

# UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

September 8, 2019 Kingdomtide, 10:00 am

*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

*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:** 'Prelude in G'

### **GATHERING PRAYER:**

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

Leader: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

**People: Even before we speak, God knows us completely.**

Leader: The Holy One knows and sustains us, even in moments of confusion and doubt.

**People: Who can count the thoughts of God? They are more than all the sands of the desert.**

Leader: Like clay in the hand of the potter, we are shaped according to God's purpose.

**ALL: We come with praise for the wonderful works of God!**

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

## WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT:** Pastor Steve Bascom

**SONG OF PRAISE:** 'Spirit Song' 4 Men and A Lady

### **AFFIRMATION:**

**We are children of God. We have been water-washed and Spirit-filled. We're dead to sin and alive in Christ. We're done with law, and live under grace. Our hearts are set on righteousness. Our minds are fixed on life and peace. Suffering is nothing, compared to the glory to come. For we're heirs to the life Christ is bringing! We are children of God.**

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 14:25-33 NT Page 73 Kathy Gleason

**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:** 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross' UMH Page 298

**MESSAGE:** 'Welcoming Change' NT Page 203  
**Text:** Philemon 1-21

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

**OFFERTORY:** 'In This Holy Hour'  
*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:** UMH Page 94  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
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 God, you have seen our needs and have come to us. At this time, we think of others; and our minds and hearts reach out to them through this act of giving. There are so many who are hurting in this world. Some right here in our community. Some are in distant lands. Since we are all a part of your family, we share what we have. We rejoice that we can participate in this act of sharing your love in Jesus' name. 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:** 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling' (v. 1-3) UMH Page 384

**\*BENEDICTION:**

**\*CONG. RESPONSE:** 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling' (v. 4) UMH Page 384

**POSTLUDE:** 'Unto All the World'

**\*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***



*I thank my  
God, making  
mention of thee  
always in  
my prayers  
Philemon 1:4*

**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.

**Parsonage:** 753-1275

**Email:** [sebisk@live.com](mailto:sebisk@live.com)

**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:** Outreach Committee  
**Greeter:** Peter Keniston  
**Liturgist:** Kathy Gleason

### **Next Week:**

**Ushers:** Music Committee  
**Greeter:**  
**Liturgist:** Gail Theberge

## THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

### **SUNDAY, September 8, 2019 - Rally Day**

8:15 a.m.	Communion Worship	11:30 a.m.	Finance Committee
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	11:30 a.m.	Mission Committee
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service	6:30 p.m.	Private Men's Group

### **MONDAY, September 9, 2019 – LABOR DAY – OFFICE CLOSED**

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

### **TUESDAY, September 10, 2019**

10:15 a.m.	UMW Exec. Comm.	6:00 p.m.	Trustee Committee
5:00 p.m.	Solutions Book Study	7:00 p.m.	Edgewood Condo Mtg
6:00 p.m.	Maine Iris Society		
6:15 p.m.	Park Avenue Pickers		

### **WEDNESDAY, September 11, 2019**

9:30 a.m.	Music Together	6:00 p.m.	River Valley Girl Scouts
10:00 a.m.	Study Group	6:30 p.m.	Wesleyan Singers
3:00 p.m.	Chapman House Worship	6:30 p.m.	Private Men's Group

### **THURSDAY, September 12, 2019**

10:00 a.m.	Faith Journey	6:00 p.m.	Scout Troop 121
5:45 p.m.	Scout Troop 111 Dens		
6:00 p.m.	Bible Study Group		

### **FRIDAY, September 13, 2019**

10:00 a.m.	Music Together		
4:30 p.m.	Music Together		
5:30 p.m.	Scout Troop 111		

### **SATURDAY, September 14, 2019**

No Church Activities Scheduled

### **SUNDAY, September 15, 2019 - ALL CHURCH BBQ!**

8:15 a.m.	Communion Worship		
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	2:00 p.m.	Music Together
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service	4:30 p.m.	Music Together
11:30 a.m.	Christian Ed Meeting	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: 9/3 (Luke 4), 9/17, 10/1 10/15 (Gospel of Luke) Thursday meetings: 9/12 (Mark 3:20ff), 10/3, 10/24, & 11/17 (Gospel of Mark) All are welcome!

**WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY:** Join us for a weekly devotional based on *At the Still Point: A Literary Guide to Prayer* by Sarah Arthur beginning Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and continuing to Advent. We meet from 10:00 – 11:00 in the library. Books are \$14.95. Speak to Kay Little at 784-1908 about ordering your book. All are welcome.

**USHERING OPPORTUNITY:** Ushering at the 10 a.m. Sunday Service is a great way to offer your service to the church on an occasional basis. We have groups and committees within the church who serve on most Sundays of the month, but we do have those 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays when we don't have a group arranged to serve. We'd appreciate your help. Ushering involves being at the church at 9:30 a.m. to distribute bulletins to congregation members as they arrive at church and assisting with taking the offering during the service. There is a sign-up sheet to let us know of your willingness to serve when needed.

**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.

### **ALL CHURCH ANNUAL BARBEQUE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

The members of the Nurture Committee invite you to attend the Welcome to Fall All Church Annual Barbeque after the worship service on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. We will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings – all **YOU** need to do is sign up to join us! There will be a sign-up sheet in the entry way at the end of August – **please sign up** by Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, so that we can purchase and prepare the amount of food needed. We look forward to sharing with you!

**A WORD OF THANKS:** Thank you all for the cards and well wishes we have received following the birth of Ethan. Our church family means so much to us and we can't wait to be back in attendance in September. Megan, Tim and baby Ethan Spiller

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:** Our Prayer Shawl Ministry donates prayer shawls to CMMC. For more information see Ruth Southworth.