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July 14th, 2024
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
“On Purpose” Worship Series

*The United Methodist Church of Summit invites you to journey with us on
the mystery of faith!*

PRELUDE Variations on the tune “*Holy God*”
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: Awesome God, we come to worship you in spirit and in truth this day.

People: May we feel your presence and your grace as we give you praise.

Leader: Some of us have come seeking your will for our lives.

People: Give us a spirit of discernment.

Leader: We pray to be ever present in the lives of your people.

People: We thank you for the ways in which your Holy Spirit guides us and leads us to love you and others more fully, just as Christ loved us.

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

God of possibilities and abundance, we praise you for reminding us not to live in scarcity but to live in the abundance of your presence. When we think, “we can’t,” transform us to see how “we can.” Help us to focus on you and the blessings you’ve placed in our lives right here and now. In Christ’s name we raise these prayers to you, Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
UMH 577 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: Rev. Laura Steele

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism

we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.

We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation
and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Today, I present *Samuel Ethan Quashie* for baptism.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

(The pastor addresses parents and other sponsors)

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the Church to which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Will you nurture Samuel
in Christ's holy Church,
that by your teaching and example he may be guided
to accept God's grace for himself,

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to profess his faith openly,
and to lead a Christian life?

I will.

*(The pastor addresses the congregation, and the
congregation responds)*

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
and include this child now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround Samuel with a community of love and
forgiveness,**

that he may grow in service to others.

We will pray for Samuel,

that he may be a true disciple

who walks in the way that leads to life.

POURING THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, your mighty acts of salvation have been made known through water – from the moving of your Spirit upon the waters of Creation, to the saving of your people through the great flood, to the deliverance of God's people from Egypt through the waters of the Red Sea. In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus nurtured in the waters of a womb, baptized in the waters of the River Jordan, and anointed by your Spirit. He called upon the disciples, to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to go out and make disciples of all nations. Pour out your Holy Spirit, bless this gift of water and bless Samuel who receives it,

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wash away his sins and clothe him in righteousness throughout his life so that he may be raised with Christ and Samuel may share in Christ's final victory, through our Lord we pray. **Amen.**

Samuel Ethan Quashie, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

May the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend Samuel to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love. Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ!

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION:**

TFWS 2248 *Baptized in Water*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Beverly Alexis

SCRIPTURE READING:

Carol Conway

New Testament: Matthew 14:13-21 (NRSV)

Feeding the Five Thousand

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were

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filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. *This is the Word of God, for the people of God; People: Thanks be to God.*

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

TFWS 2153 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

SERMON *Wherever You Go, There You Are*

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

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus William Teubner - Trumpet

***DOXOLOGY** *(please rise as you are able)*

UMH #94 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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

UMH 581 *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Voluntary on a traditional American
"Beach Spring" Hymn

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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Bob Zotti, Norma, recovering from a broken hip, the family and friends of Anthony J. "Tony" Gianonne, Sr., Jane McKinley, the Quashie Family on the 10th anniversary of Sam's passing, Steve Ward, Neil Johnson, the friends and family of Dick Keating, Anne and John R., Scott and Vincent, Jerrie Bunell, Robert Curtis.

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This Week's Schedule

Sunday, July 14th:

9:00am-10:00am Instrumental
10:00am-10:30am Summer Choir
10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30am-12:30pm Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
11:30am-12:30pm Green Team Meeting (Fellowship Room)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, July 15th:

7:45pm-9:30pm Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room)

Tuesday, July 16th:

9:30am-10:15am Baby Bandstand (Social Hall)
10:00am-4:00pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Wednesday, July 17th:

9:00am-11:00am Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)

Friday, July 19th:

9:30am-11:30 am Music Together (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Saturday, July 20th:

12:00pm-2:00pm Instrumental
2:00pm-10:00pm Casa de Estudio de Torah (Fellowship Room)



Please note: Pastor Laura will be away July 15th-22nd. If you need pastoral care please contact Lay Leader Beverly Alexis at: (917) 941-9939. If you have a pastoral emergency (death, major accident, major injury) call the church office at: (908) 277-1700.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Annual Back to School Drive June 5th – August 21st, 2024

Each year, thousands of New Jersey children attend their first day of school without basic educational tools

such as backpacks, notebooks, and calculators. These under-resourced children struggle to succeed academically. The UMC of Summit in partnership with Jersey Cares works with dozens of schools, children's shelters, and community centers with the goal that no children in New Jersey will have to experience a first day of school without these basic necessities. With your help we can bridge the gap between disadvantage and academic success. Items ACCEPTED for the School Supply Drive include: Backpacks (may be new OR gently used) NEW 1, 3, and 5 Subject Notebooks, NEW Composition Notebooks, NEW 2-Pocket Folders, NEW Pencil Cases, NEW #2 Pencils, NEW Pencil Sharpeners, NEW Erasers, NEW Pens, NEW Hi-lighters, NEW Crayons, Washable Markers, and Colored Pencils, NEW Book Covers, NEW Calculators, NEW Child Safety Scissors, NEW Glue, NEW Rulers (12"), NEW Laptops or Tablets, NEW Headphones, Visa or Amazon Gift Cards. Items can be dropped off to the church office Monday-Friday from 9AM-1PM, or dropped off in the bins in the sanctuary Sunday mornings before or after worship.

Homecoming Sunday Open House 9/22/24

Join us September 22nd, as we kick-off the church year with our Homecoming worship service at 10:30AM and a church-wide Open House from 1pm-3pm: Food, Fun, Games!

