYMN:** *(please rise as you are able)*
“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” UMH#206

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Festival Recessional on the tune
“Crown Him with Many Crowns” George F. Handel

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, April 7th:

9:00am-10:00am Meeting
10:00am-10:20am Song Leaders(Sanctuary)
10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, April 8th:

7:30pm-8:30pm Ad Council Meeting(Social Hall)
7:45pm-9:30pm Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship and Chapel)

Tuesday, April 9th:

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

Wednesday, April 10th:

1:30pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
7:15pm-9:15pm Toastmasters (Social Hall)

Thursday, April 11th:

1:30pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
3:30pm-5:00pm Girl Scouts(Social Hall)
7:00pm-8:00pm Christian Yoga(Chapel)

Friday, April 12th:

11:00am-12:00pm Christian Yoga(Chapel)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Saturday, April 13th:

8:00am-3:00pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
12:00pm-1:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
1:30pm-2:00pm Contemporary Ensemble(Sanctuary)
2:00pm-3:00pm Instrumental Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
2:00pm-10:00pm EMC Shalom (Fellowship Room)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



This is a wonderful time to consider sharing your musical gifts as we praise Our Lord!

The Music Ministry line up is as follows:

Saturdays: 12:00-1:30pm Chancel Choir

1:00-1:45pm Contemporary Ensemble

1:30pm-2:00pm Instrumental

Sundays: 9:00-9:30 Instrumentalists, 9:30-10:15am Chancel Choir, 10:15am-10:30am Singing Believers, 10:30am Worship, 11:45am-12:15am Bell Choir

For more information please email JoAnne Teubner Prussak. office@umcsummit.org

New! Free Prom Shop April 6th, 2024

The UMC of Summit is hosting a free "Prom Shop" this Spring for local students and we need your help! Do you have



formal wear and/or accessories that you no longer need? Please consider donating to this new initiative and make this event season unforgettable! We are accepting donations for both young men and women. Please drop off donations to the church Monday-Friday from 9AM-1PM, or bring them in on Sunday mornings. If you know a student who would like to participate, please call the church office: 908-277-1700 to make an appointment.

YOGAFAITH

There will be no Yoga Classes next week, classes resume 4/11 on Thursdays at 7pm and Fridays at 11am. All levels welcome! Suggested donation of \$10 per class. See Pastor Laura for more information.



Go Green! And Join the Team!
Join the UMC Green Team of Superheroes and help save our planet. See Bill Glancy or Debbi Picorale for info.

Senior Scholarships

Attention high school seniors! Don't miss out on scholarship opportunities offered by the UMC Summit.

Apply now! Visit www.umcsummit.org.



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Chris Tomlin Night April 18th, 7PM

Prudential Center

Join UMC Summit for Chris Tomlin's concert at The Prudential Center on Thursday, April 18th at 7 PM. He's bringing the Holy Forever World Tour with CAIN. Join us for a night of praise and worship, featuring songs like "Holy Forever", "How Great Is Our God", and "Good Good Father". Tickets are \$27 each. See Pastor Laura for details.

Upcoming Youth Events

APR
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Youth Group

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18
7 PM
Chris Tomlin Concert
Whole Family Event

MAY
5
6 PM - 8:30 PM
Family Game Night
Bring Your Favorite
Shareable Dish

JUNE
2
No
Youth Group

JUNE
9
10:30 AM
Education Sunday**

JUNE
9
6 PM - 8:30 PM
End of Year Party/
Family Movie Night

**Graduating HS and College Students: Please wear your caps and gowns during church on June 9th!



UMC Summit Featured on Summit Garden Tour Thursday, May 30th

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

The Reeves Memorial Garden, a part of UMC Summit, will be featured on this year's Summit Garden Tour. Hosted by the Reeves Reed Arboretum and the Summit Garden Club, the tour includes:

- A self-guided tour of 8 uniquely designed gardens in Summit that are sure to give you lots of inspiration for your own!
- The tour features 5 private gardens, 2 historic churches, and the beautiful grounds and gardens of Reeves-Reed Arboretum.
- Award winning gardens by both gardening enthusiasts and professional designers as well as those featured in national publications are included.
- A light spring-themed tea including refreshments, tea sandwiches, and scones can be enjoyed courtesy of The Secret Tea Room at Reeves-Reed Arboretum. Enjoy a cup of tea and a bite to eat as you stroll the grounds. Reeves-Reed Arboretum's grounds will be open until 4 pm for ticket holders.
- A pop-up garden shop at Reeves-Reed Arboretum will include plants, flowers, Hudson Valley Seed Co. collections, and more!
- visit www.reeves-reedarboretum.org for tickets.

Volunteers Needed: We are looking for two to four volunteers to help out the day of the garden tour by welcoming visitors to the garden area. There are two shifts available: 10AM-12:30pm and 12:30pm-3pm. Please email Pastor Laura if you would like to help: pastor@umcsummit.org.



Please note Pastor Laura will be away April 1st through the 7th, if you have a pastoral emergency please contact the church office at: 908-277-1700.



Administrative Council Meeting

April 8th, 7:30PM

As a reminder, the next Administrative Council meeting will take place on Monday, April 8th, at 7:30pm in the Social Hall.

Bike Walk or Take Mass Transit to Services Sunday

This year, in honor of Earth Day, the Summit Interfaith Council is inviting all faith communities to Walk, Bike, or Take Mass Transit to Services on April 13th and 14th.

