

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

February 28th, 2021, Second Sunday of Lent, 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: "Meditation on Gordon" Judith Kuhn, Organist

GATHERING PRAYER:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

People: Praise God who helps us all to grow!

L: Praise God, forgiver of our sin.

P: Praise God, Redeemer, Guide and Friend.

L: Praise God, Creator of the earth.

P: Praise God who gives us second birth.

L: Praise God who calls us back to home,

P: whenever we are prone to roam.

All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below!

HYMN: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" TFWS #2129

Caroline Coffin, Soloist

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me...

Though none go with me, still I will follow...

(Anonymous, TFWS, Public Domain)

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT:

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Carol Christopoulos, Liturgist
Caroline Coffin, Liturgist

HYMN: "And Are We Yet Alive" UMH #553

And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?
Glory and thanks to Jesus give for his almighty grace!

Preserved by power divine to full salvation here,
again in Jesus' praise we join, and in his sight appear.

What troubles have we seen, what mighty conflicts past,
fightings without, and fears within, since we assembled last!

Yet out of all the Lord hath brought us by his love;
and still he doth his help afford, and hides our life above.

Then let us make our boast of his redeeming power,
which saves us to the uttermost, till we can sin no more.

Let us take up the cross till we the crown obtain,
and gladly reckon all things loss so we may Jesus gain.

(Words: Charles Wesley, 1749; Music: Johann G. Nageli, 1845, UMH, Public Domain)

MESSAGE: "The Gift of a Burden"

Text: Mark 8:31-38

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: "Softly and Tenderly"

Caroline Coffin, Soloist (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:

**May the river of your generosity flow through us to a hungry,
thirsty, troubled world. Thank you, God, for the joy of giving!
Amen.**

CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYER:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE DEPART TO SERVE

HYMN: "In Christ Alone" Worship & Song #3105

In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song.

The Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.

The gift of love and righteousness
scorned by the ones he came to save.

'Til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.

Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!

And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.

From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No power in hell, no scheme or plan can ever pluck me from his hand.

'Till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

(Keith Getty & Stuart Townend, c2002 Thankyou Music (PRS), W&S, CCLI #2986523)

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: "Oh, Praise The Lord" Judith Kuhn, Organist

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**A Reconciling Congregation*



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