

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

July 26th, 2020, Season following Pentecost, 10 am, Drive-in Service

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

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING WITH PRAISE:

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

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: "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" Judith Kuhn, Organist

GATHERING PRAYER:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader (L): God be with you.

People (P): And also with you.

L: We praise you with joy, loving God,

P: for your grace is better than life itself.

L: You have sustained us through the darkness, and you bless us with life in this new day.

P: In the shadow of your wings we sing for joy and bless your holy name. Amen.

All: May God's kingdom come to earth as in heaven!

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GATHERING HYMN: "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" UMH #540

I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode,
the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God! Her walls before thee stand
dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend,
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,
her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given
the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.
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WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (NT Page 14) Caroline Coffin, Liturgist

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Children of the Heavenly Father" UMH #141

Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish;
from all evil things he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord God's children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth and he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.
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MESSAGE: "Who Will Separate Us from God's Love?"
Text: Romans 8:26-39 (NT Page 148)

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERTORY: "God Multiplies Your Gift" Mitch Thomas & Caroline Coffin
*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 God, we give you ourselves, captive and free, shaped by forces beyond our control, yet open to the power of your Spirit. Through us, and our gifts, may others know that when anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation, and that the old way ends, and new life begins for everyone. Amen.

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CELEBRATIONS AND 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:**

“And Can It Be that I Should Gain”

UMH #363

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood!
Died he for me? who caused his pain! For me? who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),
Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!
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Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
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No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine;
alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'e ternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

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***BENEDICTION:**

***POSTLUDE:**

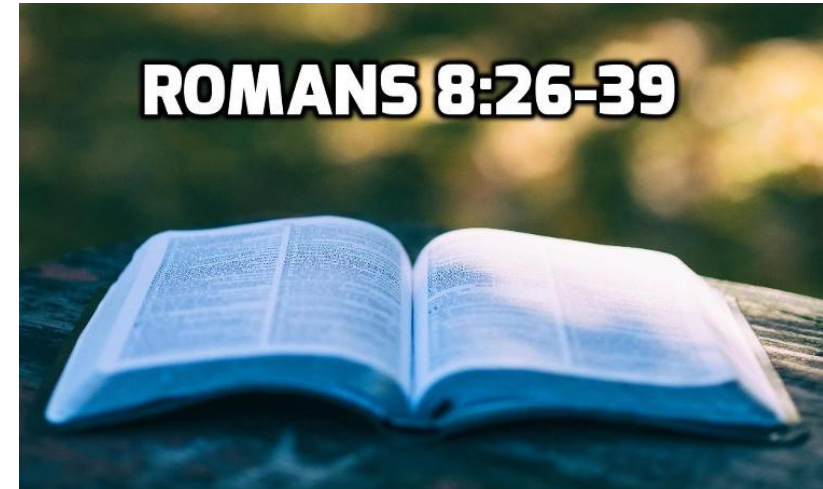
MEDITATION

Nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord! Absolutely nothing!

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****A Reconciling Congregation***



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Len Lednum, Technician**

**Worship Schedule
Sunday 10:00 am**

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