

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

April 15, 2018 Eastertide

All members of this parish form the ministry team in witness of Christ.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: Judith Kuhn, Organist

WELCOME, MISSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Rev. Stephen Bascom, Pastor

The United Methodist Church of Auburn is an intergenerational Christian Community whose mission is to embody Christ's love through a commitment to serve God by fulfilling the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of our congregation and of our local and global communities.

PRELUDE: 'Largo from Bach's Sonata No. 3 Morgan Peppe

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We are here to praise God and to claim the promises of God's grace.

People: Let us draw near to God as he drew near to us in Christ.

Leader: Christ is alive! Let all Christians sing it loud.

People: Christ is risen, shout hosanna.

***GATHERING HYMN:** 'Christ is Risen, Shout Hosanna' UMH Page 307

*If you would like to like a candle for prayer,
please feel free to do so during any congregational hymn.*

COLLECT: Holy God, by whom and in whom all things are made whole, come to us in the brightness of this morning light to illumine our mind, kindle our faith, and ignite in us a passion for justice. Restore in us a sure confidence in you, and a trusting heart in ourselves, that we might live in harmony and joy. When life leaves us perplexed or in grief, open us to receive your help, and teach us again that with you all things are possible. Resurrect us from any tomb of sorrow or sin we may lie in and grant us to live in freedom from fear. Hear now our prayer for those in danger or distress, and for those far from home and far from peace, and when darkness falls tonight grant a restful sleep to all who are weary. We ask this in the name of our risen Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Cherie Downing

CHORAL ANTEM: 'I Can Only Imagine' Wesleyan Singers
Bart Millard/Don Marsh

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:36-48 Sarah Kenison

***GLORIA PATRI** UMH Page 71

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** 'Be Thou My Vision' UMH Page 415

MESSAGE: 'Do You Have What You Need?' Rev. Russ Peppe

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERTORY: 'Scherzando' by Edouardo Lalo Eric & Morgan Peppe

*We invite you to invest in God's mission and ministry as it flows
through the United Methodist Church of Auburn into human lives!*

***DOXOLOGY:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow; UMH Page 94

*Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the Source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

Lord, accept these gifts of ours in token of our thanks for your great gift of Jesus Christ. As by his resurrection we come to life eternal, so by these gifts may the world come to a life more abundant. In Jesus name, Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

*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.*

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***CLOSING HYMN:** 'Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise' UMH Page 312

***BENEDICTION:**

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus, and the love of God,
And the companionship of the Holy Spirit
Be with us all and remain with us always.
Go in peace. Amen.*

***POSTLUDE:** 'Allegro Assai from Bach's Sonata No. E' Morgan Peppe

***CONGREGATION STANDS – if you are physically able**

UMH – The United Methodist Hymnal (Red) TFWS – The Faith We Sing (black)
**Large Print hymnals and bulletins along with assisted-listening devices are available at
the Visitor's Booth, or an usher would be glad to provide you with either or both.**

We welcome our guest musicians to the service this morning. Eric Peppe and his daughter,
Morgan, and we thank each and all of our musicians for their leadership in our worship: Judy
Kuhn, the Wesleyan Singers, Eric Peppe and Morgan Peppe.

MEDITATION

The graceful 92-year old woman gestured toward her slightly younger sister seated across the kitchen table, and said, "I feel so greatly blessed to have a sister still with me to share the moments of days gone by," and I felt the warmth of sympathy flow in me at her words. There comes a time in a person's life when memories shared with a sister or a brother, or an old friend, are like a spoonful of buttercream icing melting on your tongue – energizing and sweet. The joys and laughter of yesteryear are multiplied when two or three are sharing them, just as the miseries and sorrows are divided when bourn by two or more. Watching the elderly sisters talk and smile and occasionally wipe away a tear for loved ones lost, I could almost feel the presence of God slip comfortably into the silent spaces between their sentences, and hear again our Jesus say, "Where two or three are gathered together, I am there." Take not the blessings of friendship and family in vain, but rejoice in them, give thanks for them, and humbly ask for more. RJP

**THE
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OF AUBURN**

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**A Reconciling Congregation*



Rev. Stephen Bascom, Sr., Pastor

Worship Schedule

Sunday 8:15 a.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

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WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to our church! We are so glad you decided to worship with us this day. We are a Reconciling United Methodist Church that is passionate about serving God. We love inspiring worship services and are committed to diversity. We believe that all persons are of sacred worth.

As brothers and sisters in Christ, we covenant to follow his example of unconditional love, compassion and justice in our mission and ministry. Therefore, we welcome and nurture the full participation of people of every age, heritage, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, economic status, faith background, family structure, gender identity, marital status, race, social standing and varying capability.

We strive to fully embody the mission of the United Methodist Church to open hearts, minds and doors to everybody. We invite you to worship with us knowing that you are loved exactly as you are.

