

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN
CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, LEWISTON**

December 4th, 2022, 8:30 & 10:30 am, Second Sunday of Advent

All members of this parish form the ministry team in witness of Christ.

LECTIONARY DEVOTION: Psalm 72:1-19; Romans 15:4-13

How does justice nourish the earth?

How are we to welcome one another?

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS: Rev. Steve Bascom, Pastor

Calvary UMC – Social Justice Mission Statement

Calvary United Methodist Church intentionally embraces and celebrates every child of God in an inclusive and diverse church community of LGBTQ persons, gender identities, races, disabilities, and economic resources.

PRELUDE: Ryan Slocum, Organist

GATHERING PRAYER:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

L: Let us pray, “Gracious God, your vision of peace and wholeness comes to us in sweeping revelations and in tiny signs of hope.

P: Kindle our hearts that we may be a hopeful people.

L: Keep us from growing weary of waiting lest we miss the glory of your appearing.

All: Even so, come quickly, O God. Amen.”

(Robert C. Oliphant, c2000 United Church Publishing House. W&S)

***GATHERING HYMN: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” UMH #211**

(v. 1-4, 6 w/antiphons)

As the Spirit guides, we invite you to come forward during any song to light a candle for those you hold in prayer.

Caroline Young Coffin, Songleader

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

(Refrain)

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go. (Refrain)

O come, o come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes
on Sinai’s height in ancient times once gave the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. (Refrain)

O come, thou Root of Jesse’s tree, an ensign of thy people be;

before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call. (Refrain)

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thy justice here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight.

(Refrain)

(Words: 9th c. Latin, st. 2 Henry Sloane Coffin; 5-6 Laurence Hull Stookey; UMH, Public Domain)

WE PROCLAIM TOGETHER

LIGHTING TWO ADVENT CANDLES: Donna Searles (8:30 am)

Nancy Holler, Mary MacMahon, (10:30 am)

ANTHEM: “The King of Glory Comes” Wesleyan Singers

Caroline Young Coffin, Directing

CHILDREN’S MOMENT: Pastor Steve

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 11:1-10 Saphryn Humason Fulgham, Liturgist

***SONG OF PREPARATION: “Star-Child” TFWS #2095**

Star-child, earth-child, go between of God,
love child, Christ child, heaven’s lightning rod,

Refrain

This year, this year, let the day arrive when Christmas comes to everyone, everyone
alive!

Street child, beat child, no place left to go,
hurt child, used child, no one wants to know, (Refrain)

Grown child, old child, memory full of years,
sad child, lost child, story told in tears, (Refrain)

Spared child, spoiled child, having, wanting more,
wise child, faith child, knowing joy in store, (Refrain)

Hope-for-peace child, God’s stupendous sign,
down-to-earth child, Star of stars that shine, (Refrain)

(Words: Shirley Erena Murray; Music: Carlton R. Young, c1994 Hope Publishing Co., TFWS, CCLI #2986523)

Five Children of Christmas: Virginia

Message: “Believe”

Text: Matthew 3:1-12

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves, about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or how poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God....

(c1999 R. Mk. Liebenow, W&S)

Renewing God, trusting in your infinite grace, we confess that we need your healing and forgiveness. For all that is broken in our minds and bodies, we ask your healing. For all that is amiss in our choices and relationships, we ask your forgiveness. For all that works against life and blessing in our hearts, and in the world, we open ourselves to your transforming grace. Heal us, forgive us, and make us new. Amen.

(C2011 Steve Garnass-Holmes, W&S)

The Great Thanksgiving (w/Communion Settings) TFSW #2257ff

Sharing the Celebration Bread and Cup

Communion elements are non-alcoholic, and a gluten-free option is provided.

Approach by center aisle; return by side aisles.

OFFERING & OFFERTORY:

*We invite you to invest in God's mission and ministry as it flows
through the United Methodist Church 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:

God of grace, we admit that Advent can be a challenging time. We are not accustomed to waiting. We live in a world of instant gratification. Yet you call us to wait, to anticipate, and to prepare for the birth of your son. Now we are counting the days until Christmas Day. This countdown generates a variety of emotional responses: excitement, joy, relief, and maybe even panic. Provide us with a sense of calm. May the rhythm of worship and this offering moment calm us so that we are prepared to receive anew the birth of Jesus, the Christ Child. Amen. *(David Bell, c2007 General Board of Discipleship, Worship & Song, Adapted)*

CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYERS:

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UMH #895)

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***SENDING HYMN:**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

UMH #234

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye,
O come ye, to Bethlehem. Come and behold him,
born the King of angels;

Refrain

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,
lo, he shuns not the virgin's womb; Son of the Father,
begotten, not created; *(Refrain)*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; *(Refrain)*

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to graze;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; *(Refrain)*

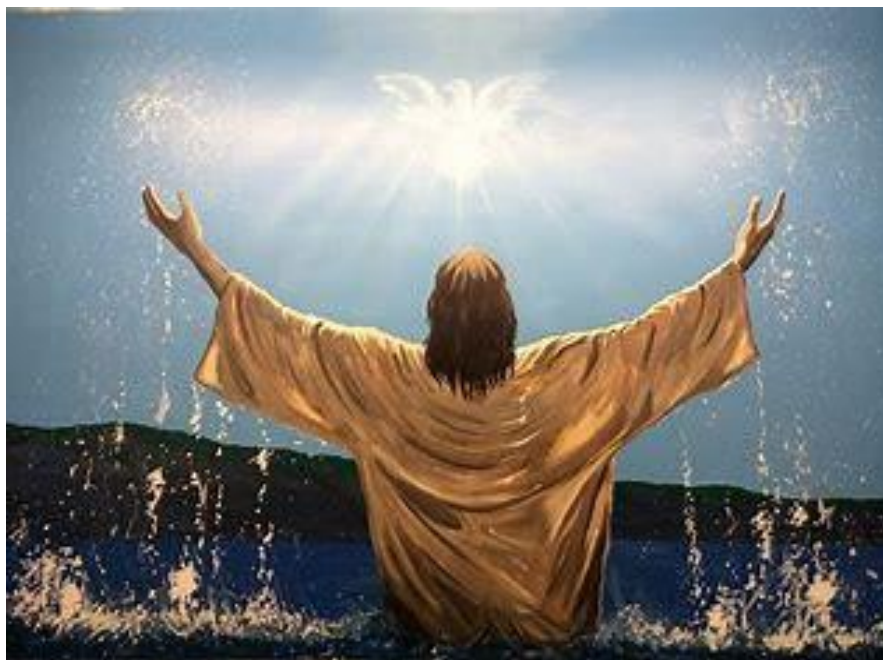
(John F. Wade, 1743, UMH, Public Domain)

***BENEDICTION:**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

439 Park Avenue, Auburn, ME 04210 (207) 782-3972

**A Reconciling Congregation*



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**Worship Schedule: Sunday - 8:30 am (In-Person & Zoom)
10:30 am (In-Person & Live-Stream)**

December 4, 2022

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