

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

August 2nd, 2020, Season following Pentecost, 10 am, Drive-in 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, 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:

Len Lednum, Technician

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: "Jesus Paid It All"

Judith Kuhn, Organist

GATHERING PRAYER:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader (L): God is good.

People (P): All the time!

L: As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

P: so God seeks and saves the lost.

L: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

P: so God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

L: As a father receives a returning wayward son,

P: so God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.

L: Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

All: Let us receive, welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

(Ruth Duck, USA, 20th c., Alt., Adapted, BOW)

GATHERING HYMN: "Dear Lord and Parent of Us All"

UMH #358

Dear Lord and parent of us all, forgive our foolish ways;
reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee, O calm of hills above,

where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity, interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

(Words: John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872; Music: Frederick C. Maker, 1887, UMH, Public Domain)

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE:

Genesis 32:22-31 (HT Page 29)

Caroline Coffin, Liturgist

SONG OF PREPARATON:

"Jesus Loves Me"

UMH #191

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak but he is strong.

Refrain

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus, loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." **(Refrain)**

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. **(Refrain)**
(Words: Anna B. Warner, 1860; Music: William B. Bradbury, 1862, UMH, Public Domain)

MESSAGE:

"We Have Nothing Here Except..."

Text: Matthew 14:13-21 (NT Page 15)

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERTORY:

Caroline Coffin, Soloist

*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.

(c2004, Brian Wren, Worship & Song)

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:** "Standing on the Promises" UMH #374

Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God.
(Words & Music: R. Kelso Carter, 1886, UMH, Public Domain)

***BENEDICTION:**

L: Thank you Jesus

P: for hearing us when we cried for mercy!

L: Thank you Jesus

P: for feeding us when our hands were unclean!

L: Thank you Jesus

P: for welcoming us when we were foreigners!

L: Thank you Jesus

P: for healing us when we were wounded.

L: Thank you Jesus

P: for sending us to do the same.

All: Thank you Jesus. Amen.

(Taylor Burton-Edwards, c2007 General Board of Discipleship, Worship & Song)

***POSTLUDE:**

MEDITATION

When we approach a miracle of God, we often underestimate the value of the resources at our disposal. We see limits where God sees possibilities. We see obstacles where God sees opportunities. We see doubt where God sees faith. God has given us everything needed for the miracle at hand. If we give it, God will multiply it!

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**A Reconciling Congregation*



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Worship Schedule

Sunday 10:00 am

(Drive-in & Online)

88.3 FM on your car radio for Drive-in

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