



United Methodist Church of Summit



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Eighth 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: Voluntary on *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Emily LaJeunesse

Leader: Come, all who have wandered far from home.

People: We come seeking the embrace of God's love.

Leader: Come, all who seek renewal and long for forgiveness.

People: We come to receive God's mercy and grace.

Leader: Come, all who would celebrate the return of a brother, a sister, a soul.

People: We come to rejoice in the vastness of God's welcome. Let us worship the God who runs to meet us, who opens arms wide in joy and love!

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

Gracious and Loving God, You meet us in our brokenness and call us beloved. You run to greet us when we return, no matter how far we've gone. We confess that we have wandered, we have chosen selfishness over relationship, and we have doubted your unending mercy. Yet today, you call us home again. Open our hearts to your grace. Help us to extend the same compassion and forgiveness to others. As we worship you today, renew in us the joy of being your children. In the name of Jesus Christ, who welcomes all with open arms, we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
UMH #400 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Carrie-Lee Farnham, CYF Minister

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Carol Conway

SCRIPTURE READING:

Emily LaJeunesse

New Testament: Revelation 2:5; 3:19-20; 21:4-5; 22:1-2

Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Eden Restored

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. *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 #2162 *In Grace Alone*

SERMON:

Writing a Wrong

Alison Johnson

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 Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory*
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 #378 *Amazing Grace*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Recessional on *Amazing Grace*

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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Kitty, recently diagnosed with ovarian cancer, 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 Lonm 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 3rd:

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 4th:

7:45pm-9:30pm	Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room)
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Tuesday, August 5th:

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

Wednesday, August 6th:

9:00am-1:00pm	Debbi's Dance
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Thursday, August 7th:

Friday, August 8th:

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

Saturday, August 9th:

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.

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.



Pastor Laura will be out of the office from **July 28-August 5**. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the church office at 908-277-1700.



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.

Sermon Notes

key verses:

prayers: