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May 18, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Easter

The United Methodist Church of Summit is a diverse church committed to serving the Lord Jesus Christ, dedicated to building disciples, passionate about growing in faith, and motivated to be a voice of hope for the world.

PRELUDE: *Variations on A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Alison Johnson

Leader: Praise God from the heavens!

People: Praise the Spirit from the skies above!

Leader: Praise all the hosts of heaven!

People: Praise the Creator of sun and moon, and shining stars!

Leader: Praise God, all creatures great and small,

People: Praise Jesus Christ, king of kings on earth!

Leader: Let all the earth bring praise to the Lord,

People: We gather, with all of Creation, to praise and worship our God!

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

Alison Johnson

God, you are in the song of the trees and the hungers of our hearts. You dwell in the pulse of creation; there is no place where you are not. We give you thanks for the expansive power of your still-creating love. We pray gratitude for the wild goodness of being creatures called to wonder and freedom. You have created all that is, and you call it good. Give us the courage and wisdom to know ourselves as co-creators of your vision for abundant life for all, and may we too call it good. We lift this prayer to you in the name of Christ our Savior, AMEN.

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

UMH #62 *All Creatures of Our God and King* v.1-4

RECEPTION OF NEW CHURCH MEMBER:
(UMH p. 33)

Daniel Faniyan

I am Daniel Titilope Faniyan, and I am from Nigeria. I earned my Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies from the University of Ibadan, where I graduated as the best student in my department. I enjoy guiding, counseling, and reconciling, which has deepened my commitment to spiritual care and leadership. These passions have led me to pursue a Master of Divinity degree with a concentration in Chaplaincy at Drew University. Beyond academics and service, I enjoy traveling, writing poetry, playing soccer, swimming, and embracing outdoor adventures.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Laura Steele

ANTHEM:

God Is My Rock
Chancel Choir

Allen Pote

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Carol Conway

SCRIPTURE READING:

Alison Johnson

Old Testament: Psalm 148 (KJV)

Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights. Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts. Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created. He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass. Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps: Fire, and hail; snow, and vapours; stormy wind fulfilling his word: Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars: Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl: Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth: Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children: Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven. He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the Lord.

New Testament: Revelation 21:1-6 (NRSV)

The New Heaven and the New Earth

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. *This is the Word of God, for the people of God,*
People: Thanks Be to God.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** *(please rise as you are able)*
TFWS #2279 *The Trees of the Field* (sung 3x)

SERMON: *Heaven in Bloom* 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

Robed in the Blooming Garb of Spring
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 #77 *How Great Thou Art*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Recessional in D Major*

** Denotes please rise in body or spirit as you are able*

Please join us in the Social Hall after worship for coffee hour

We welcome all who have come this morning to worship, especially newcomers and visitors among us. Everyone is invited to come to Coffee Hour for refreshments and conversation immediately following the service in our Social Hall by exiting the front of the Sanctuary and proceeding to the door through the breezeway. The restrooms are located in the back of the sanctuary. We ask everyone to silence their cell phones during the service and note that there are emergency exits in the rear and front right of the Sanctuary. May God bless us all as we gather for worship and fellowship together.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

The family and friends of Summit firefighter Lonn Mullen, Casey-Jane Farnham and the family of Arthur Knight, who passed away on 5/5/25 at 3:15 pm, Meredith Smith, Emily LaJeunesse, Daniel Faniyan for Divine Guidance, Greg K. and family, Patricia Green, Dotti Zotti, Beverly Alexis, the family and loved ones of Adrian Phillips, Jane McKinley, United Methodists in Nigeria, the family and friends of Brock Button, Shanotte Smith, Dick Duenkel, Mary Anne Viaud

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, May 18th:

9:00am-9:30am Instrumental Rehearsal
9:30am-10:00am Chancel Choir
10:00am-10:30am Bell Choir
10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship
10:45am-11:30am Sunday School
11:30am-12:30pm Outdoor Coffee Hour/Pollinator Garden Planting
11:45am-12:15pm Singing Believers
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Monday, May 19th:

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

Tuesday, May 20th:

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

Wednesday, May 21st:

9:30am-10:15am Baby Bandstand (Social Hall)
1:30pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance

Thursday, May 22nd:

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

Friday, May 23rd:

9:30am-12:30pm Music Together (Social Hall)
5:30pm-6:30pm Smith Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Saturday, May 24th:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Come and make a joyful sound! Come before the Lord with Praise and Thanksgiving! Come and share your gift of music as we praise and worship the Lord in our magnificent Sanctuary!

