

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

January 10th, 2021, Baptism of the Lord, 8:30 (zoom) & 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, Organist

WELCOME/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: Great God of waves and flames, are we wet enough to burn brightly?

P: As we gather today to celebrate the baptism of our Lord, set your seal upon our hearts,

L: wash our sin-stained robes righteous, and cool our tempers and angers while fueling our desire for justice.

P: Make us be living water and living flames to give relief to those who thirst, and to bring light to those who sit in darkness.

All: As you did in Elijah's day, rain down flames upon us, O God, so that we may be wet enough to burn brightly. Amen.

(Nathan Decker, c2011, Worship and Song)

HYMN: "Spirit Song" UMH #347

Caroline Coffin, Soloist

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.

Let him fill your hearts and satisfy your soul.

O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Refrain

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy.

Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.

O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. (Refrain)

(John Wimber, 1979, UMH, CCLI #2986523)

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT:

SCRIPTURE: Acts 19:1-7

HYMN: "Onward Christian Soldiers" UMH #575

Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus
going on before. Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe;
forward into battle, see his banners go!

Refrain

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
with the cross of Jesus going on before.

At the sign of triumph Satan's host doeth flee;
on then, Christian soldiers, onto victory!

Hell's foundations quiver at the shout of praise;
Christians, lift your voices, loud your anthems raise. (Refrain)

Like a mighty army moves the church of God;
Christians, we are treading where the saints have trod.
We are not divided, all one body we, one in hope and doctrine,
one in charity. (Refrain)

Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,
but the church of Jesus constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never 'gainst that church prevail;
we have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail. (Refrain)

Onward then, ye people, join our happy throng,
blend with ours your voices in the triumph song.

Glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the King,
this through countless ages men and angels sing. (Refrain)

(Words: Sabine Baring-Gould, 1864; Music: Arthur S. Sullivan, 1871, Public Domain, UMH)

MESSAGE: "What Are We Fighting For?"

Text: Mark 1:4-11

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: "Gentle Spirit" 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:

UMH #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

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!

(Words: Thomas Ken, 1674; Music: Geistliche Kirchengesange, 1623, UMH, Public Domain)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

Affirming God, we allow the distractions of everyday life to burden our spirits. As a result, we often embrace a mindset of scarcity rather than abundance. Transform our ambiguity of thought to a solid belief in the promises of Jesus Christ. We give these generous gifts because you have given us your spirit. Glory to God! Amen and amen!

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

CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYER:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***SENDING HYMN: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" (2X) UMH #431**

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our Creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

(Sy Miller & Jill Jackson, c1955, Jan-Lee Music, c renewed 1983; UMH, CCLI #2986523)

***BENEDICTION:**

***POSTLUDE: "Fanfare for the New Year"**

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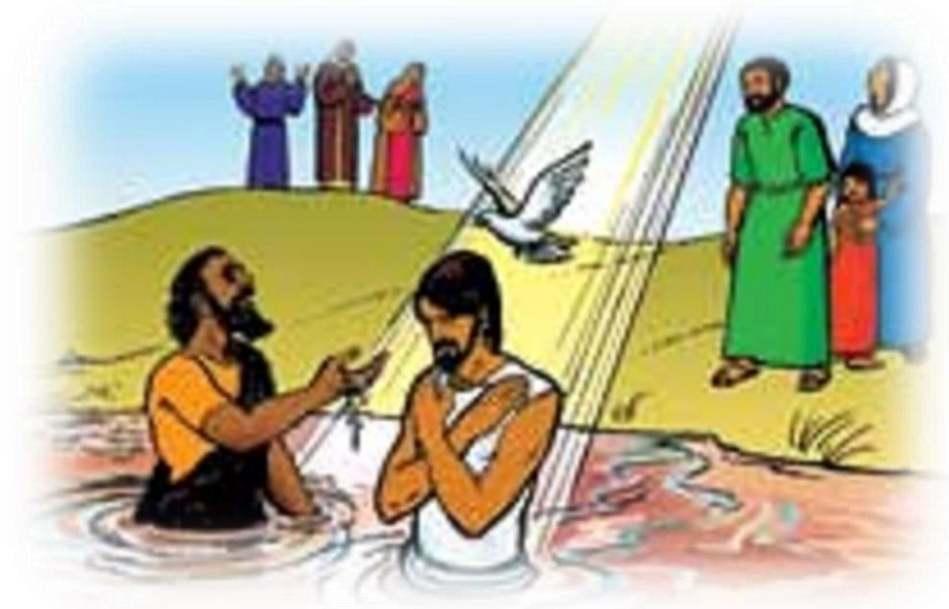
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**A Reconciling Congregation*



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8:30 am (Zoom) & 10:00 am Online

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