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May 25th, 2025

Sixth 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: *Nearer, My God, to Thee* Lowell Mason

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Johanna Aguilera

Leader: In the beginning, the voice that whispered us into being still whispers, saying...

People: Let there be light!

Leader: In the wilderness, the voice that fed us from the heavens still feeds us, saying...

People: Let there be light!

Leader: In the story we share with this God of mystery and amazing love, the voice calls to us each and every morning, saying...

People: Let there be light!

-Written by Sally Johnson, United Methodist Creation Justice Movement

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

God of the stars and galaxies, God of the seed and Earth, we thank you that you continue to come to us, to amaze us, to laugh with us, to cry with us, to comfort us, and to show us that your love shines through us and your creation, bringing light to a darkened world. May this beauty and peace be reflected in this sacred circle. In the name of the Christ-presence, we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
UMH #347 *Spirit Song*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Alison Johnson

ANTHEM

Battle Hymn of the Republic
Chancel Choir and Friends**

Peter Wilhousky

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Beverly Alexis

SCRIPTURE READING:

Johanna Aguilera

New Testament: John 14:23-29

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe. *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)*

UMH #696 *America the Beautiful*

SERMON: *God Shed His Grace on Thee*

Rev. Laura Steele

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER: UM Book of Worship #440

Pastor: Almighty God, before whom stand the living and the dead, we your children, whose mortal life is but a hand's breadth, give thanks to you: For all those through whom you have blessed our pilgrimage, whose lives that have empowered us, whose influence is a healing grace,

People: We lift up thankful hearts.

Pastor: For the dear friends and family members whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us forever,

People: We lift up thankful hearts.

Pastor: For the teachers and companions of our childhood and youth, and for the members of our household of faith who worship you now in heaven,

People: We lift up thankful hearts.

Pastor: For those who sacrificed their lives for the sake of others,

People: We lift up thankful hearts.

Pastor: May we hold them all in continual remembrance, and ever think of them as with you in the city whose gates are not shut by day and where there is no darkness,

People: We lift up thankful hearts.

Pastor: May we be dedicated and rededicated, through your grace, to work for a world where labor is rewarded, fear is dispelled, and the nations are made one.

People: O Lord, bless us in this work, so that, day by day we magnify You in all we do, and bring your peace to all the Earth, for ever and ever, Amen.

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 *Materna*

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 #431 *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Taps*

William Teubner - trumpet

Please join us in singing the refrain:

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on!
Amen.

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

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



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.

****Thank you to singers from the Carlstadt and Germania Park Mixed Choruses, and from the Rheinischer Male Chorus for joining us this morning as we honor our veterans this solemn day of remembrance.**

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, May 25th:

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	Coffee Hour
11:45am-12:15pm	Singing Believers
4:15pm-5:30pm	Smith-Ross Wedding (Sanctuary)
6:30pm-8:30pm	RAD Theatricals (Social Hall, Stage)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Monday, May 26th: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

10:00am-8:00pm	RAD Theatricals (Social Hall, Stage)
7:45pm-9:30pm	Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room)

Tuesday, May 27th:

1:30pm-9:30pm	Debbi's Dance
4:00pm-9:00pm	RAD Theatricals (Social Hall, Stage)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Wednesday, May 28th:

1:30pm-9:30pm	Debbi's Dance
4:00pm-9:00pm	RAD Theatricals (Social Hall, Stage)

Thursday, May 29th:

2:45pm-9:00pm	Debbi's Dance
4:00pm-9:00pm	RAD Theatricals (Social Hall, Stage)

Friday, May 30th:

9:30am-12:30pm	Music Together (Social Hall)
7:00pm-10:30pm	RAD Theatricals (Social Hall, Stage)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Saturday, May 31st:

8:30am-4:30pm	Debbi's Dance
9:00am-7:30pm	RAD Theatricals (Social Hall, Stage)
9:30 am-11:30am	Music Together (Chapel)
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

Children Youth and Families Upcoming Events

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

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.



Our next Came to Believe Service is Sunday, June 1st, at 5:30PM.
Please join us in the Chapel for a moving service.