



United Methodist
Church of Summit

**TO HOPE AND ACT
WITH CREATION**



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September 22, 2024
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
"Season of Creation" Worship Series
Homecoming Sunday

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

PRELUDE *Festival Prelude* for Trumpet and Organ
Gustav Holst

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Kim Goldman
(please rise as you are able)

Leader: In every one of us, there is a longing for home.

**People: It's a longing for a place where we are known,
accepted, and loved for who we are.**

Leader: It's a longing for a place where we are nurtured,
guided, and challenged to grow.

**People: It's a longing to belong and create a home
where all God's children know they belong.**

Leader: God calls to us today "You are home in my forgiving
love. You are home in my amazing grace. There is a home
for you in my church, in the fellowship of my servant people.

People: Our hearts respond "Welcome home."

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

**God of the living Earth, You called us to be part of your
beloved community, baptized into one family through
the sacred waters of life and called together to care for
your world. Guide us as we work to sustain our common
home. Help us to find the path to living in peace and
harmony with all your creatures united, by the divine
dance of the Trinity. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
UMH#92 *For the Beauty of the Earth (vv.1-4)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Alison Johnson

ANTHEM: *Fill This House with Grace* Joseph Martin
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Rev. Laura Steele

SCRIPTURE READING: Kim Goldman

Old Testament: Psalm 1 (NIV)

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers. Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction

New Testament: James 3:13-4:3 (NIV)

Two Kinds of Wisdom

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness. What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come

from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. *This is the Word of God, for the people of God;* **People: Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

TFWS#2060 *God the Sculptor of the Mountains*

SERMON: *Oikos - A Home for All* 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 the tune *Dix* 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 #572 *Pass It On*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Ceremonial Recessional* Jean Mouret

**denotes please stand as you are able*

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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Carole Reed, 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.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, September 22nd:

- 9:00am-10:00am Instrumental
- 9:30am-10:15am Chancel Choir
- 10:00am-10:30am Bell Choir
- 10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship
- 10:45am-11:30am Children's Sunday School
- 11:30am-12:30pm Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
- 11:45am-12:15pm Singing Believers
- 1:00pm-3:00pm Homecoming Sunday Open House (campus)
- 7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Monday, September 23rd:

- 9:00am-12:00pm Summit Garden Club (Social Hall)
- 7:45pm-9:30pm Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room)

Tuesday, September 24th:

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

Wednesday, September 25th:

- 1:30pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance
- 7:00pm-8:00pm Creation Bible Study (Fellowship Room)

Thursday, September 26th:

- 2:45pm-9:00pm Debbi's Dance

Friday, September 27th:

- 9:30am-12:30pm Music Together (Social Hall)
- 11:00am-12:00pm Christian Yoga (Chapel)
- 1:30pm-4:45pm CPR (Chapel)
- 7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Saturday, September 28th:

- 8:30am-4:30pm Debbi's Dance
- 9:30am-11:30am Music Together (Social Hall)
- 12:00pm-12:30pm Bell Choir
- 12:30pm-1:00pm Contemporary Ensemble
- 12:45pm-3:30pm Afonso private party (Social Hall)
- 1:00pm-2:00pm Chancel Choir
- 2:30pm-3:30pm Instrumental Rehearsal
- 2:00pm-10:00pm Casa de Estudio de Torah (Fellowship Room)
- 2:30pm-3:30pm Liturgical Dance (Dance Studio)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Homecoming Sunday Open House 9/22/24

Join us this afternoon 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, and more!

SAVE THE DATE!

**White Elephant Rummage
Sale October 19th 10:00AM –
3:00PM**

White Elephant-Furniture,
Appliances, Kitchenware, Kids Toys No Clothing! Drop off will
begin on Sunday, August 18 through Wednesday, October 16.
Volunteers needed! Please see Faye Cunningham, Kim Goldman
or Debbie Picorale for info!



Blessing of the Animals Service Friday, October 4th, 6PM-7PM, Church Playground

*"But ask the animals,
and they will teach
you" ... Job 12:7.* Join
us on Friday, October

4th, as we witness to God's and the Church's love, care, and concern for creation. As we recognize our mutual interdependence with God's creatures, the Church's witness of stewardship of creation is strengthened. All animals welcome! Please note: Pastor Laura CANNOT bless snakes, however, if you have a snake in need of a blessing she can arrange with another pastor that is able. Please contact the church office at: 908-277-1700 for more information.



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MUSIC MINISTRY



"Transforming God, as we begin our fall season, we ask Your presence and Your blessings on our music, that Your will may be done; through Jesus Christ, who keeps us in Your love."

