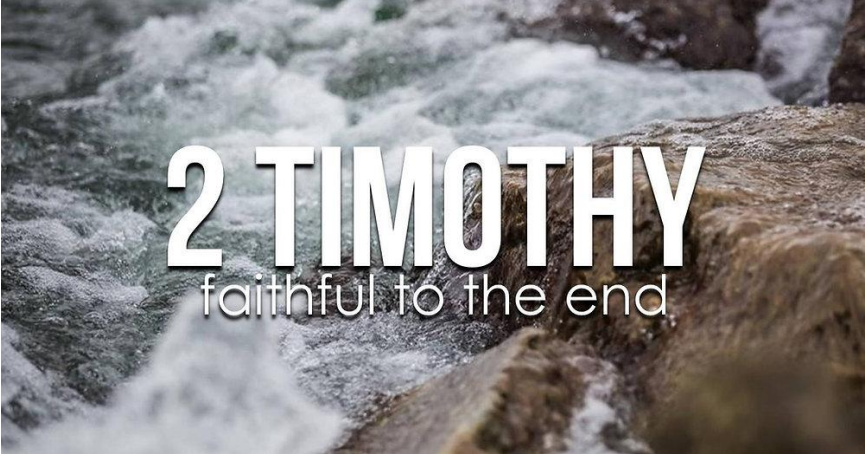




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October 26, 2025
Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost
Reformation Sunday

PRELUDE Variations on the tune “Harwell”

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Kim Goldman

Leader: Welcome, people of God! The Spirit is speaking this day— calling us to remember, to grow, and to stand firm in faith!

People: We are here in this sacred space ready to listen, ready to learn, and ready to receive God’s grace!

Leader: Holy Spirit, breathe life, wisdom, and power into us, equip us for every good work!

People: We come to be renewed by God’s truth, strengthened by God’s grace, and healed with God’s love!

Leader: The time is now to proclaim the good news, to lift our voices, and to shine the light of Christ!

People: We will share God’s goodness with others, we will stand firm, keep the faith, and follow Jesus boldly! Thanks be to God.

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

Kim Goldman

Gracious God, Your Word breathes life into our weary souls. In a world filled with noise and distraction, teach us again to listen—to be formed, corrected, and inspired by Your truth. Root us deeply in the faith we have received, and give us courage to live and proclaim it with love and patience. Through Jesus Christ, the Living Word. Amen.

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

UMH#601 *Thy Word Is a Lamp*

CHILDREN’S MOMENT:

Alison Johnson

ANTHEM

God Is My Rock, My Sanctuary
Chancel Choir

Allen Pote

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Laura Steele

SCRIPTURE READING:

Kim Goldman

New Testament: 2 Timothy 3:14; 4:5 (NRSV)

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. *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#2235 Siyahumba

SERMON: *The Word on the Street* 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 "Come, We That Love the Lord"
William Teubner - trumpet

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

***CLOSING HYMN:** UMH#251 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Voluntary on the South African hymn “Siyahumba”

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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Blair Conley, Jaimie Bass, Rev. Tanya Lynn Bennett, Patricia Williams, mother of Dr. John Williams, Dadi Hove, Harry Conway, Kitty - recently diagnosed with ovarian cancer, Beverly Alexis, Emily LaJeunesse, the family, friends, and classmates of Dylan Faulkner, Christine Matthews, Janice Matthews, Charles Farnham who is out of the hospital.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, October 26th:

9:00am-9:30am	Instrumental Rehearsal
9:15am-10:15am	Social Skills Group (Chapel)
9:30am-10:00am	Chancel Choir
10:00am-10:20am	Bell Choir
10:30am-11:30am	In-person/online Worship
11:30am-12:30pm	Coffee Hour
11:45am-12:15pm	Singing Believers Family Choir
2:00pm-8:00pm	Summit Chorale (Sanctuary, Bridal Room, Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Monday, October 27th:

7:45pm-9:30pm	Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room, Chapel)
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Tuesday, October 28th:

9:30am-11:15am	Baby Bandstand (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Friday, October 31st:

9:30am-12:30pm	Music Together (Social Hall)
11:00am-12:00pm	Yogafaith (Chapel)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Saturday, November 1st:

9:30am-11:30am	Music Together (Social Hall)
12:00pm-1:00pm	Chancel Choir
1:00pm-1:15pm	Bell Choir
1:15pm-1:30pm	Contemporary Ensemble
1:30pm-3:00pm	Instrumental Rehearsal
2:00pm-10:00pm	Casa de Estudio de Torah (Fellowship Room)
2:30pm-3:30pm	Liturgical Dance



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



COOKIE BAKERS WANTED!!!!!!

Hello fellow bakers It's that time again...you guessed it

UMC Cookie Walk and Holiday Bazaar December 6, 2025

We are looking for Bakers to contribute to the cookie walk. A signup sheet will be set up in the Social Hall. For sign up we ask that you let us know what cookies you will be making so we do not have many duplicates.

Requirements for the cookies

Homemade cookies only please

Nothing store bought

5 dozen or more cookies of one recipe.

