

# UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

April 18th, 2021, Eastertide, 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:** "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Judith Kuhn, Organist

**GATHERING PRAYER:**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**Leader:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People:** Christ has risen indeed!

**L:** Let us pray, "By your cross, O Savior, you destroyed the curse of the tree.

**P:** By your burial you slayed the dominion of death.

**L:** By your rising, you enlightened the human race.

**P:** O benefactor, Christ our God, glory to you!

**All:** Every day is Easter! Alleluia!

**HYMN:** "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" UMH #306

*Caroline Coffin, Soloist*

*(Antiphon)*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;  
the song of triumph has begun: Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst,  
but Christ their legions hath dispersed;  
let shouts of holy joy outburst: Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped; he rises glorious from the dead;  
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,

from death's dread sting thy servant's free,  
that we may live, and sing to thee: alleluia! (Antiphon)  
*(Words: Anon. Latin, 1695; Music: Giovanni P. da Palestrina, 1591, UMH, Public Domain)*

## WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT:**

**SCRIPTURE:** Acts 3:12-19 Carol Christopoulos, Liturgist  
Caroline Coffin, Liturgist

**HYMN:** "He Touched Me" UMH #367

Shackled by a heavy burden, 'neath a load of guilt and shame,  
then the hand of Jesus touched me, and now I am no longer the same.

*Refrain*

He touched me, O he touched me, and O the joy that flood my soul!  
Something happened, and now I know,  
he touched me and made me whole.

Since I met this blessed Savior, since he cleansed and made me whole,  
I will never cease to praise him; I'll shout it while eternity rolls.

*(Refrain)*

*(William J. Gaither, c1963, UMH, CCLI #2986523)*

**MESSAGE:** "What Is the Message?"

Text: Luke 24:36b-48

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY:** "What Wondrous Love Is This"

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:**

O God, we recognize that we have been blessed with great abundance. In offering these gifts, may we be strengthened to proclaim your faithfulness and your salvation this day and always. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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

**CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYER:**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

**HYMN:**

**“Thine Be the Glory”**

UMH #308

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Refrain*

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for our Lord now liveth,; death hath lost its sting. **(Refrain)**

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. **(Refrain)**

*(Words: Edmond L. Budry, 1904; Music: Harmonia Sacra, ca 1753 (Handel), UMH, Public Domain)*

**BENEDICTION:**

**POSTLUDE: “Triumphal March”** Judith Kuhn, Organist  
**Online Technician: Len Lednum**

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*\*A Reconciling Congregation*



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**Worship Schedule: Sunday 8:30 am (Zoom) & 10:00 am Online**

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