

# UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

August 30th, 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:** "Welcome Happy Morning"

Judy Kuhn, Organist

**GATHERING PRAYER:**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**Leader:** God is good.

**People:** All the time!

**L:** Earth's crammed with heaven,

**P:** and every common bush afire with God,

**L:** but only he who sees takes off his shoes;

**P:** the rest sit round and pluck blackberries.

**All:** We are in the presence of the holy. Let us praise God!

*(Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Adapted)*

**GATHERING 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, 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, 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,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evil's we deplore;

let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

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

## WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

**SCRIPTURE:**

**Matthew 16:21-28**

Caroline Coffin, Liturgist

**SONG OF PREPARATION:**

"Walk with Me"

TFWS #2242

*Chorus*

**Walk with me, I will walk with you and build the land that God has planned  
where love shines through.**

When Moses heard the call of God he said, "Lord, don't send me."  
But God told Moses, "You're the one to set my people free." **(Chorus)**

Now Peter was a most unlikely man to lead the flock;  
but Jesus knew his holiness and he became the Rock. **(Chorus)**

Young Mary Magdalene was sure her life could be much more,  
and by her faith she dared to let God's love unlock the door. **(Chorus)**

And when you share your faith with me and work for life made new,  
The witness of your faithfulness calls me to walk with you. **(Chorus)**

*(Words/Music: John S. Rice, c1988, TFWS, CCLI #)*

**MESSAGE:**

**"I Am Has Sent Me to You"**

*Text: Exodus 3:1-15 (HT Page 48)*

## 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:**

God of grace and glory, we offer these gifts as a testimony of our faith. Use these gifts so that we may see one another as you envision us—faithful followers. As we continue in this time of worship, we seek now the sanctuary of your comforting peace. In the name of the Resurrected Healer, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

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

**CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYER:**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

**\*SENDING HYMN:** "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" UMH #315

Come, yet faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought forth Israel into joy from sadness;  
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,  
led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison,  
and from three days sleep in death as a sun hath risen;  
all the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying  
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,  
nor the watchers, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal;  
but today amidst the twelve thou didst stand, bestowing  
that thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.

"Alleluia!" now we cry to our King immortal,  
who, triumphant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark portal;  
"Alleluia!" with the Son, God the Father praising, "Alleluia!" yet again to the Spirit's raising.  
*(C. Austin Miles, 1913, UMH, Public Domain)*

**\*BENEDICTION:**

**\*POSTLUDE:** "Hosanna in the Highest" Judy Kuhn, Organist

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*\*A Reconciling Congregation*



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Worship Schedule  
Sunday 10:00 am

(Drive-in & Online)  
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