

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

January 31st, 2021, Season after Epiphany, 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: "Prelude on 'Finlandia'" Judith Kuhn, Organist

GATHERING PRAYER:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

L: Come to Christ, that living stone, rejected by the world, but in God's sight chosen and precious.

P: We have responded to Christ's call, and seek to be built into a spiritual house, a living reminder of God's presence on earth.

L: Once we were no people, but now we are God's people, called out of the darkness into God's marvelous light. Therefore we say with the Church in all ages:

P: Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer.

All: By your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

(Ruth Duck, USA, 20th c., Adapted, BOW, #456)

HYMN: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" UMH #127

Caroline Coffin, Soloist

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
(want no more) feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong, deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
(strength and shield) be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;

(give to thee) I will ever give to thee.

(Words: Wm Williams, 1745; Music: Jn Hughes, 1907, UMH, CCLI #2986523)

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT:

SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Liturgist

HYMN: "Wounded World that Cries for Healing" TFWS #2177

Wounded world that cries for healing—here we hold each other's pain,
wounded systems, bruised and bleeding bear the load,
the scars of strain; dollars ration out compassion,
hard decisions rule the day, Jesus of the healing Spirit,
free us to another way!

Through our nation's spent frustration, through the corridors of stress
may there move a kindlier wisdom all may feel, and all may bless;
tax and tithe are for a purpose shared to shield the poor and weak;
past the symptoms of our sickness let the voice of justice speak.

Honor those whose loving spirit nurses hope, restores and heals,
towels and basin used in service like the Christ who comes and kneels;
in the tending, in the mending may we see the right and fair,
in our common quest of wholeness heal each other by our care.

(Words: Shirley Erena Murray; Music: Hal H. Hopson, c1996 Hope Pub. Co., TFWS, CCLI #2986523)

MESSAGE: "Confidence in Christ"

Text: Mark 1:21-28

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: "I Need Thee Every 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:

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:

We give you thanks, O God, for your generous gifts of provision, love and grace. All that we are and have may be traced to your unfailing compassion. Help us to grow our capacity for compassion so that we may follow the example you have set. Be glorified in our lives and witness, we pray. Amen.

CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYER:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE DEPART TO SERVE

SENDING 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)**

(Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873; Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873, Public Domain)

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: "Postlude March" Judith Kuhn, Organist

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**A Reconciling Congregation*



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