

# UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

September 13, 2020, Kingdomtide, 10 am, Drive-in and 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, 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:**

**“Hymn for Brotherhood”**

Judith Kuhn, Organist

**GATHERING PRAYER:**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**Leader:** God be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**L:** Let us pray, “As the sun rises, so does our prayer, loving God.

**P:** With each new dawn, renew our trust in you,

**L:** our delight to do justice, our love for mercy,

**P:** and our gladness to be in your presence.

**All:** We sing the rhythms of your grace! Amen.

*(Larry Peacock, Adapted, c2006 Upper Room Books, Worship & Song)*

**GATHERING HYMN:** **“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”**

UMH #121

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea;  
there’s a kindness in God’s justice, which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good!  
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing by his blood.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal is more wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more simple, we should rest upon god’s word;  
and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

*(Words: Frederick W. Faber, 1854; Music: Lizzie S. Tourjee, 1877, UMH, CCLI #2986523)*

## WE ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

**SCRIPTURE:**

Exodus 14:19-31

Caroline Coffin, Liturgist

**SONG OF PREPARATON:**

**“Wade in the Water ”**

TFWS #191

*Refrain*

**Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,  
Wade in the water, God’s gonna trouble the water.**

See the host all dressed in white, God’s gonna trouble the water.  
The leader looks like the Israelite, God’s gonna trouble the water. **(Refrain)**

See the band all dressed in red, God’s gonna trouble the water.  
Looks like the band that Moses led, God’s gonna trouble the water. **(Refrain)**

Look over yonder, what do I see? God’s gonna trouble the water.  
The Holy Ghost a coming on me, God’s gonna trouble the water. **(Refrain)**

If you don’t believe I’ve been redeemed, God’s gonna trouble the water.  
Just follow me down to Jordan’s stream, God’s gonna trouble the water. **(Refrain)**  
*(African American Spiritual; arr. By Carl Haywood, c1992, TFWS, CCLI #2986523)*

**MESSAGE:**

**“Rows of Mercy”**

*Text: Matthew 18:21-35*

## 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;*

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*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:**

**As we focus on money during this time of offering, it is so tempting to pray, “Jesus, take away our debts like the debts were forgiven in the story that you told to your disciples.” Father, many of us have convinced ourselves that consumer debt is just part of a typical lifestyle. We shrug in embarrassment about the little money left over for this offering. Forgive us, Precious Lord, with the assurance that you say to each of us, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.” Free us to a new way of thinking and**

a new way of living! We thank you, God, for the example of those around us who practice the spiritual discipline of generous giving. Praise be to Jesus Christ! Amen.

*(David Bell, c2007 General Board of Discipleship, 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 HYMN:**

**“Freely, Freely”**

UMH #389

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name,  
and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to.

*Refrain*

**He said, “Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.  
God in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live.”**

All power if given in Jesus' name, earth and heaven in Jesus' name,  
and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his power as he told me to. **(Refrain)**

*(Words/Music: Carol Owens, 1972, c1972 Communique Music, Inc., UMH, CCLI #2986523)*

**\*BENEDICTION:**

**Leader:** Thank you, Jesus for hearing us when we cried for mercy!

**People:** Thank you, Jesus for feeding us when our hands were unclean!

**L:** Thank you, Jesus for welcoming us when we were foreigners!

**P:** Thank you, Jesus for healing us when we were wounded.

**L:** Thank you, Jesus for sending us to do the same.

**All: Thank you, Jesus. Amen.**

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

**\*POSTLUDE:**

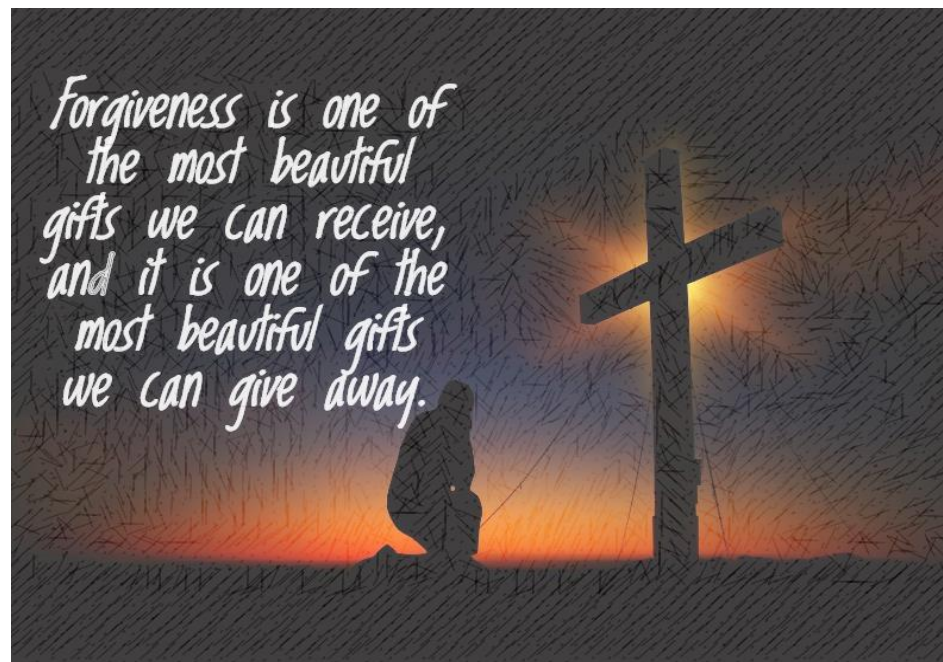
**“Praise Ye The Lord”**

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***\*A Reconciling Congregation***



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**Worship Schedule**

**Sunday 10:00 am**

**(Drive-in & Online)**

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