(Double the recipe if necessary or use a smaller scoop to make smaller cookies to get the 60+ cookie count).

Cookie Delivery: The Church Kitchen on
Friday December 5, 2025

PLEASE HAVE COOKIES TABLE-READY!!!

*If you have to deliver on Saturday December 6,
No later than 7:30 am*

Thank you in advance for your help

If you have any questions, you can contact the church 908-277-1700

**"CAME TO BELIEVE"
WORSHIP SERVICE**
Next Service November 2, 2025
5:30 PM

REEVES CHAPEL

For people in recovery, their friends
and family. Childcare and
refreshments provided.

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JOIN US IN SPREADING SOME SPOOKY SHEETNESS THIS HALLOWEEN!

**SPOOKY CANDY
DONATIONS**



SPOOKY SWEET HALLOWEEN

WE'RE COLLECTING CANDY FOR THE ANNUAL DOWNTOWN SUMMIT TRICK-OR-TREATING EVENT ON HALLOWEEN.
Please bring your favorite allergy-friendly candy to donate by October 28!

Candy Donations

UMC Summit will be passing out candy at the Downtown Summit Trick-or-Treating event on Halloween! To help make this safe and fun for all children, we're collecting allergy-friendly candy until October 28. Donations can be placed in the baskets located in the Social Hall or the Sanctuary during the week or on Sunday mornings.

**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.





MUSIC MINISTRY



WELCOME ALL MUSIC MAKERS!!

Come and share your musical gifts and enrich your faith with your Church Family!

Chancel Choir

It is a joy to work together and lift our voices in praise. Our Chancel Choir rehearses on Saturdays at 12:00 p.m. and Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in preparation for worship. Come before His presence with singing and sing joyful songs to the Lord! The Chancel Choir shares an anthem each Sunday as well as leading the congregation in song. Come and share the inspiration of singing with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

Bell Choir

Calling all bell ringers!! Making a joyful sound is the mission of our Bell Choir. Come and ring Handbells and Handchimes with your church friends. Rehearsals are on Saturdays at 1:00 and on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Come and ring with our Church Family.

Singing Believers Family Choir

All children, youth and adults are invited to sing the songs of the church. Let us share the light of Christ through music. Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings at 11:45 a.m. in the Music Room. Come and share the joyous songs of Christ's church.

Contemporary Ensemble

Our Contemporary Ensemble shares music for Holy Communion each month. The ensemble prepares music from the contemporary hymnal "Worship and Song". Rehearsals are on Saturdays at 1:15 and on Communion Sundays at 9:15 a.m. All singers and instrumentalists are welcome to praise and make music to the Lord during the sacred time of the Lord's Supper.

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



Do you have a child or youth looking to go deeper in their faith? Join us for one, or all, of our exciting CYF programs. The Sunday morning CYF schedule is as follows:

9:15-10:15AM: Social Skills Group in the Reeves Chapel

10:30-10:45AM: Children grades K-5 start in worship

10:45AM: Children are dismissed to Sunday School

10:45AM-11:30AM: Sunday School in the Education Building, 2nd floor

11:30AM-11:45AM: Coffee Hour in the Social Hall

11:45AM-12:00PM: Singing Believers Family Choir in the Music Room

Sunday School - 10:45AM

Join us for Sunday School!

Children elementary aged begin in worship at 10:30AM and are dismissed to Sunday School with Ms. Carrie after the Children's Sermon. This year we have added some exciting new areas to our Sunday School room: a Bible dress and play area, a new Bible story felt board, a new puppet theater! If you have any questions please contact Children, Youth, and Families Minister Carrie-Lee Farnham



New Group, 9:15AM-10:15AM in the Chapel

We're excited to invite families—both from our church and the wider community—to a brand-new Social Skills Group for children ages 8 to 12. The group will meet every Sunday from 9:15 to 10:15 AM, and it's completely free of charge. Taught by Dr. Alison Johnson of Summit Psychological Services. Free and open to the public. Email: MHMinister@umcsummit.org for more information



“Wings of Faith” Liturgical Dance Ministry **Saturdays, 2:30-3:30PM**

Join the UMC of Summit for our Liturgical Dance Ministry. Liturgical dance is a form of praise and should be thought of as an act of worship, rather than a performance. We are praising God through movement and expression. We want the congregation to feel they are part of our expression, accepting the dance as a form of prayer. Resident dance instructor Debbi Picorale will be leading the classes on Saturdays in the Dance Studio. See Ms. Debbi for more information, all levels welcome – no experience necessary!



Support Family Promise: **Donations Needed: 10/12- 11/9**

Our church has a long-standing history of supporting and hosting Family Promise. Family Promise is an organization whose mission is to help families experiencing homelessness and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response. UMC Summit has been a “host church” for Family Promise for many years. As their model of helping families

has changed, UMC Summit has committed to continuing to support Family Promise through monetary donations. We will be collecting three times a year to support this initiative. If you’d like to support this collection, please write “Family Promise” on your check or envelope. You can also give online at umcsummit.org

Sermon Notes

key verses:

prayers: