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Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

PRELUDE: Variations on *Fairest Lord Jesus*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

Carol Conway

People: We have heard of this hope!

People: We seek this hope as we learn to live in faith.

People: We cling to this hope as we grow in love of God, love of self, love of neighbor, and love of all Creation.

People: Let us worship God who empowers us to put our hope into faithful and loving actions!

Carol Conway

Loving God, thank you for being present in our lives and in this time of worship. Speak love to our hearts and wisdom to our minds, that we might grow in your knowledge of love and that our lives might bear the fruit of your knowledge and grace. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
UMH#432 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT:

Alison Johnson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Laura Steele

SCRIPTURE READING:

Carol Conway

Old Testament: Psalm 82 (NRSV)

A Plea for Justice

A Psalm of Asaph

God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment: "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? *Selah*

Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." They have neither knowledge nor understanding; they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. I say, "You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless, you shall die like mortals and fall like any prince." Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations belong to you!

New Testament: Colossians 1:1-14 (NRSV)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from

Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. *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#2167 *More Like You*

SERMON: *Ya'll Need Jesus!* 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

Variations on the tune *Give Me Jesus*
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 #671 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Recessional in F Major

** 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, 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, July 13th:

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, July 14th:

7:45pm-9:30pm	Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room)
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Tuesday, July 15th:

9:30am-11:15am	Baby Bandstand (Social Hall)
10:00am-3:30pm	Debby's Dance
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Wednesday, July 16th:

9:00am-1:00pm	Debby's Dance
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Friday, July 18th:

9:30am-11:30am	Music Together (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Saturday, July 19th:

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 TOSCHOOL DRIVE UNTIL AUGUST 17TH

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.

YOGAFAITH

YogafaitH is back with Friday classes, at 11am in the Chapel! All levels are welcome. Join us as we stretch our faith while we stretch our bodies! Suggested donation of \$10 per class.

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.

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: