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## WELCOME TO SUNDAY WORSHIP!

*Succasunna United Methodist Church is a caring fellowship called to love and serve according to Jesus' example, welcome all people, worship God and grow as Christian disciples.*

**LOVE. SERVE. GROW.**

**JULY 18, 2021 - 9:00 AM**  
**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**THEME 2021**

**"Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God"**  
**(Ephesians 6:10-11a)**

**DEEP**  
**QUESTIONS**



PRELUDE

Audrey Schultz

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen Yun

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Janet Fischlein

PRAISE SONGS

Praise Band

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Janet Fischlein

**Our gracious and ever-loving God, we come in the midst of summer looking for refreshment. We rest in the knowledge of the wonderful works you have done for us, and of the deep and abiding love you have for us and for all God's people. But we sometimes struggle to recognize your loving presence in our lives. Search our hearts. Remind us that we can place our trust in your eternal love. Fill our soul with your indwelling Spirit who whispers to our soul that your love never fails. Enable us to be more effective in our witness to that love by word and deed. Shine your light before us, that we may see our path to you and to your kingdom on earth. Amen.**

*<https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship>*

SILENT CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Let us prayerfully offer our silent confessions to God, trusting in God's grace and mercy to forgive and heal.

God is merciful and pours God's love on us abundantly. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Hallelujah! AMEN.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jonah 3:1-10

Janet Fischlein

This is the Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

HYMN

"We'll Understand It Better By and By"

UMH #525

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 John 3:1 & 4:9-10

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MESSAGE

"Deep Questions III"

Pastor Stephen

DEDICATION OF VBS LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS

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OFFERTORY

“How Can We Name a Love”

UMH #111

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor Stephen

**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.**

\*SENDING SONG

Praise Band

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor Stephen

### **Scriptures for Daily Reflection**

Monday, July 19, 2021: Psalm 61; Hebrews 13:17-25

Tuesday, July 20, 2021: Psalm 61; Acts 20:17-38

Wednesday, July 21, 2021: Psalm 61; Luke 15:1-7

Thursday, July 22, 2021: Psalm 14; Colossians 1:9-14

Friday, July 23, 2021: Psalm 14; Colossians 3:12-17

Saturday, July 24, 2021: Psalm 14; John 4:31-38

## **JULY SERMON SERIES “DEEP QUESTIONS”**

The deep questions we will be exploring are as follows:

### **July 18**

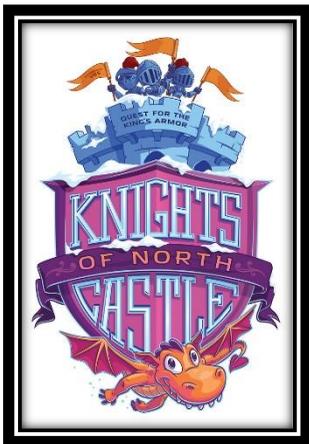
*How do we define our faith and belief system? So much of the Bible seems contradictory about our God. He can be so wrathful and vengeful, but then we see the loving God. Are we simply guessing that there is a God who loves us?*

### **July 25 (Preached by Kim Germain, Certified Lay Servant)**

*Why did God create Satan and the Serpent? Did God really create Satan?*

## Commissioning of 2021 Vacation Bible School Volunteers

**Pastor:** Friends, today we recognize those who have responded to God's call to serve as leaders in this year's Vacation Bible School. To nurture the faith of children and youth is one vibrant ministry of Christ among us. Those called to this ministry value our support and our prayers. Let us pray!



**Pastor to Volunteers:** You have recognized God's call to this ministry. Will you be faithful in this work, in using the gifts and talents God has given you, and in making God's love known among those who will attend Vacation Bible School?

**VBS Volunteers:** We have heard and responded to God's call to serve as leaders in Vacation Bible School. We serve, trusting in God's promises to support, sustain, and encourage us. We serve, relying on prayer and the presence of the Holy Spirit. We serve, inviting others to learn, know, and experience God's love for them. We serve, depending on this congregation to uphold and support us in this ministry.

**Congregation:** In love, we offer our gratitude for your willingness to serve in this ministry and encourage you to offer your best. We pledge ourselves to pray for you and for all who will participate in our congregation's ministry of Vacation Bible School.

**All:** Thanks be to God! Amen. *(United Methodist Book of Worship, alt)*

### VBS Leaders and Volunteers

**Adult Volunteers** – Jen Antoncich, Nancy Doherty, Antoinette Fifoot, Tami Haupt, Bonnie Hinkle, Liz Kihm, Stefanie Lazoroski, Pastor Carie Morgan, Marge Peletier, Larry Priester, Melissa Priester, Michelle Priester, Dick Preuss, Jennifer Sauter, Marina Urgo

**Youth Volunteers** – Jayden Antoncich, David Doherty, Ashlyn Gramando, Sean Llamoca, Logan Reonieri, Ryan Reonieri, Emma Yun

## LYRICS TO PRAISE BAND SONGS AND HYMN

### Hand it Over - Solo by Angie Stierch

#### Multiplied

Your love is like radiant diamonds  
Bursting inside us we cannot contain  
Your love will surely come find us  
Like blazin' wildfires singing Your  
name

God of mercy sweet love of mine  
I have surrendered to Your design  
May this offering stretch across the  
skies

These hallelujahs be multiplied

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### HYMN #525

### We'll Understand it Better By and By

#### Chorus

In the waiting, in the searching  
In the healing, in the hurting  
Like a blessing buried  
in the broken pieces  
Every minute, every moment  
Where I've been  
or where I'm going  
Even when I didn't know it  
Or couldn't see it  
There was Jesus

For this man who needs  
amazing kind of grace  
For forgiveness and a price

## LYRICS TO PRAISE BAND SONGS AND HYMN

### We'll Understand It Better By and By

We are often tossed and driv'n  
on the restless sea of time,  
somber skies and howling tempest  
oft succeed a bright sunshine;  
in that land of perfect day,  
when the mists have rolled away,  
we will understand it better by and  
by.

#### Refrain

**By and by, when the morning comes,  
when the saints of God are gathered  
home,  
we'll tell the story,  
how we've overcome,  
for we'll understand it better by and  
by.**

We are often destitute  
of the things that life demands,  
want of food and want of shelter,  
thirsty hills and barren lands;  
we are trusting in the Lord,  
and according to the Word,  
we will understand it better by and  
by.

#### Refrain

Temptations, hidden snares,  
often take us unawares,  
and our hearts are made to bleed for  
any thoughtless word or deed;  
and we wonder why the test  
when we try to do our best,  
but we'll understand it better by and  
by.

#### Refrain

### HYMN # 111 - How Can We Name a

#### Love

How can we name a Love  
that wakens heart and mind,  
indwelling all we know  
or think or do  
or seek or find?  
Within our daily world,  
in every human face,  
Love's echoes sound  
and God is found,  
hid in the commonplace.

If we awoke to life  
built on a rock of care  
that asked no great reward  
but firm, assured,  
was simply there,  
we can, with parents' names,  
describe, and thus adore,  
Love unconfined,  
a father kind,  
a mother strong and sure.

## LYRICS TO PRAISE BAND SONGS AND HYMN

When people share a task,  
and strength and skills unite  
in projects old or new,  
to make or do  
with shared delight,  
our Friend and Partner's will  
is better understood,  
that all should share,  
create, and care,  
and know that life is good.

So in a hundred names,  
each day we all can meet  
a presence, sensed and shown  
at work, at home,  
or in the street.  
Yet every name we see,  
shines in a brighter sun:  
In Christ alone  
is Love full grown  
and life and hope begun.