**JOIN US SEPTEMBER 22ND, WELCOME ALL MUSIC MAKERS!!
NEW 2024 Fall Schedule:**

Saturdays 12:00pm Bell Choir
12:30pm Contemporary Ensemble
1:00pm Chancel Choir
2:30pm Instrumental Rehearsal

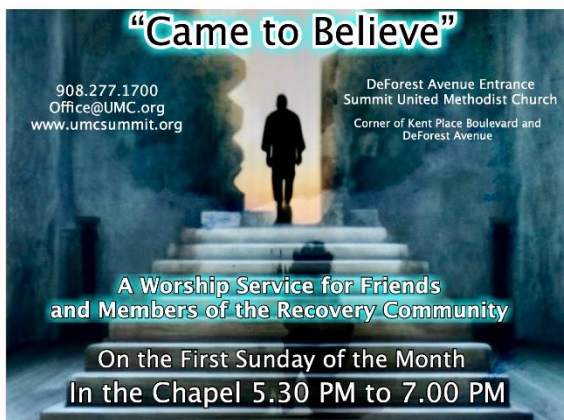
Sundays: 9:00am Instrumental Rehearsal
9:30am Chancel Choir
10:00am Bell Choir
10:30am Worship
11:30am Coffee Hour
11:45am Singing Believers

For more information, please contact JoAnne Teubner Prussak through the church office number: 908-277-1700, or email: office@umcsummit.org



Bike, Walk, or Take Mass Transit to Church Sunday September 29th, 2024 10:30AM

Join us as we live out our call to creation care by biking, walking, or taking mass transit to church on September 29th. Please park bikes in the Social Hall



"CAME TO BELIEVE" WORSHIP SERVICE

For People in Recovery, Their Friends and Family

First Sunday of the Month, Starting October 6th, 5:30pm

The UMC of Summit realized that there is a need for a "safe space" for recovering individuals, their friends and families, and saw that our church could provide that space by offering a worship service for all those people whose lives have been affected by alcoholism and addiction. Everyone is invited to attend the worship service created to speak to the needs of people in recovery as well as their families and friends. Please join us on Sunday, October 6, and the first Sunday of the month thereafter.



NEW! "Wings of Faith" Liturgical Dance Class Saturdays, 2:30-3:30PM Starting September 21st

Liturgical dance is a form of praise. Liturgical dance should be thought of as an act of

worship, rather than a performance. Applauding would be similar to applauding a prayer. Liturgical dance is praise to God, just like a hymn or prayer. We are praising God through movement and expression. We want the congregation to feel they are part of our expression, accepting the dance as a form of prayer.

"Let them praise God's name with dancing." –Psalm 149:3

Children's Ministry

Our Children, Youth, and Family Ministries programming kicks-off **TODAY**. We have some new and exciting programs this year!



A graphic titled "Typical Sunday Schedule" with a pink brushstroke background. It lists the following schedule:

9:30 - 10:15 am	Creative Christianity (Green Room)
10:30 am	Church (Sanctuary)
10:45-11:30 am	Sunday School (Nursery)
11:30 am	Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
11:45 am	Singing Believers (Chair Room)

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youth ministry

We'll be heading to IGNITE 2024 for the day on Oct. 12! This high-energy event for grades 6-12 features powerful worship, inspiring messages, and fun activities, all while connecting with God and 2,000 youth from the region. Feel free to invite a friend. Deadline to let me know if you are interested is Oct. 1st



Snack Donations

This year, we're excited to add snack time at the end of each Sunday School session! We're accepting donations of individually wrapped, nut-free snacks to share with the kids. Please drop off donations in the NEW Sunday School room on the counter in the back. Thank you!

IMPORTANT DATES

11.17.24

Student Sunday

11.17.24

Youth Mental Health Awareness Night

12.7.24

Pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Clause

12.8.24

Talent Show

12.22.24

Christmas Caroling

12.24.24

Christmas Eve Services

2.12.25

Easter Egg Hunt

New Room

The CYF Ministry department has some exciting news! We're moving to a new Sunday School room. We're now in the old Nursery! Come check out our updated space as we continue to grow and learn together. We can't wait to welcome you there!



Volunteer for Fall '24

Want to make a difference? Volunteer with Sunday School! Your time and support are invaluable in helping our kids grow in faith. Two dates you may want to consider signing up for are Oct. 20th and Nov. 3, as our student interns will be preaching those days.





Creative Christianity
September 22nd, 9:30am

NEW intergenerational study that will meet every Sunday in the Green Room from 9:30-10:15. This study will allow everyone to bring out their creative side as we look at different Bible stories.



What is Creative Christianity?

Creative Christianity is an intergenerational bible study designed to bring all ages together in exploring scripture by incorporating our creative side in meaningful activities. Each week, we'll focus on a different Bible passage and pair it with an engaging activity like planting potted plants, making Advent wreaths, crafting prayer bracelets, or creating art through painting. Some weeks may include worship-focused experiences like reflecting on our baptism or exploring how music deepens our faith. There will also be times where we will have tabletop discussions, allowing us to connect the scripture with our daily lives. If you feel called to lead a particular week, you're more than welcome to sign up for as many weeks as you'd like. This is a community effort, and we encourage everyone to contribute in ways that inspire them! For more information or to volunteer please see Carrie-Lee Farnham, CYF Minister, or email: CYFMinister@umcsummit.org.