**UMC of Auburn Virtual Worship Service**

**May 24th, 2020, 10 am**

**Gathering Song(s)**

**Greeting & Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

**Leader: God has made this glorious day!**

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**L: Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life.**

**P: Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and**

**believes in me will never die.”**

**All: Death has won nothing at all! We live an Easter story!**

**Hymn UMH #308**

**“Thine Be the Glory”**

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.**

**Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,**

**kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

***Refrain***

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.**

**Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb;**

**lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom.**

**Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for our Lord now liveth;**

**death hast lost its sting. (Refrain)**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life!**

**Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.**

**Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;**

**bring us safe through Jordan to the home above. (Refrain)**

***(Words: Edmond L. Budry, 1904 (trans. By R. Birch Hoyle, 1923; Music: Handel; UMH)***

**Morning Prayer**

**Scripture – Luke 24:44-53 – Kary Coffin**

**Hymn UMH #173**

**“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”**

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light,**

**Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o’er the shades of night;**

**Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.**

**Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;**

**Joyless is the day’s return, till thy mercy’s beams I see;**

**Till thy inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.**

**Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;**

**fill me, Radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief;**

**more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.**

***(Words: Charles Wesley, 1740; Music: J. G. Werner’s, UMH)***

**Message – “Why Stare at an Empty Sky?”**

**Text: Acts 1:1-11**

**Offering Gratitude**

**Doxology UMH #94**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn #717**

**“The Battle Hymn of the Republic”**

**Mine eyes have see the glory of the coming of the Lord;**

**He is trampling out the vintage where his grapes of wrath are stored;**

**He hath loosed the fateful lightening of his terrible swift sword;**

**his truth is marching on.**

***Refrain***

**Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!**

**Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.**

**I have seen him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps,**

**they have builded him altar in the evening dews and damps;**

**I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;**

**His truth is marching on. (Refrain)**

**He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;**

**he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat;**

**O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!**

**Our God is marching on. (Refrain)**

**In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me; as he died to make man holy, let us live to make all free,**

**while God is marching on. (Refrain)**

**He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,**

**he is wisdom to the mighty, he is honor to the brave;**

**so the world shall be his footstool, and the soul of wrong his slave.**

**Our God is marching on. (Refrain)**

***(Words: Julia Ward Howe, 1861; Music: USA campmeeting tune, 19th c., UMH)***

**Benediction**