### Our God

Water You turned into wine  
Opened the eyes of the blind  
There's no one like You  
None like You

Into the darkness You shine  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You  
None like You

**Chorus**  
**Our God is greater**  
**Our God is stronger**  
**God You are higher than any other**  
**Our God is healer**  
**Awesome in power our God our**  
**God**

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### **Chorus**

And if our God is for us  
Then who could ever stop us  
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## NEW SERMON SERIES DEEP QUESTIONS

During the month of July, we will examine questions of faith submitted by our church family. See weekly emails for the question(s) of the week and a link to share your thoughts and answers.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- Monday, July 19 - 23 We will be commissioning our VBS leaders and volunteers during service today.** We will be having an outdoor, socially distanced VBS program the week of 7/19 from 9:30am-12pm. Please contact Tami at [education@sumcnj.org](mailto:education@sumcnj.org) or Jen at [jantoncich@sumcnj.org](mailto:jantoncich@sumcnj.org) if you have any questions.

**PASTOR STEPHEN VACATION** - Pastor Stephen will be on vacation from July 25 returning August 7. Please call the office in case of a pastoral emergency at 973-584-7349.

**SUMMER BIBLE STUDY "QUESTIONS GOD ASKS" - Weds. , August 18, 25, and Sep. 1 at 7 pm (in-person and online)** - In this small group bible study we will reflect on some of the critical questions God asks us while focusing on the quest rather than a resolution as we seek to have a deeper dialogue and intimacy with God. Bring your Bible and listen to the questions God has for each of us during this time. All are welcome. You can join any of the three sessions.

**ST. THERESE CARNIVAL - July 28 - July 31 CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS** - Our famous SUMC funnel cakes and fried Oreos will be sold at the carnival. We are currently looking for donations of containers for transporting batter. Arizona Iced Tea or similar heavier containers are ideal. Gallon milk jugs are fine too. Please drop off in the tub by the back door of the church. Contact Roger Hendrickson 973-204-5707 or Marge Peletier 201-230-7719 if interested in volunteering!

## BIBLE HANDWRITING PROJECT

As we seek to turn the completed pages into a handwritten Bible that will be placed in the sanctuary, we need some volunteers to help completing the unfinished parts in the New Testament. To sign up for handwriting a chapter, please contact Stephanie Reidinger at [sreiding78@optonline.net](mailto:sreiding78@optonline.net)

## CUMAC MISSION

We will resume collecting plastic bags from ShopRite, Weis, etc. Please drop off clean double bagged bags in the tub at the backdoor of the church.

## SUMC NEEDS PEOPLE CPR CERTIFIED

If you are CPR Certified or intend on recertifying and would be willing to help in the event of an emergency at church, please contact Ryan Fischlein at [fischlein.r@gmail.com](mailto:fischlein.r@gmail.com).

## OLDE SUCKASUNNY DAY - September 18 10am - 3pm

Olde Suckasunny day is back and will be held on Saturday, September 18 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. See weekly announcement email for link to Booth Applications.

## SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS

ShopRite gift cards can be purchased after the service, by contacting Bruce Hopper at [mainstchiro@gmail.com](mailto:mainstchiro@gmail.com) or calling 973-584-2990. In addition to food purchases, ShopRite cards can be used in the pharmacy. 5% of your purchase price for ShopRite cards benefit SUMC.

## TUESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY (TABS) -

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday, the group meets at the church in the Wesley room. There will be about an hour of fellowship, sharing and prayer starting at 1 pm. Any questions? Contact Audrey Schultz at [schultzaudrey0@gmail.com](mailto:schultzaudrey0@gmail.com) or call 973-927-0657

### Sunday Schedule

9:00 am Outdoor/Online Worship Service

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**Audrey Schultz, Director of Music**  
**Angie Stierch, Praise Band Leader**  
**Caryn Porter, Administrative Assistant**  
**Melanie Pancoast, Sexton**