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Third Sunday of Pentecost

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 the tune *To Jesus All Majesty Ascribe*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Daniel Faniyan

Leader: Our freedom comes as life in the Spirit.

People: We reject the works based only on our fleshly desires.

Leader: We live a new life of spirit and truth.

People: Let us worship the Lord in full spirit. Amen.

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

Daniel Faniyan

God of all life and love: we are your children, and you made us free to live in joyful relationship with you and one another. Your grace empowers us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Give us the courage to love ourselves as much as you love us and to love others with the same compassion. Amen.

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

UMH#314 *In The Garden*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Carol Conway

SCRIPTURE READING:

Daniel Faniyan

Old Testament: Joshua 6: 1-16 (NRSV)

Now Jericho was shut up from within and from without because of the people of Israel; none went out, and none came in. And the Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have given into your hand Jericho, with its king and mighty men of valor. You shall march around the

city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days. And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark; and on the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, the priests blowing the trumpets. And when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, as soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up every man straight before him." So Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord." And he said to the people, "Go forward; march around the city, and let the armed men pass on before the ark of the Lord." And as Joshua had commanded the people, the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the Lord went forward, blowing the trumpets, with the ark of the covenant of the Lord following them. And the armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard came after the ark, while the trumpets blew continually. But Joshua commanded the people, "You shall not shout or let your voice be heard, neither shall any word go out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then you shall shout." So he caused the ark of the Lord to compass the city, going about it once; and they came into the camp, and spent the night in the camp. Then Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the Lord. And the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord passed on, blowing the trumpets continually; and the armed men went before them, and the rear guard came after the ark of the Lord, while the trumpets blew continually. And the second day they marched around the city once, and returned into the camp. So they did for six days. On the seventh day they rose early at the dawn of day, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times: it was only on that day that they marched around the city seven times. And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout; for the Lord has given you the city."

New Testament: Philippians 4:4-8, 13 (NRSV)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with

thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

I can do all things in him who strengthens me.

*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 #2158 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

SERMON: *It's Just Walking* Carol Conway

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 *In The Garden*
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 #575 *Onward Christian Soldiers*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Recessional on the tune *Onward, Christian Soldiers*

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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Beverly Alexis, Emily LaJeunesse, Patricia Greene, the family, friends, and classmates of Dylan Faulkner, Christine Matthews, Janice Matthews, Charles Farnham who is hospitalized with heart & kidney issues, Margarethe Farnham who is experiencing breathing issues, the family and friends of Summit firefighter Lonn Mullen



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.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, June 29th:

9:30am-10:00am Instrumental Rehearsal
10:00am-10:20am Summer Choir
10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship
11:30am-12:30pm Coffee Hour
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Monday, June 30th:

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

Tuesday, July 1st:

7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Friday, July 4th: OFFICE CLOSED

7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Saturday, July 5th:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW: "Come to the Table" Small Group, Sundays after Church

Starting this summer there will be an extra table set up during Coffee Hour for those who want to dig deeper into God's Word. We are calling this small group "Come to the Table" and you can grab some refreshments and join in

conversation and fellowship about the day's Scripture readings and sermon topics. This is a "self led" group. There is no sign-up or commitment to join this group, just COME TO THE TABLE! All are welcome.



ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE UNTIL AUGUST 25TH

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 can be dropped off at the church office Monday-Friday from 9AM-1PM or dropped off in the bins in the sanctuary Sunday mornings before or after worship.



Pastor Laura will be away **June 23rd-July 1st**. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Rev. Victor Franco at (732) 925-4133.

CommUNITY Camp 2025

Join us for commUNITY Camp & After Camp 2025 at Central Presbyterian Church from July 21–25, 2025. commUNITY Camp is for Pre-K to 5th grade, running from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM, and After Camp is for K–5th grade, running from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The cost is \$75 with a family max of \$150 for the morning session, and \$75 for the afternoon session. Full and partial scholarships are available, just make sure to note your need on the registration form. Make sure to register now before spaces fill up. Youth and adults are welcome to volunteer. We hope to see you there.



Donate to our Scholarship Funds!

The UMC of Summit is now collecting donations for our church's **Scholarship Funds (Welsh and Wyckoff)**, which help to support students in our congregation and the community as they pursue higher education. Every gift—large or small—makes a difference in the life of a young person. To donate, simply mark

"Scholarship Fund" on your check or envelope or give online through our website: www.umcsummit.org and click on GIVE. Thank you for investing in the future of our youth!

Sunday School on Break

During the summer, Sunday School will be taking a break, but that doesn't mean your family has to! While our regular classes are on pause, we'd love to see you in worship each week. Children are always welcome in the sanctuary. The summer is a great time to experience worship together as a family.



Sermon Notes

key verses:

prayers: