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July 28th, 2024
Tenth 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 *Air in F Major* for Trumpet and Organ
George F. Handel

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Kim Goldman

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: God gives us each purpose.

People: God gives our church purpose.

Leader: God gives our community purpose.

People: God gives all of Creation purpose.

Leader: Sometimes living with purpose looks bright and cheerful.

People: Sometimes living with purpose challenges us.

Leader: We come this day to worship Jesus whose purpose led to the cross and beyond!

People: Holy Spirit, who leads us through obstacles, surround us and guide us to a life of love and service.

Amen!

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

Awesome, Wonderful, Amazing God! This world of illusions has convinced us that the goal of life is happiness. Yet, You show us that true joy is so much bigger than what this world tells us. Help us today to realize our purpose. Help us to trust that in living out your purpose for us, the world can experience true joy and fulfillment. Help us to learn and understand that deep down in our souls we have a part to play in your vision for all of creation - to bring about a world that

**denotes please stand as you are able*

lives in harmony and love. Help us to realize our purpose this day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
UMH #454 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Carrie-Lee Farnham

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Rev. Laura Steele

SCRIPTURE READING: Kim Goldman

New Testament: John 11:1-27 (NIV)

The Death of Lazarus

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who

was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

Jesus the Resurrection and the Life

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." *This is the Word of God, for the people of God; People: Thanks be to God.*

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

TFWS #2129 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

SERMON: *Will Purpose Make Me Happy?* 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

Voluntary on an *Early American Melody*
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 #374 *Standing on the Promises*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Majestic Recessional in A Major*
for Trumpet and Organ

Please join us after service for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall.
All are welcome!

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 28th:

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)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, July 29th:

3:30pm-6:15 pm CPR (Chapel)
7:45pm-9:30pm Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room)

Tuesday, July 30th:

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 31st:

9:00am-1:00pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)

Friday, August 2nd:

7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Saturday, August 3rd:

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

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, 1pm-3pm

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





Coffee Hour Hosts NEEDED!

The Hospitality Team is in need of volunteers to help host Coffee Hour each Sunday. All you have to do is bring some refreshments for folks to share and we'll do the heavy lifting! There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall. For more information or if you have any questions, please see Debbi Picorale



Children, Youth, Families

Please note Sunday School and Drama Club are on break until Homecoming Sunday on September 22. Enjoy your summer, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!



The Summit Area GreenFaith Circle is encouraging communities of faith to support passage of the Green Amendment (SCR43/ ACR119) which

would amend New Jersey's constitution to provide that every person in the state has a constitutional right to a clean environment including the right to clean air, pure water and healthy habitats. The Summit Area GreenFaith Circle has produced postcards which you can sign to support this very important amendment. Postcards are located at the front and rear of the sanctuary. If you would like to help with this initiative, please sign a postcard and leave it in the church office. The signed postcards will be mailed on your behalf. Please see Green Team Chairperson Bill Glancy if you have any questions.