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Ninth 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 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Carol Conway

Leader: Come, people of faith, let us gather with hearts full of hope.

People: We come, trusting in what we cannot see, believing in the promises of God.

Leader: By faith, Abraham obeyed. By faith, Sarah believed.

People: By faith, we walk forward, trusting the One who calls us.

Leader: Let us worship the God who is faithful across generations.

People: We come by faith, and we worship with joy!

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

God of all generations, You have called your people to walk by faith from the very beginning. As we gather in your presence today, open our hearts to the stories of those who came before us—not to simply admire them, but to be inspired to live as they lived: trusting you, even when the road ahead is uncertain. May our faith grow strong, our courage deepen, and our hope in you be renewed. Through Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith we pray, Amen.

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

UMH #64 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Alison Johnson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Laura Steele

SCRIPTURE READING:

Carol Conway

New Testament: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (NRSV)

The Meaning of Faith

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

The Faith of Abraham

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. *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 #2211 *Faith is Patience in the Night*

SERMON:

By Faith . . .

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 *Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees*
William Teubner - trumpet

***DOXOLOGY** *(please rise as you are able)*

UMH #94 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH p. 13 *(see insert)*

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

We Belong
Contemporary Ensemble

***CLOSING HYMN:** *(please rise as you are able)*

UMH #522 *Leave it There*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *My Hope is Built on Jesus' Blood and
Righteousness*

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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Dadi Hove, Harry Conway, Kitty - recently diagnosed with ovarian cancer, Beverly Alexis, Emily LaJeunesse, Patricia Green, 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, August 10th:

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, August 11th:

7:45pm-9:30pm	Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room, Chapel)
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Tuesday, August 12th:

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

Wednesday, August 13th:

9:00am-1:00pm	Debbi's Dance
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Thursday, August 14th:

Friday, August 15th:

11:00am-12:00pm	Yogafaith (Chapel)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Saturday, August 16th:

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 Now – AUG. 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.

Sunday School on Break

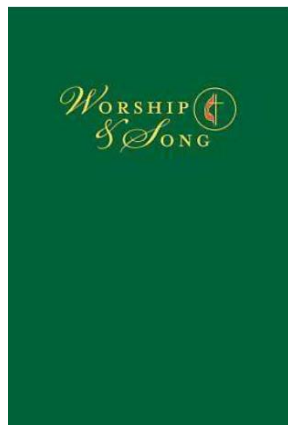
During the summer, Sunday School will be taking a break, but that doesn't mean your family has to! While our regular classes are on pause, we'd love to see you in worship each week. Children are always welcome in the sanctuary. The summer is a great time to experience worship together as a family.



Mark your calendars! Kick-Off Sunday, September 14th, 2025 -

10:30AM ! Join us as we launch a new season of worship, community, and service! Whether you're new to the area, returning after a break, or just looking for a fresh start, Kickoff Sunday is the perfect time to come and see what our church is all about. We'll have joyful worship, engaging programs for all ages, and a special fellowship celebration after the service.

NEW Hymnals! Coming Soon! The United Methodist Church of Summit is hoping to refresh our worship experience with new *"Worship and Song"* hymn books that will serve our congregation for years to come. These updated books will enhance our singing and help us continue lifting our voices in praise together. We invite you to support this effort by making a donation toward the purchase of the new hymnals. Any amount is appreciated and will go directly toward the cost of the books. (\$15 each) You can give through our regular offering (please mark it "Hymn Books") or donate online through our church website. Thank you for helping us make a joyful noise to the Lord!



Sermon Notes

key verses:

prayers: