

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

November 15th, 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 PRAISE:

Judith Kuhn, Organist

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:

“Medley of Spirituals”

Judith Kuhn, Organist

GATHERING PRAYER:

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you!

L: Creator God, how great is your name!

P: All Creation sings of your glory, and so do we.

L: You have exalted us and crowned us with honor—

P: even the infants join stars and moon in singing your praise.

All: How great, O God, is your name in all the earth! Amen.

(Richard Eslinger, Adapt., c2006 Upper Room Books, Worship and Song)

***GATHERING HYMN:**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

UMH #89

Caroline Coffin, Soloist

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works of joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

(Words: Henry Van Dyke, 1907; Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824, Public Domain)

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT:

(10 am)

SCRIPTURE:

I Thessalonians 5:1-11

Liturgist (10 am)

STATEMENT OF FAITH:

(Worship & Song, #79)

SONG OF PREPARATION: “I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” TFWS #2153 (10 am)

I'm gonna **live** so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna **live** so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

(Repeat w/work so)

(Repeat w/pray so)

(Repeat w/sing so)

(African American Spiritual, Arr. By Wendell “Whalum, TFWS, CCLI #2986523)

MESSAGE:

“Kingdom Mathematics”

Text: Matthew 25:14-30

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: “Bless This House”

Judith Kuhn, Organist
(10 a.m. 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;

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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:

Glorious God, we like to practice random acts of kindness. Your Word even confirms that we further your kingdom when we show kindness and compassion to another person. We pray that Jesus' life and teaching may be our example for sharing intentionally our talents, prayers, time, witness and offerings. We humbly give this offering as an expression of our faith. Amen.

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

CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYER:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***SENDING HYMN:**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

UMH #102

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

(Words: Martin Rinkart, 1663; Music: Johann Cruger, 1647, Public Domain, UMH)

***BENEDICTION:**

***POSTLUDE:**

“How Great Thou Art”

Judith Kuhn, Organist

*(*Please stand as able)*

Online Technician: Len Lednum

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**A Reconciling Congregation*



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Worship Schedule

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

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