

# UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

November 8th, 2020, Season of Creation, 8:15 & 10 am

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

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

**GATHERING WITH MILITARY ANTHEMS:** Judith Kuhn, Organist

*Caroline Coffin, Soloist (10 am)*

**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:** "Sing Praise to God" Judith Kuhn, Organist

**GATHERING PRAYER:**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**Leader:** God be with you.

**People:** And also with you!

**L:** Like Joshua of old, we declare with conviction, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

**P:** As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

**L:** With gratitude for all that is,

**P:** with expectation for all that will be,

**L:** we praise God from whom all blessings flow!

**P:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

**All:** This is our story. This is our song, praising our Savior all the day long!

**\*GATHERING HYMN:** "Blessed Assurance" UMH #369

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his spirit, washed in his blood.

*Refrain*

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **(Refrain)**

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. **(Refrain)**

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## WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

**PRAYER FOR THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE:**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT:** Caroline Coffin (10 am)

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 25:1-13 Liturgist (10 am)

**SONG OF PREPARATION:** "The Family Prayer Song" TFWS #2188 (10 am)

Come and fill our homes with your presence; you alone are worthy of our reverence.

*Refrain*

**As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.**

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**As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. We will serve the Lord.**

Lord we vow to live holy, bowing our knees to you only. **(Refrain)**

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**MESSAGE:** "Save Your Heart for Me"

*Text: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25*

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY:** "In This Holy Hour" Judith Kuhn, Organist  
(10 am only)

*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.

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**CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYER:**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

**\*SENDING HYMN:**      **"The Battle Hymn of the Republic"**      UMH #717

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword; his truth is marching on.

*Refrain*

**Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!**  
**Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.**

I have seen him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps,  
They have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps;  
I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps; his day is marching on.  
**(Repeat Refrain)**

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
he is sifting out the hearts of all before his judgment seat;  
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant my feet! Our God is marching on. **(Refrain)**

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;  
as he died to make us holy, let us live to make all free, while God is marching on. **(Refrain)**

He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,  
he is wisdom to the mighty, he is honor to the brave;  
so the world shall be his footstool, and the soul of wrong his slave. Our God is marching on.  
**(Refrain)**

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**\*BENEDICTION:**

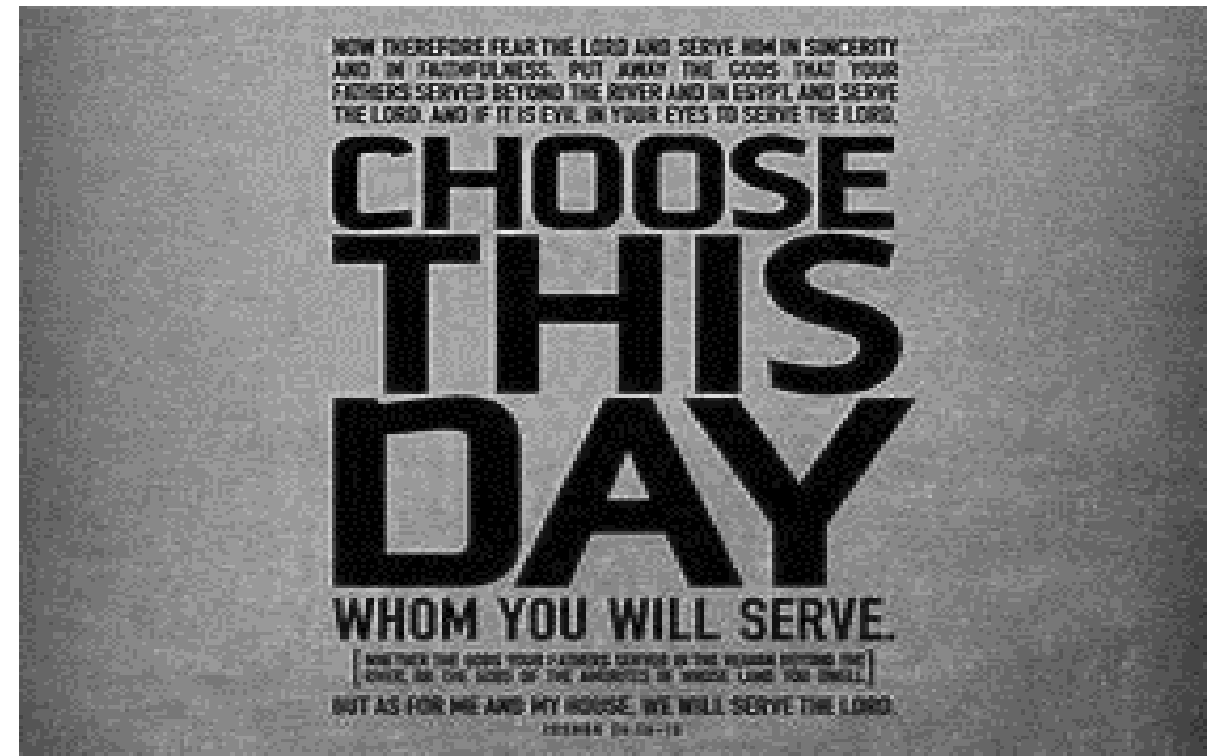
**\*POSTLUDE:**      **"Postlude Fugato"**      Judith Kuhn, Organist  
*\*Please stand as able.*

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*\*A Reconciling Congregation*



**Rev. Stephen Bascom, Sr., Pastor**

**Worship Schedule**

**Sunday 8:15 am, Inside  
10:00 am, Inside & Online**

**November 8, 2020**