Saturdays: 12:00PM Bell Choir, 12:30PM Contemporary Ensemble, 1:00PM Chancel Choir, 2:00PM Instrumental

Sundays: 9:00AM Instrumental, 9:30AM Chancel Choir, 10:00AM Bell Choir, 10:30AM Worship, 11:45 Singing Believers

Please come and make music to the Lord with your church friends. For more information, please e-mail Director of Music, JoAnne Teubner Prussak, at office@umcsummit.org



There will be a meeting of the Administrative Council via Zoom on May 18, 2025 at 2:00 pm.

YOGAFAITH

Christian Yoga classes will be on break until further notice.

Children Youth and Families Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS		
1.19 - 2.9	Souper Bowl of Caring	Chili Cook Off @ 3 PM 2.16
2.23	Youth Mental Health Night @ 3-6 PM	Ash Wednesday Service @ 7 PM 3.5
3.12	Wednesday Lent Soup Supper Begins @ 6 PM	Prom Shop @ 11 AM - 4 PM 4.5
4.6	Egg Stuffing Party	Easter Egg Hunt 4.12
4.17	Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:30 PM	Good Friday Service @ 7:30 PM 4.18
4.20	Easter Breakfast @ 9:30 AM	Easter Service @ 10:30 AM 4.20
6.8	Education Sunday Service @ 10:30 AM	BBQ Picnic @ 11:30 AM 6.8
6.15	Music Ministry Sunday @ 10:30 AM	TEA with a TWIST @ 3:30 PM 6.8



DIAPER • DRIVE

Junior League Diaper Drive

The Junior League of Summit is bringing back their 100K Diaper Project! Now through May 31, 2025, you can help by donating diapers (all sizes, open packs welcome). Drop off at the Junior League Shop (37 DeForest Ave, Summit, NJ) or give through their virtual drive link below. Every diaper makes a difference.

UMC SUMMIT Children's Ministry Spring Sunday School Lessons

March

- 3.2: The Transfiguration
- 3.9: The Temptation of Jesus
- 3.16: **MISSION SUNDAY**
- 3.23: The Barren Fig Tree
- 3.30: First Practice of Easter Pageant

April

- 4.6: Easter Pageant Practice
- 4.13: Easter Pageant Practice
- 4.20: **No SUNDAY SCHOOL**
Easter Sunday
- 4.27: Doubting Thomas

May

- 5.4: The Road to Emmaus
- 5.11: The Good Shepherd
- 5.18: **MISSION SATURDAY**
- 5.25: The Promise of the Holy Spirit

June

- 6.1: Prayer for His Disciples
- 6.8: Education Sunday
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL



SUMC POLLINATOR GARDEN UPDATE. . . .

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who donated to our Pollinator Garden initiative! We have surpassed our

fundraising goal! The garden bed will be ready and waiting for all of us to join together and plant a pod **on Sunday, May 18th after worship**. We will celebrate our new garden with a fun-filled outdoor coffee hour. The theme will be "Honey" of course. Let's

grow our garden together as we grow our love for God's creations.

Mark Your Calendar!
Music Ministry Sunday
June 1st, 10:30AM

Join us on Sunday, June 1st, as we celebrate Music Ministry Sunday! We will sing joyfully to the Lord as we recognize the hard work and dedication of our church choirs and ensembles.



Mark Your Calendar!
Education Sunday
June 8th, 10:30AM

Join us on Sunday, June 8th, as we celebrate our Children, Youth, and Families Ministries! We will handout our annual Senior Scholarships and our Sunday School children will have their "Moving Up" ceremony.

"Came to Believe"

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**A Worship Service for Friends
and Members of the Recovery Community**

**On the First Sunday of the Month
In the Chapel 5.30 PM to 7.00 PM**