

# UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

April 4th, 2021, Easter Sunday, 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:** "Classical Easter" Handbell Choir

William Buzza, Directing

**GATHERING PRAYER:**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**Leader:** Weeping may endure for a night...

**People:** but joy comes in the morning.

**L:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and to those in the tombs restoring life!

**P:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and to those in the tombs restoring life!

**L:** Alleluia! The risen Christ is with us!

**P:** Thanks be to God!

**All:** Made like him, like him we rise, Christ has opened paradise!  
Alleluia!

*(Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, W&S, Adapted)*

**HYMN:** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" UMH #302

*Caroline Coffin, Soloist*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!

Raise your songs and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again, our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!

Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!

Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!

Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

*(Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1869; Music: Wm H. Doane, 1869, Public Domain)*

## WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT:**

**SCRIPTURE:** I Corinthians 15:1-11 Carol Christopoulos, Liturgist

Caroline Coffin, Liturgist

**HYMN:** "Christ Has Risen" TFWS #2115

Christ has risen while earth slumbers,

Christ has risen where hope died,

as he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied.

Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer;

let the world confirm the rumor: Christ is risen, God is here!

Christ has risen for the people whom he died to love and save;

Christ has risen for the women bringing flowers to grace his grave.

Christ has risen for disciples huddled in an upstairs room.

He whose word inspired creation can't be silenced by the tomb.

Christ has risen to companion former friends who fear the night,  
sensing loss and limitation where the faith had once burned bright.

They bemoan what is no longer, they expect no hopeful sign  
till Christ ends their conversation, breaking bread and sharing wine.

Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change  
all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange.

Christ is risen, Christ is present making us what he has been—  
evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.

*(Words: John Bell; Music: Wm Moore; c1988 WGRG The Iona Community (Scotland), admin. by GIA Pub. Inc., TFWS, CCLI #2986523)*

**MESSAGE:** "Glory, Hallelujah!"

Text: John 20:1-18

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY: "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands"**

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 Kirchengesänge, 1623, UMH, Public Domain)

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

Blessed One, the resurrection of your Son has given us renewed hope. We respond to your divine love and unfailing promise with these tithes and offerings. We give faithfully in support of ministries that enable others to encounter your salvation. We pray in glory and honor of your Son, the Messiah. Amen.

(David Bell, c2007 General Board of Discipleship, W&S)

## **CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYER:**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

**HYMN:**            **"The Battle Hymn of the Republic"**            UMH #717

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;  
his truth is marching on.

*Refrain*

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have seen him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps,  
they have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps;  
I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;  
his day is marching on. (Refrain)

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;  
as he died to make us holy, let us *live* to make all free,  
while God is marching on. (Refrain)

He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,  
he is wisdom to the mighty, he is honor to the brave;  
so the world should be his footstool, and the soul of wrong his slave.  
Our God is marching on. (Refrain)

(Words: Julia Ward Howe, 1861; Music: USA campmeeting tune, 19<sup>th</sup> c., UMH, Public Domain)

## **BENEDICTION:**

**POSTLUDE: "Crown Him With Many Crowns"**    Judith Kuhn, Organist  
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