



United Methodist  
Church of Summit

# Mothering Sunday



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

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** *Love, Love, Love* Singing Believers

**ANTHEM** *We are the Children of Promise* Joel Raney  
Chancel Choir, Latonia Hall - soloist

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Beverly Alexis

**SCRIPTURE:** Bill Glancy

**Old Testament: Proverbs 31: 25-31 (NRSV)**

Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband, too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates

**New Testament: Luke 24: 50-53 (NRSV)**

The Ascension of Jesus

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

*This is the Word of God for the people of God.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

TFWS #2050 *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

**SERMON**

*Look Up*

Rev. Laura Steele

**OFFERING**

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

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION** *Ave Maria* Franz Schubert  
William Teubner - trumpet

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

**MOTHER'S DAY LITANY**

In Honor of Mothers & Mentors

*(\*All women are asked to stand.)*

Leader: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

**All: Thank God for those who mother!**

Leader: Everyone here was raised and shaped by someone influential.

**All: Thank God for those who mentor us!**

Leader: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

**All: Thank God for the mothers of the past.**

Leader: For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children with kindness and compassion.

**All: Thank God for the mothers of today.**

Leader: For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet.

**All: Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.**

Leader: For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

**All: Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.**

Leader: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

**All: Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.**

Leader: For all the women who have wanted to have children of their own but yet share love and nurture to all.

**All: Thank God for the mothers in spirit.**

Leader: For all those who experience troubled relationships with their biological mothers.

**All: Thank God that you are a God who mothers us and shapes us into your people.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways.

**All: We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen**

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

UMH #717 *Battle Hymn of the Republic (vv. 1-4)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** Voluntary on *Praise to the Lord*

*\* 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**

Neil Johnson, Friends and Family of Dick Keating, The Parsons family, Anne and John R., Scott and Vincent, Jerrie Bunell, Robert Curtis, Family of Martha Stampes, the family and friends of Joan Douglas, Lynn, Ken and Patricia, Nancy Pasquale, Boden, Bob Z., Veronica S., Zandie S., Chris and Dot C., Rachel Calman and the Calman-Beland family, Caroline Kenny, Rick Picorale, Brandon Gomes and family, Adrian, Ricky for a new heart, Irma, Millie, Family and friends of Janet Skakum, David Griffith, Pauline Griffith, Kaye Griffith, Irma George

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**UMC Summit Featured on Summit Garden Tour  
Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>  
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. Join us as we welcome the community to our beautiful garden!

## YOGAFAITH

Christian Yoga Classes are held on Thursdays at 7PM in the Social Hall and Fridays at 11am in the Chapel. All levels welcome! Suggested donation of \$10 per class. See Pastor Laura for more information.

**UMC SUMMIT**  
**Children's Ministry Schedule**  
**APRIL - JUNE**

<b>May 5</b>	<b>Sunday School Lesson:</b>	Timothy
<b>May 12</b>	<b>Sunday School Lesson:</b>	Mary and Martha
<b>May 19</b>	<b>Sunday School Lesson:</b>	Pentocost
<b>May 26</b>	<b>Sunday School Lesson:</b>	Spiritual Gifts
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<b>June 9</b>	<b>Education Sunday:</b>	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL!!



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# MUSIC MINISTRY



**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:**

12:00pm-1:00pm Contemporary Ensemble

1:00pm-2:00pm Instrumental

**Sundays:** 9:00-9:30am Instrumental

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 see Music Director: JoAnne Teubner Prussak or email: [office@umcsummit.org](mailto:office@umcsummit.org)

## **Mental Health Awareness Month**

In recognition of Mental Health Awareness month, our church is partnering with the City of Summit to [#chalkitup](#) and [#breakthestigma](#).

The 'Chalk It Up!'

campaign invites community members to

engage in creating positive messages and artwork using sidewalk chalk available at local parks and elementary schools. This initiative includes a collaborative effort with the United Methodist Church of Summit, where a chalkboard will be placed at the intersection of Springfield Avenue and Kent Place Boulevard. This board will feature weekly prompts encouraging people passing by to express their feelings and thoughts.





**Music Ministry Sunday  
June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30AM**

Join us on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, as we celebrate and recognize our Music Ministry programming and all the wonderful ways in which our various choirs and ensembles have blessed us this year!

**Education Sunday  
June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:30AM**

Join us on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, as we celebrate our Children, Youth, and Families Ministries. Our Sunday School children will graduate this year's Sunday School session. We will also recognize our graduating seniors and honor this year's scholarship recipients.



**2024 Annual  
Conference**

The 2024 Annual Conference for The United Methodists of Greater New Jersey is set to take place from May 19-21, 2024, at the Wildwood

Convention Center, NJ. This year, on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00PM, Pastor Laura will be ordained as a full elder in the United Methodist Church. This is a very exciting moment and all are invited to tune into the livestream. Please be in prayer for Lay Leader Beverly Alexis, Pastor Laura, and the UMC of GNJ.