This Week's Ushers: Music Groups

This Week's Greeters: Helen Shelton

This Week's Liturgist: Sarah Kenison

Next Week's Liturgist: Diane Higgins

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

SUNDAY, April 15, 2018

8:15 a.m.	Communion Worship	4:30 p.m.	Music Together
10:00 a.m.	Worship	5:30 p.m.	Zumba Fitness Class
11:30 a.m.	Christian Ed Committee	6:00 p.m.	Private Men's Group

MONDAY, April 16, 2018

5:30 p.m.	Solutions Group	7:00 p.m.	Serenity Group
6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir	7:30 p.m.	AA/Alanon

TUESDAY, April 17, 2018

11:30 a.m.	Genesis Study	7:00 p.m.	Troop 111 Committee
1:30 a.m.	Naomi Circle		
5:30 p.m.	Solutions Book Club		
5:30 p.m.	Zumba Fitness Class		

WEDNESDAY, April 18, 2018

9:30 a.m.	Music Together		
6:00 p.m.	River Valley Girl Scouts		
6:00 p.m.	Boy Scout T121 Committee		
6:30 p.m.	Private Men's Group		

THURSDAY, April 19, 2018

10:00 a.m.	Faith Journey	6:00 p.m.	Hymnal Dist Meeting
10:00 a.m.	Craft Workshop	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scout T121
10:15 a.m.	Music Together		
5:30 p.m.	Zumba Fitness Class		

FRIDAY, April 20, 2018

10:00 a.m.	Schooner Worship Service	5:45 p.m.	Boy Scout T111
10:15 a.m.	Music Together		

SATURDAY, April 21, 2018

9:00 a.m.	Music Together		
11:15 a.m.	Music Together		
11:00 a.m.	Boy Scout T111 Eagle Scout		

SUNDAY, April 22, 2018 – Birthday Potluck after Worship

8:15 a.m.	Communion Worship	4:30 p.m.	Music Together
10:00 a.m.	Worship	5:30 p.m.	Zumba Fitness Class
11:30 a.m.	Worship Committee	6:30 p.m.	Private Men's Group

REACHING OUT TO OUR COMMUNITY

HIGH STREET FOOD PANTRY: Items needed on a weekly basis are: Peanut Butter, Canned Vegetables, Canned Meats, Soup of any kind, Canned Pasta, Canned Fruit, Dry Cereal, Baking Items, Crackers – all kinds, Toilet Paper. **Remember, we also collect new or gently used children's books!** If you have questions, please speak with Leroy Brown or Eric Howes. Thank you for your continued support of this mission.

PRE-SCHOOL COLLECTION: Items are needed for the preschool! We will be collecting copy paper and napkins until the end of April. Thank you all for your generosity!

PLEASE NOTE: THE DEADLINE FOR BEACON SUBMISSIONS IS THE 10TH OF EVERY MONTH. PLEASE FORWARD YOUR SUBMISSIONS TO EDITH ELLIS BY THAT DATE TO AVOID THE BEACON BEING LATE.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CHANGE TO CHURCH! Every week we pass around our Milk Bucket to collect change (we accept bills too!) to provide milk for the Trinity Jubilee Center. The milk we provide helps to give young and old alike milk for the free lunch program. Thank you for your continued support of this outreach!

NAME BADGES: For anyone who is new or has misplaced their name tag, don't forget to sign your name on the Name Badge sign-up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPRING WEEDING AND ORGANIZATION DAY: Please join us on May 5th as we gather at 9:00 a.m. for prayer and coffee time. Then the work will begin! We will plan on sorting through the contents of several storage spaces and need to decide what needs to be kept and where it should be stored and what can be discarded. Lunch will be served.

NAOMI CIRCLE will be meeting on April 17th at 1:30 p.m. After the meeting we will play Judy's 'Times to Remember' game. Please bring some canned goods for the food bank basket.

JOIN US FOR OUR BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON: Next Sunday, April 22nd following worship, we will hold our annual birthday luncheon. A sign-up is on the fellowship table for you to sign-up to bring either a casserole or a salad to share. Dessert will be provided by the Nurture Committee. Hope to see you there!

UMW BANQUET NEWS: Today is the last day to sign up for UMW's Banquet on Tuesday, April 24th at 6:00 p.m. The theme is 'Fashion Through the Ages'. If you have an item from your favorite decade and would like to wear it – do it! If you have items you would let us display, please bring them with you. We have been promised some wedding dresses from 1890, 1930, 1960's, 1970's an old fur coat, lace collars, a collection of old gloves, short and long and lots of other items. Poodle skirts or tie-dyed shirts? So far, we have three hall trees and a folding screen for display the clothes. If you have anything that would help us display the clothes, please let Lucille Webber, Pat Thomas or Judy Sargent know. Bring you mother, daughter, or friend to this catered event!

Special Mother's Day Remembrance Bulletin: A special Mother's Day remembrance will be sponsored again this year by Ruth Circle, honoring Mothers living, and in memory of those who are no longer with us, but will always be remembered in our hearts. EACH NAME submitted for remembrance will be \$1.00 (or more, if you wish) – the money collected will go to **The Wisdom Women's Center** in Lewiston – a mission for women that functions as a grassroots collaborative of women who work together to break their isolation and build community toward the bettering and enriching of each other's lives. The sacred and safe Center supports women in becoming aware of their inner resources, pursuing life affirming relationships, and developing their potential. **Members of Ruth Circle will have a table set up for receiving Memory/Honor slips after worship on April 8, 15, 22, 29 and a self-service area for the 8:30 worship service. The collection deadline is APRIL 29, 2018.**

TRINITY JUBILEE CENTER and our Missions Committee thank all of you who donated jackets, shoes, boots, and blankets to the people they serve – it is so very much appreciated! Marcia Baxter