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October 5th, 2025
Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

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 *Nearer, My God, to Thee*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Laura Steele

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: Come to the table from north and south, from east and west, all over the world!

People: We gather as God's beloved family, one body in Christ Jesus.

Leader: Here we feast on God's grace, broken and poured out for all.

People: Here we find unity, hope, and peace. Let us worship God together as one!

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

Rev. Laura Steele

Gracious God, on this World Communion Sunday, we give thanks that your table is big enough for ALL, that your welcome is generous, and that your love stretches beyond borders and labels. Quiet our restless thoughts, open our hearts to your Spirit, and knit us together with sisters and brothers across the world. May this time of worship remind us that we belong to you, and to one another, unified through your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

UMH #558 *We Are the Church*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Laura Steele

ANTHEM

This Is My Song
Chancel Choir

Jean Sibelius

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Carol Conway

SCRIPTURE READING:

Rev. Laura Steele

New Testament: Luke 6:32 (NRSV)

If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

Matthew 23: 23 (NRSV)

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy and faith; these you ought to have done, without neglecting the others." *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)*

UMH #641 *Fill My Cup, Lord* (sung 3x)

SERMON:

A Balanced Table

Daniel Faniyan

OFFERING *(please place offering envelope in basket or text "dollar amount you wish to give" to 908-224-7670)*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Variations on *Near to the Heart of God*

William Teubner - trumpet

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

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

TFWS 2257-b

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth and to make disciples of all nations, and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

TFWS 2257-c

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood. Renew our communion with your Church
throughout the world, and strengthen it in every nation and among every
people to witness faithfully in your name. By your Spirit make us one with
Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ
comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your

Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

TFWS 2257-d

Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

And now with the confidence of children of God, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION: *A Place at the Table*
Contemporary Ensemble

***CLOSING HYMN:** *(please rise as you are able)*
UMH #620 *One Bread, One Body*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*
for Trumpet and Organ

** 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 5th:

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
5:30pm-7:00pm	Came to Believe service (Chapel)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Monday, October 6th:

7:30pm-9:30pm	Church Conference (Social Hall)
7:45pm-9:30pm	Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room, Chapel)

Tuesday, October 7th:

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

Friday, October 10th:

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

Saturday, October 11th:

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



ATTENTION ADMIN COUNCIL 2025 CHARGE CONFERENCE MONDAY OCTOBER 6TH, 7:30PM

The 2025 Charge Conference of the UMC of Summit will be held on Monday, October 6th, at 7:30PM (SPRC at 7PM) in the Social Hall. All Administrative Council members are expected to attend. **REMINDER: PLEASE HAVE ALL PAPERWORK TO THE OFFICE BY 9AM MONDAY MORNING.**

"CAME TO BELIEVE" WORSHIP SERVICE TONIGHT OCTOBER 5, 2025 5:30 PM

REEVES CHAPEL

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

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Pack and Pray Event!

Sunday, October 12th, 11:30AM

Care Packages for College Students

Join us during Coffee Hour next Sunday, October 12th, as we "Pack and Pray" for our college students. We will put together care packages with snacks, supplies, and encouraging notes to our college students both near and far.



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.



CLOTHING NEEDED!

We are collecting gently used clothing and accessories for the upcoming **Rummage Sale** on October 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This year's sale will feature clothing, shoes and accessories only (no

furnishings, etc.) Please drop off any donations to the church office between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. For further information, please contact Faye, Kim or Debb



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



Now that school has started, we're looking forward to all that's ahead in Children, Youth, and Family Ministry!

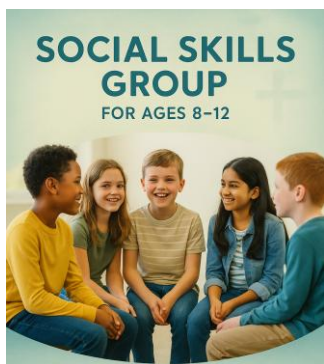
Sunday Morning Schedule:

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 LESSON PLANS		
SEPTEMBER 14 Adam & Eve 21 Noah 28 Tower of Babel	OCTOBER 5 David 12 Solomon 19 Josiah 26 Jesus, King of Kings	NOVEMBER 2 Psalm 150 9 David Dancing Before the Ark 16 The Valley of Praise 23 Student Sunday 30 Christmas Pageant Practice
DECEMBER 7 Hanging of Green 14 Journey to Bethlehem 21 Christmas Pageant 24 Christmas Eve 28 Worship Service	JANUARY 4 Worship Service 11 Baptism of the Lord 18 Souper Bowl of Caring 25 Jesus Begins His Ministry	FEBRUARY 1 The Talents 8 The Good Samaritan 15 Souper Bowl of Caring Count 22 Jesus Says No To Temptation
MARCH 1 Easter Pageant Practice 8 Pageant Practice 15 The Last Supper 22 Peter's Denial 29 Pageant Practice	APRIL 5 Easter 12 Jesus & Thomas 19 Breakfast on the Beach 26 The Great Commission	MAY 3 Jeremiah 10 Timothy 17 Mary & Martha 24 Pentecost 31 Spiritual Gifts
JUNE 7 Education Sunday		
Family Christmas Eve Service		NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School 10:45AM

Join us as we begin an exciting year of learning in our Sunday School program. 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 info.

Confirmation Classes 2025-2026!

Our Confirmation Classes meet one Sunday a month from 12-1 in the youth lounge. This class is open to all youth interested in learning more about their faith and exploring what it means to become a member of UMC Summit. Whether you're ready to take the next step or just curious to learn more, you're welcome to join us on this journey of discovery, growth, and faith.



"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!

Sermon Notes

key verses:

prayers: