



United Methodist Church of Summit



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April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

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 the tune *Harwell* for Trumpet and Organ
Lowell Mason

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Rev. Laura Steele
(please rise as you are able)

Leader: Easter people, Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Christ is risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up: How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

People: Within our questioning, Christ appears.

Leader: We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's resurrection, who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

People: Within our certainty, Christ appears.

Leader: Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God's salvific work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.

People: We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen.

***CENTERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)* Rev. Laura Steele

God of the risen Jesus, we praise you for the great love that you have shown to redeem us by sending your Son, Jesus. Help us today to embrace the New Life that the resurrected Christ is giving us. A Life beyond our doubts, faith over fear, courage over confusion, belief over disbelief, and trust to follow your guidance. As we worship today, help us to feel the presence of resurrected Jesus in our midst, reminding us of your love and our purpose. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
UMH #308 *Thine Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carrie-Lee Farnham,
CYF Minister
*(there will be no Children's Sunday School during worship today.
Children are invited to stay in worship)*

ANTHEM *Because He Lives* William Gaither
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Alison Johnson

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** *(please rise as you are able)*
TFWS #2086 *Open Our Eyes*

SCRIPTURE: Rev. Laura Steele

New Testament: John 20:19-31 (NIV)

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Jesus Appears to Thomas

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said,

“Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. ” Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe[b] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. *This is the Word of God, for the people of God, People: Thanks Be to God.*

SERMON: *Scars of Faith* Carrie-Lee Farnham,
CYF Minister

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

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Voluntary on *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*
William Teubner - trumpet

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

UMH #95 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***CLOSING HYMN:** UMH #384 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Variations on the tune *Diademata* for Trumpet
and Organ

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

***PLEASE NOTE:** *All of our services are livestreamed publicly. If you do not wish to have yourself or your loved ones on camera, please see Pastor Laura.*

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, April 12th:

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 (Social Hall)
11:45am-12:15pm	Singing Believers Family Choir
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Monday, April 13th:

7:00pm-8:15pm	Caregivers Support Group (Library)
7:45pm-9:30pm	Gamblers Anonymous (Chapel, Social Hall)

Tuesday, March April 14th:

10:30am-11:30am	Baby Bandstand (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Friday, April 17th:

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

Saturday, April 18th:

12:00pm-1:00pm	Chancel Choir
1:00pm-1:30pm	Contemporary Ensemble
1:30pm-2:00pm	Bell Choir
2:00pm-3:00pm	Instrumental Rehearsal
2:00pm-10:00pm	Casa de Estudio de Torah (Fellowship Room)
2:30pm-3:30pm	Liturgical Dance

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Family of Millie Eichhorn, Susan Reitmeyer (UMC Absecon) and family; the uncle of Steven Brown; the family and friends of John L. Troianello,; Pray for me to feel home ♥;Shela Waldron; the friends and family of Mateo Kaufman Sandler; Vincenzo Lamanginne's mother Angela and brother Mike, rest their souls; prayers to the mother of Shirley Hooper; Ruth Howard; George Drossinos; Alex and Luci Parrish; Blair Conley; Jaimie Bass; Rev. Tanya Lynn Bennett; Greg K.; Patricia Williams, mother of Dr. John Williams; Dadi Hove; Harry Conway; Beverly Alexis; Emily LaJeunesse; the family, friends, and classmates of Dylan Faulkner

ANNOUNCEMENTS



"CAME TO BELIEVE" WORSHIP SERVICE

Next Service: 5/3/26 at 5:30pm

The UMC of Summit realized that there is a need for a "safe space" for recovering individuals, their friends and families, and saw that our church could provide that space by offering a worship service for

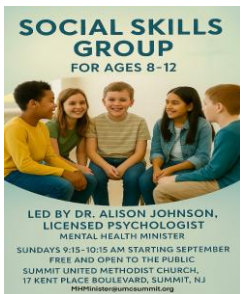
all those people whose lives have been affected by alcoholism and addiction. Everyone is invited to attend the worship service created to speak to the needs of people in recovery as well as their families and friends. Please join us on the first Sunday of every month in the UMC Chapel located on Deforest Avenue. **FREE Childcare provided!** **FREE coffee and refreshments! ALL are welcome!**



Caregivers Support Group

Mondays – Caregivers Support Group is meeting weekly on Monday evenings in the Library from 7:00–8:15 p.m. This group will offer a warm, confidential space for caregivers to support one another, share both encouraging stories and the moments when we struggle, and

exchange helpful resources for the journey. Led by Dr. Alison Johnson, this group is part of Summit UMC's Mental Health Ministry, dedicated to fostering connection, resilience, and hope within our community. All caregivers are welcome.



"Social Skills" Group!

Sundays 9:15-10:15AM in the Chapel
Ages 8-12 Years Old

We're excited to invite families—both from our church and the wider community—to a Social Skills Group that intersects with faith, for children ages 8 to 12. The group meets every Sunday from 9:15 to 10:15 AM, and it's completely free of charge. Led by Dr. Alison Johnson of Summit Psychological Services and long-time member of the UMC of

Summit. Contact Alison Johnson, at: MHMinister@umcsummit.org.



“The most courageous act is still to think for yourself. Aloud.” – Coco Chanel

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

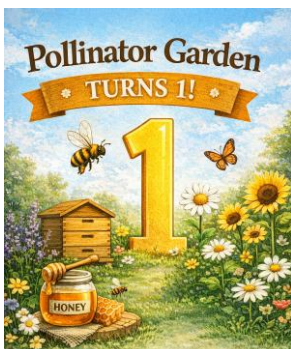
**Sunday School
10:45AM**

Children are a vital part of our church family, and we would love for your child to join us for Sunday School! Each week offers a welcoming, fun, and engaging space where kids can explore Bible stories, grow in faith, and build friendships. Come as you are—we can’t wait to learn and grow together! If you have any questions please contact Children, Youth, and Families Minister Carrie-Lee Farnham.

Sunday School LESSON PLANS

SEPTEMBER 14 Adam & Eve 21 Noah 28 Tower of Babel	OCTOBER 7 David 12 Solomon 19 Jonah 26 Jesus, King of Kings	NOVEMBER 1 Paul's Life 8 David Dancing Before the King 14 The Valley of Peace 21 Daniel's Story 28 Christmas Pageant Practice
DECEMBER 14 Story of Joseph 21 Christmas Pageant 28 Christmas Eve	JANUARY 7 Shouting Service 14 Baptism of the Lord 21 Winter Book of Calling 28 Jesus Begins His Ministry	FEBRUARY 1 The Tables 8 The Good Samaritan 14 Winter Book of Calling Cont. 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 1 Easter 12 Jesus & Thomas 19 Breakfast on the Beach 26 The Great Commission	MAY 1 Ascension 10 Pentecost 17 Mary & Martha 24 Pentecost 31 Spiritual Gifts
JUNE 7 Education Sunday		

Family Christmas Eve Service NO SUNDAY SCHOOL



**Pollinator Garden Anniversary
May 3rd, 11:30AM**

Celebrate with us!

Join us on Sunday, May 3rd, after church during coffee hour for a special Pollinator Garden Anniversary Celebration. Enjoy honey-themed refreshments, learn more about our garden, and—weather permitting—experience a live bee display up close. Come “buzz” by and celebrate the beauty of creation together!



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MUSIC MINISTRY



WELCOME ALL MUSIC MAKERS!!

Come and share your musical gifts and enrich your faith

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