

# UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

August 4, 2019 Post-Pentecost 10:00 am

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

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC:** Judy Kuhn, Organist

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

*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:** 'With This Cup and With This Bread'

**GATHERING PRAYER:** (In Unison)

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: This is God's day!

**People: We are God's people!**

Leader: Let us enter worship through prayer: "God, whose fingers sculpt sun and moon and curl the baby's ear; Spirit, brooding over chaos before the naming of the day;

**People: Savior sending us to earth's end with water and words: startle us with the grace, love and communion of your unity in diversity,**

**ALL: that we may live to the praise of your majestic name. Praise God!**

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**\*GATHERING:** 'All Who Love and Serve Your City' UMH Page 433

(Sung to the melody of "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" UMH 295)

## WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT:** Pastor Steve

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** 'Bound for Jubilee' Five Men and a Lady

**SCRIPTURE:** Colossians 3:1-11 NT Page 190 Betty Young

**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:** 'Nothing Between' UMH Page 373

**MESSAGE:** 'Rich Toward God' NT Page 70  
Text: Luke 12:13-21

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

**HOLY COMMUNION/ INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION** Penny Price, Harpist  
**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON:**

**God of all creation, you are pure and holy. You created a perfect environment and beautiful beings for your pleasure. All of this was good. Yet today, we find ourselves in an imperfect world, and we confess that the sin in our own lives separates us from your will and your ways. Forgive us, Lord, for making choices contrary to your purposes, for refusing to live by your guidance, for failing to trust that your ways are in place with our wellbeing in mind. Give us the power through your Holy Spirit to turn from our willfulness and trust you alone for our rule of life. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

#### **SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

*We offer three stations: two at floor level (for accessibility), and one at the communion rail surrounding the altar.*

*Please raise your hand if you wish for the elements to be brought to you.*

*Communion elements are non-alcoholic, and a gluten-free table. option is provided on the center table.*

**OFFERTORY:** 'Serenity'

*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 THANKSGIVING:**

With money, time, and talents, we say, thank you, thank you, thank you, God; with heart and voice we sing, thank you, thank you, thank you, God. Shape us by the power of your Spirit, that we may give thanks to you in every part of our life, through Christ our Savior. Amen.

**CELEBRATIONS AND PASTORAL PRAYER:**

**THE 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**

**\*SENDING HYMN:** ‘Now Thank We All Our God’ (v.1-2) UMH Page 102

**\*BENEDICTION:**

**\*CONG. RESPONSE:** ‘Now Thank We All Our God’ (v. 3) UMH Page 102

**POSTLUDE:** ‘Recessional’

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

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.

**MEDITATION**

How do we become rich toward God? Some insist that we must reject the things of this world in our pursuit of the heavenly, but God made the earth and the fullness thereof. Th land, the human body, the tangible things we treasure have their place and purpose, and they can be employed to glorify God. There are poor people who are rich toward God and there are people of means who are rich toward God. The difference isn’t in the ‘wealth’ but in the ‘spiritual health.’ Everyone can afford to be generous to others.....

**THE  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
OF AUBURN**

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

*\*A Reconciling Congregation*



**Pastor: Rev. Stephen Bascom, Sr.**

**Worship Schedule**

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

## STAFF DIRECTORY

**Email:** [office@auburnmethodist.org](mailto:office@auburnmethodist.org)

**Web Site:** [auburnmethodist.org](http://auburnmethodist.org)

**Pastor:** Rev. Stephen Bascom, Sr.

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**Secretary:** Joan Spitzform

**Church Office:** 782-3972

**Organist:** Judith Kuhn

## 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:**

**Ushers:** Men's Breakfast

**Greeter:** Jeanine Rogers

**Liturgist:** Betty Young

**Communion Stewards:** Judy Worden, Janice Meserve, Peter Keniston

### **Next Week:**

**Ushers:** Outreach Committee

**Greeter:** Jeanine Rogers

**Liturgist:** Joyce Bucciantini

## THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

### **SUNDAY, August 4, 2019**

8:15 a.m. Communion Worship

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

12:30 p.m.

Eagle Scout Ceremony

6:30 p.m.

