

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

August 11, 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: 'The Beautiful Garden of Prayer'

GATHERING PRAYER: (In Unison)

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Sometimes God becomes impatient with injustice and insincere worship.

People: People and nations don't do as they should.

Leader: Today, God reminds us of our covenant,

People: asking us to wash and make ourselves clean.

Leader: Learn to do good. Seek justice.

People: Remind us, O God, and show us the right way to go!

ALL: To God be the glory!

***GATHERING:** 'To God Be the Glory' UMH Page 98

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Pastor Steve

SPECIAL MUSIC: 'You Say (I Believe)' Women's Ensemble
(Desiree Cossey, Meagan Cossey, Jeannine Rogers)

SCRIPTURE: Luke 12:32-40 NT Page 70 Joyce Bucciantini

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: 'Here Am I' TFWS Page 2178

MESSAGE: 'Two Paths Forward: You Choose'
Text: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 OT Page 592

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERTORY: 'In Meadows Green'
*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:**

Holy and loving God, bring calm to our lives this day. At times, we look at the problems of the world and feel that there is little difference we can make. What can our offerings in this congregation do in light of the turmoil, the hunger, the disease, and the pain in this world? At other times, we feel proud of ourselves for our generosity. As we give these gifts this day, O Lord, help us live in the tension between thinking we can do everything and fearing that we can do nothing. We give in faith and with faith. In the name of Jesus, who had nothing but possessed everything. 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: 'Let There be Peace on Earth' UMH Page 431

*BENEDICTION:

*CONG. RESPONSE: 'Let There be Peace on Earth' UMH Page 431

POSTLUDE: 'The Son of God Goes Forth'

*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.

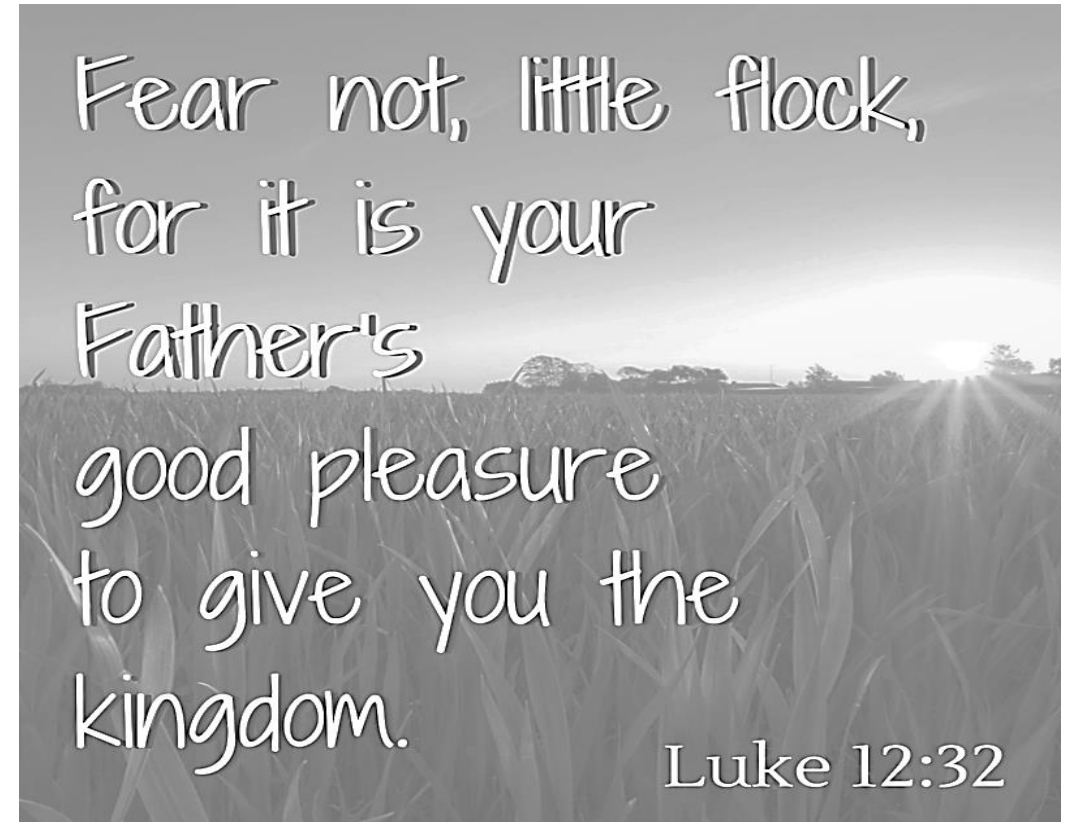
MEDITATION

Sometimes we are in the habit of worship without 'inhabiting' the worship. We sing songs, say the prayers, hear the message, give the offering, without truly entering the heart of worship. Sometimes we leave worship in the sanctuary without carrying it with us to the parking lot, street, school, home or working site. Social justice and practice of mercy are at the heart of worship, and God calls us back to the heart of worship. Love God with heart, soul and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself. God is always willing, always wanting, to give us a new beginning – to invite us into a partnership of healing the world around us. There are two ways forward, one of resistance and one of obedience. Which will we choose?

**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.

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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:

Ushers: Outreach Committee
Greeter: Jeanine Rogers
Liturgist: Joyce Bucciardini

Next Week:

Ushers: Outreach Committee
Greeter: Jeanine Rogers
Liturgist: Paul Bisson

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

SUNDAY, August 11, 2019

8:15 a.m. Communion Worship

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

MONDAY, August 12, 2019

5:00 p.m. Solutions Group

7:30 p.m. AA/Alanon Groups

7:00 p.m. Serenity Group

TUESDAY, August 13, 2019

5:00 p.m. Solutions Book Study

WEDNESDAY, August 14, 2019

9:00 a.m. Music Together

10:00 a.m. Study Group

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

THURSDAY, August 15, 2019

6:00 p.m. Bible Study Group

FRIDAY, August 16, 2019

No Activities Scheduled

SATURDAY, August 17, 2019

10:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Bill Reilly

SUNDAY, August 18, 2019

8:15 a.m. Communion Worship

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

6:00 p.m. Private Men's Group

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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 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.**

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: 8/20 & 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 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.

FUND RAISER: A fundraiser for **Debbi Humason-Fulgham** will be held on **Sunday, August 18th from 2:00-4:00 pm at the Women's Literacy Union, 19 Elm Street Auburn, ME.** Please join us as we support Debbi and her family. **FMI: Marcia Akers 998-4944 or makers92698@aol.com**

Donald Peck Request: Should anyone know of the possibility of a rental for one of the last two weeks of August, please let me know. - The rental would be for a 3 person family - very good in the Christian Faith. Cordially - Donald Peck - Tel 508-246-8054 - E - bushel72@gmail.com

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 7th from 9:00 - Noon.** More information will follow, i.e. list of proposed projects to be done, etc. If you can help, please put your name and phone # on the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

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 25th 2020 and returns July 7th 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.

For more information on Campmeeting, contact:

Brother Matthias Tanner at stanosl@aol.com

August 11th Rev. Don Mayberry, South Paris
August 18th Rev. Russell Peppe
August 25th Rev. Karen Munson, District Superintendent
September 1st Rev. John Whitley, Milford (NH) UMC

(Flyers available on the table in the Fellowship Hall)