

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

August 23rd, 2020, Season following Pentecost, 10 am, Drive-in & On-line 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 compromise the live-stream broadcast.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING WITH PRAISE:

Len Lednum, Technician

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rev. Steve 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: "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

Judith Kuhn, Organist

GATHERING PRAYER:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

L: No one has ever seen God;

P: if we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us.

All: We are the church, helping the world with mercy, hugging the world with hope, healing the world with love. Praise God!

GATHERING HYMN: "The Church's One Foundation"

UMH #545

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till, with the visions glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.

O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

(Words: Samuel J. Stone, 1866; Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864, UMH, Public Domain)

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE:

Romans 12:1-8

Caroline Coffin, Liturgist

SONG OF PREPARATION: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

UMH #557

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.
(Words: John Fawcett, 1782; Music: John G. Nageli, 1845, UMH, Public Domain)

MESSAGE:

"Why Do People Need the Church?"

Text: Matthew 16:13-20

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERING & 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:

Almighty God, you gave us your commandments and asked us to live according to your holy will. As part of your design for honorable living, we participate in this simple act of giving. We dedicate ourselves to living lives of honesty and peace. Amen.

(David Bell, c2007 General Board of Discipleship, Worship & Song)

CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYER:

We celebrate with **Amanda and Avrie-Mae Adamen** who were baptized this week!
We celebrate with **Jean and Amanda Adamen** who joined as members of UMCA this month!

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:** "Forward Through the Ages" UMH #555

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
Gifts in different measure, hearts of one accord, manifold the service, one the sure reward.

Refrain

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light; for it we must labor, till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified, poets sung its glory, heroes for it died.

(Refrain)

Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall; in each loss or triumph, lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole, move we on together to the shining goal.

(Refrain)

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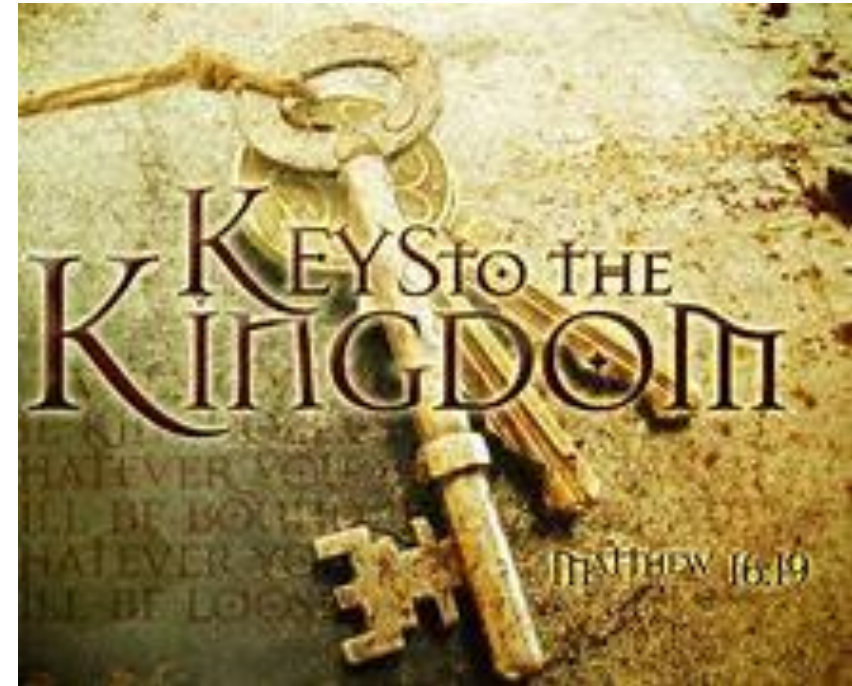
***BENEDICTION:**

***POSTLUDE:** "March in C" Judith Kuhn, Organist

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**A Reconciling Congregation*



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Worship Schedule

Sunday 10:00 am

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88.3 FM on your car radio for Drive-in

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