Private Men's Group

### **MONDAY, August 5, 2019**

5:00 p.m. Solutions Group

7:00 p.m. Serenity Group

7:30 p.m.

AA/Alanon Groups

### **TUESDAY, August 6, 2019**

5:00 p.m. Solutions Book Study

5:30 p.m. Girl Scout Daisies

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

### **WEDNESDAY, August 7, 2019**

9:00 a.m. Music Together

10:00 a.m. Study Group

6:30 p.m. Private Men's Group

### **THURSDAY, August 8, 2019**

No Activities Scheduled

### **FRIDAY, August 9, 2019**

5:30 p.m. River Valley Girl Scouts

### **SATURDAY, August 10, 2019**

9:00 a.m. UMW District Meeting

### **SUNDAY, August 11, 2019**

8:15 a.m. Communion Worship

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

6:00 p.m.

Private Men's Group

Please contact Pastor Steve if you are seeking a Support Group for co-dependence, sexual addiction or substance abuse.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 Eric Howes, Leroy Brown, David or Mary MacMahon. Thank you for your continued support of this mission.

**TRINITY JUBILEE CENTER REQUEST:** The Center needs soup kitchen volunteers. Volunteers are needed on Saturdays from 9:00 – 12:30 to help prepare, serve, and clean up lunch. Volunteers are also needed on weekday mornings to transport food donations. Volunteers must be at least 13 years old. Please email [trinitylewiston@gmail.com](mailto:trinitylewiston@gmail.com) if you are interested. Donations of backpacks, steel-toed boots, and small shampoos and soaps are also greatly needed for the Center's homeless patrons. **Please note: The Center does NOT accept general clothing donations and a list of needed items is available at [www.trinityjubileecenter.org](http://www.trinityjubileecenter.org).**

**BIBLE STUDY:** There are currently two evening Bible studies offered on an alternating weekly basis. Both will meet at UMCA from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday meetings: 8/6, 8/20 & 9/3. (Gospel of Luke) Thursday meetings: 8/15, 8/29 & 9/12. (Gospel of Mark) All are welcome!

**WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY:** Join us from 10:00 – 11:15 for a study group. We will meet to discuss *Living Buddha, Living Christ* by Thich Nhat Hanh. Contact Kay Little at [klittle6599@gmail.com](mailto:klittle6599@gmail.com) or 784-1908 to order a book, or purchase it on Amazon. \$10.87 for the paperback and \$12.99 on Kindle. We will meet weekly for the next 10 weeks. All are welcome.

**BATHROOM RENOVATION:** The women's and men's bathrooms will be undergoing renovation, but are currently usable. There is, of course, an additional, accessible bathroom at the end of the hall of the Christian Education wing.

**MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK** As you may know there is an intergenerational work team that has been doing small projects for church members who are in need of a little extra help. It is a great way for the church to support those in need. Roy and Desiree Cossey need some help with a few household projects so this is an invitation to temporarily expand the work team to more individuals who would like to help them out. There is a need to wash windows inside and out, cut some brush, and clean and seal some cracks in their driveway. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall if you are interested. The date is Saturday, August 17 from 8:00 to no later than noon.

**CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY: We will be having an 'outside' church clean-up day on September 7<sup>th</sup>. More information will follow, i.e. list of proposed projects to be done, etc.**

**ALPINE WONDERS 2020:** Join the New England Conference and Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar on a 9 Day European Adventure to see the Oberammergau Passion Play. Departs June 25<sup>th</sup> 2020 and returns July 7<sup>th</sup> 2020. Registration is required. Price starts at \$3,998.00. See Brochure and registration form available on the Fellowship Table.

### **EMPIRE GROVE SUMMER VESPERS SERVICE**

**Please join us at Empire Grove this summer!**

**Vesper Service: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Campmeeting: July 28<sup>th</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>**

**For more information on Campmeeting, contact:**

**Brother Matthias Tanner at [stanosl@aol.com](mailto:stanosl@aol.com)**

August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Camp-meeting
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Don Mayberry, South Paris
August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Russell Peppe
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Karen Munson, District Superintendent
September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Rev. John Whitley, Milford (NH) UMC

**(Flyers available on the table in the Fellowship Hall)**