

# UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

December 27th, 2020, Christmastide, 10 am (live-stream)

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

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

**GATHERING PRAISE:**

Judith Kuhn, Pianist

**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: "Carols of Field and Plain"**

Judith Kuhn, Pianist

**GATHERING PRAYER:**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**Leader:** God be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**L:** Christ is born; give him glory!

**P: Christ has come down from heaven; receive him!**

**L:** Christ is now on earth; exalt him!

**P: O you earth, sing to the Lord!**

**All: O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified!**

*(Traditional Byzantine Christmas Prayer, Alt., UMBOW)*

**\*CHRISTMAS CAROL: "There's a Song in the Air"**

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*Caroline Coffin, Soloist*

There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!  
There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry!  
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,  
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

There's a tumult of joy o'er the wonderful birth,  
for the virgin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth.  
Ay! The star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,  
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

In the light of that star lie the ages imperaled;  
and that song from afar has swept over the world.

Every hearth is aflame, and the beautiful sing in the homes of the nation that Jesus is King!

We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song  
that comes down through the night from the heavenly throng.

Ay! We shout to the lovely evangel they bring,  
and we greet in this cradle our Savior and King!

*(Words: Josiah G. Holland, 1874; Music: Karl P. Harrington, 1904, Public Domain, UMH)*

## WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT:**

Carol Christopoulos

**SCRIPTURE:**

*Galatians 4:4-7*

**CAROL OF PREPARATION: "Away in a Manger"**

UMH #217

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;  
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay be my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

*(Words: Anonymous; Music: James R. Murray, 1887, Public Domain, UMH)*

**STATEMENT OF FAITH:**

*Worship & Song #79*

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**MESSAGE:**

**"The Dawn of Grace"**

*Text: Luke 2:22-40*

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY: Meditation on "Wondrous Love"**

Judith Kuhn, Pianist

(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;*

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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:**

God of new beginnings, we seek to do everything in the name of Jesus. We desire to live in compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. As we place an offering upon your altar, we believe that we are moving closer to this desire. Help us live this new year with your peace ruling our hearts. We are so thankful! In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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

**CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYER:**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

**\*SENDING CAROL:**

**“Angels We Have Heard on High”**

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Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

*Refrain*

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? **(Refrain)**

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. **(Refrain)**

See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. **(Refrain)**

*(Words/Music: French Carol Melody; arr. By Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937, UMH, CCLI #2986523)*

**\*BENEDICTION:**

**\*POSTLUDE:**

**“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

Judith Kuhn, Pianist

*\*Please stand as able.*

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Worship Schedule  
Sunday 10:00 am Online

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