

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

October 8, 2017 Kingdomtide/Indigenous People's Day/Season of the Saints

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

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: 'Hymn Medley' Judith Kuhn, Accompanist

WELCOME, MISSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Steve 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.

PRAYER OF GREETING:

PRELUDE: 'Come, Holy Spirit' Hughes/Gaither

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We meet in different buildings, in different towns.

People: We speak different languages and sing different hymns.

Leader: We wear different clothing and have different gifts and talents.

People: Yet, as we gather together for worship on Sundays, we become one body, one family in Christ.

Leader: We join together on one journey,

People: the journey to unite with the Risen Christ.

Leader: We join together with God as the Kingdom of God comes and as God's will is done.

ALL: Let us join with all our brothers and sisters in worship and true communion with God this day. Praise God!

(Mary Frances McClure, c2001, Worship & Song, Adapted)

***GATHERING HYMN:** 'How Great Thou Art' UMH Page 77

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

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM: 'Lord of the Dance' Park Avenue Pickers

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Mary MacMahon

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 OT Page 63 Russ Peppe

***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:** 'Days of Elijah' (See Insert)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Holy God, author of the Word made flesh, to whom belongs both the first Word and the last, open us to your Spirit, that as scripture is spoken and your Word proclaimed, we may be comforted, convinced, and changed to the glory of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

MESSAGE: 'Trustees of the Kingdom' Rev. Stephen Bascom
Text: Matthew 21:33-46 NT Page 22

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERTORY: 'Cantabile' R. Hughes

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 him, 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:**

Here, Lord, we put our love into practice. These gifts we offer came from your love for us. Now, let them express our love for you, as they reach out to others with your love for them. 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

*** HYMN:** ‘How Firm a Foundation’ (v. 1-4) UMH Page 529

***BENEDICTION:**

***SUNG RESPONSE:** ‘How Firm a Foundation’ (v. 5) UMH Page 529

***POSTLUDE:** ‘Praise Ye the Lord’ R. Hughes

***CONGREGATION STANDS – if you are physically able**
UMH – The United Methodist Hymnal (Red) TFWS – The Faith We Sing (black)

MEDITATION

In today’s parable, Jesus compares God’s kingdom to a vineyard, placed in the care of tenant farmers (trustees). They work the vineyard, but when it is time to offer the fruit, they refuse and keep it for themselves. The landowner (God) sends many emissaries, but each is beaten or killed. Finally, he sends his own son, who is also killed. The tenant farmers are held accountable, losing everything, and the vineyard is given to others who will offer the fruit of harvest. What sort of tenants are we? The earth we live on, the global family we are part of, the church through which we offer fruits of faith are a vineyard-gift from God. How shall we then live? As masters of the universe or trustees of the kingdom?

**THE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF AUBURN**

439 Park Avenue, Auburn, ME 04210, 207-782-3972

****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.

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.

This Week's Liturgist: Russ Peppe
Next Week's Liturgist: Ruth Southworth

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

SUNDAY, October 8, 2017

8:15 a.m.	Communion Worship	3:00 p.m.	Music Together
9:00 a.m.	Racism Study/KidzKamp	5:30 p.m.	Zumba Fitness Class
10:00 a.m.	Worship	6:00 p.m.	Private Men's Group
11:30 a.m.	Finance Committee		

MONDAY, October 9, 2017

5:30 p.m.	Solutions Group	7:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	Serenity Group	7:30 p.m.	AA

TUESDAY, October 10, 2017

10:00 a.m.	UMW Executive Committee		
5:30 p.m.	Zumba Fitness Class		
5:30 p.m.	Solutions Study Group	6:15 p.m.	Park Avenue Pickers

WEDNESDAY, October 11, 2017

7:15 a.m.	Rotary Breakfast	6:00 p.m.	River Valley Girl Scouts
9:30 a.m.	Music Together	6:30 p.m.	Private Men's Group
6:00 p.m.	Wesleyan Singers	7:00 p.m.	Trustee's Committee

THURSDAY, October 12, 2017

10:00 a.m.	Faith Journey	5:30 p.m.	Zumba Fitness Class
11:30 a.m.	Nurture Committee	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 121
11:30 a.m.	Outreach Committee	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scout Troops - All
10:15 a.m.	Music Together		

FRIDAY, October 13, 2017

10:15 a.m.	Music Together	5:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 111
10:00 a.m.	Montello Worship Serv	6:00 p.m.	Ellery Wedding Reh.
2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl @ Schooner		

SATURDAY, October 14, 2017

11:00 a.m.	Music Together	2:00 p.m.	Ellery Wedding
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SUNDAY, October 15th

8:15 a.m.	Communion Worship	1:30 p.m.	Maine Iris Society
9:00 a.m.	Racism Study/KidzKamp	3:00 p.m.	Music Together
10:00 a.m.	Worship	5:30 p.m.	Zumba Fitness Class
11:30 a.m.	Missions Committee	6:00 p.m.	Private Men's Group
11:30 a.m.	Christian Ed Committee		

OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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.

MISSION STORE: In order to assist in the weekly collections for our three local mission projects: The Center for Wisdom's Women; The Auburn Preschool; and the High Street Food Cupboard. We have set up a mission store for your convenience. See the Mission Store table in the Fellowship Hall to see how you can help!

PRE-SCHOOL COLLECTION: Items are needed for the preschool! We will be collecting Lysol wipes, baby wipes, and napkins for the months of September/October. Thank you all for your generosity as this new school year begins!

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND STUDY GROUPS

STUDY ON RACISM: Beginning today, October 8th, we will begin an 8 week study of Racism in America. Please join us at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4.

MID-MAINE DISTRICT RESOURCE DAY: Saturday, October 14th, 9:00 – 1:00 at the Green Street UMC, 13 Green Street, Augusta, ME. Led by Dr. Jim Melson. All are welcome!

JEWELRY FOR THE FAIR!: Now is the time to sort through your jewels for donations to the jewelry table at the church fair. They can be dropped off in the designated box outside the sanctuary. In order to allow time to prepare the jewelry for sale, it helps to have it in the donation box as soon as possible. Think *bling*! Any questions, see Wanda Sprague.

PRAYER SHAWL COMMITTEE will begin meeting the second Friday of the month, beginning October 13th at 2:00 p.m. at Schooner Estates – this is open to all who like to knit or crochet! Call Ruth Southworth if you have any questions. 740-3252.

MONTHLY SATURDAY CONCERTS OF PRAISE begin on Saturday, October 28th at 4:00 p.m., at the UMC of Auburn. Facilitated by Mitch Thomas and Pastor Steve Bascom. This service of praise will be offered on the fourth Saturday of each month (except December). We invite you to join us after the service for the best Bean Supper north of Boston, serenaded by the Park Avenue Pickers!

BEAN SUPPER: Please join us after the concert for our bean supper! Menu includes: Baked Beans, Casseroles, Hot Dogs, coleslaw, bread, beverages and pie for dessert! Entertainment provided by the Park Avenue Pickers beginning at 4:30. Invite a friend or two! For additional information, please call the church office at 782-3972.