

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

August 18, 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:

Park Avenue Pickers
George Mathews, Facilitator

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:

'Single Petal of a Rose'

Sam Coley, Guest Pianist

GATHERING PRAYER:

(In Unison)

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us celebrate God together in prayer, "Creator God, how great is your name!

People: All creation sings of your glory, and so do we.

Leader: You have exalted us and crowned us with glory and honor – even the infants join stars and moon in singing your praise.

ALL: How great, O God, is your name in all the earth! Amen."

(Richard Eslinger, Adapt., c2006 Upper Room Books, Worship & Song)

*GATHERING:

'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty!'

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WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT:

Cheryl Downing, Church School Superintendent

ANTHEM:

Park Avenue Pickers

SCRIPTURE:

Hebrews 11:29-12:2 NT Page 212

Paul Bisson, Liturgist

GLORIA PATRI:

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*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.*

STATEMENT OF FAITH:

We belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come. We follow Christ, who comes to us from God, and reveals God to us. He heals people and transforms lives and calls us to join in his ministry. He was crucified, died, and was raised by God, and reigns over all Creation; and he bids us to die and rise with him in the service of the healing of the world. We live by the Spirit, together with the communion of saints, as members of the Body of Christ, God's holy universal church. We are confident in the forgiveness of sin, the power of resurrection and the reality of eternal life. In all things it is our desire to follow Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: 'I Have Decided to Follow Jesus'

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MESSAGE:

'The Disciples Road'

Text: Luke 12:49-56

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WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERTORY:

'He Folds and Guides Me'

Judith Kuhn, Organist

*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;

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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:**

Loving Father, you powerfully fill the voids in our lives. You reveal your compassionate grace by the simple act of always being present. You unselfishly feed us when we are hungry and quietly walk with us when we feel alone. Combine this offering with others so that all your children can be filled with the power of your redeeming spirit. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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:** 'How Firm a Foundation' (v.1-3, 5) UMH Page 529

***BENEDICTION:**

***CONG. RESPONSE:** 'Shalom to You' UMH Page 666

POSTLUDE:

***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.

**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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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: Music Committee
Greeter: Jeanine Rogers
Liturgist: Paul Bisson

Next Week:

Ushers: Mission Committee
Greeter: Jeanine Rogers
Liturgist: Donald Peck

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

SUNDAY, August 18, 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 19, 2019

5:00 p.m. Solutions Group

7:30 p.m.

AA/Alanon Groups

7:00 p.m. Serenity Group

TUESDAY, August 20, 2019

5:00 p.m. Solutions Book Study

5:30 p.m. Girl Scout Daisies

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Troop 111 Committee

WEDNESDAY, August 21, 2019

9:00 a.m. Music Together

10:00 a.m. Study Group

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

THURSDAY, August 22, 2019

No Church Activities

FRIDAY, August 23, 2019

No Activities Scheduled

SATURDAY, August 24, 2019

No Church Activities

SUNDAY, August 25, 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, 9/17, 10/1 (Gospel of Luke) Thursday meetings: 8/29, 9/12, 10/3 & 10/24. (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.

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

CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY: We will be having an 'outside' church clean-up day on September 7th from 8:30 – 4:00. We will be scraping and painting the upper trim of the church and clearing an egress path. Many hands make light work! If you are willing to give some of your time, please sign the sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Be sure to bring a scraper and/or paintbrush if you have them!

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 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)

MEDITATION

When we think of Jesus, we often think of his prayer for the unity of the Church in John 17, "The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one." And yet, in today's lectionary reading, we read of the division ignited by Jesus, even in one's own family. What does Jesus' way of love divide us from? What does it call us to? Is there a way forward which champions unity in the bond of peace?