

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

August 16th, 2020, Season following Pentecost, 10 am, Drive-in & Online Service

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

Welcome Drive-in Congregation...

The worship service will be broadcast on radio at 88.3 FM.

If you also choose to access the service on Facebook live, please use your own data rather than the church internet. Multiple users drawing from the church internet will interfere with the live-stream broadcast.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING WITH PRAISE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rev. Russ Peppe, Guest 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:

Judith Kuhn, Organist

PRAYER OF GREETING:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader (L): This is the day which the Lord has made.

People (P): Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: As far as the east is from the west

P: So far does God remove our sins from us.

L: To God be the glory, great things he has done.

P: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice.

GATHERING HYMN:

“To God Be the Glory”

UMH #98

To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life and atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. **(Refrain)**

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher,
and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **(Refrain)**
(Words: Fanny J. Crosby 1875; Music: William H. Doane, 1875, UMH, Public Domain)

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE:

Psalm 133 **(HT Page 543)**

Mitch Thomas, Liturgist

HYMN OF PREPARATION:

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH #140

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **(Refrain)**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all min, with ten thousand beside!

(Refrain)

(Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; Music: William M. Runyan, 1923, Renewed, 1951 Hope Pub., UMH)

MESSAGE:

“Irrevocable Love?”

Rev. Russ Peppe

Text: Romans 11:1-2, 29-32 (NT Pages 150-151)

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERTORY:

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, as you have given us this life and promised us life in the world to come, so we return to you these gifts of gratitude. Bless each gift and giver to the glory of your name, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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 HYMN:** "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH #577

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, (of this hour)
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil 'round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, (of these days)
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, (kingdom's goal)
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, (we adore)
serving thee whom we adore.

(Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; Music: John Hughes, 1907; UMH)

***BENEDICTION:**

May the God of grace and glory attend and defend you in the week to come, and each day help you to do justly and love mercy. And may the irrevocable love of God, made known in Christ, uplift and sustain you through all the days of your life. Go in peace. Amen.

***POSTLUDE:**

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**A Reconciling Congregation*



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Sunday 10:00 am

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