

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

May 22nd, 2022, 8:30 & 10 am, Heritage Sunday, Eastertide

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: (spiritual centering) **“Something For Thee”**

Judith Kuhn, Organist

GATHERING PRAYER:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

L: Glory to God, who has woven garments of glory for his resurrection.

P: Worship to the Son, who was clothed in them at his rising.

L: Thanksgiving to the Spirit, who keeps them for all the saints.

All: There's within our hearts a melody! Let us sing of Easter joy!

(Syrian Orthodox Church, UMH, Adapted)

***HYMN:** **“There's Within My Heart a Melody”** UMH #380

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

Caroline Coffin, Soloist

There's within my heart a melody Jesus whispers sweet and low:
Fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still, in all of life's ebb and flow.

Refrain

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus sweetest name I know,
fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.

All my life was wrecked by sin and strife,
discord filled my heart with pain;
Jesus swept across the broken strings,
stirred the slumbering chords again. (Refrain)

Though sometimes he leads through waters deep,
trials fall across the way,
though sometimes the path seems rough and steep,

see the footprints all the way. (Refrain)

Feasting on the riches of his grace, resting 'neath his sheltering wing,
always looking on his smiling face, that is why I shout and sing. (R)

Soon he's coming back to welcome me far beyond the starry sky;

I shall wing my flight to world's unknown;

I shall reign with him on high. (Refrain)

(Luther B. Bridgers, 1910, UMH, Public Domain)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Carol Christopoulos

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 Janice Meserve, Liturgist

MISSION MOMENT: (VIM: Volunteers in Mission) Joel Irish

SONG OF PREPARATION: **“Gift of Love”** UMH #408

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass,
and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long
to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship and are freed.

(Words: Hal Hopson; Music: Trad. English Melody, c1972 Hope Pub. Co., UMH, CCL:I #2986523)

Message: “The Great Return”

Text: John 14:23-29

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: **“Chapel Interlude”**

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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:

Honestly, God, your promise of a new life in Heaven seems so distant, so obscure! Spectacles of violence and self-indulgence defile our consciousness. Sensitize us to the mosaic of personal and community struggles that envelope our sisters and brothers around the world. Multiply these gifts for ministries that empower people to trust your holy Word. We pray in the name of the holiest of teachers, Jesus the Messiah. Amen.

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

CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYER:

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UMH #895)

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***SENDING SONG:** "And Are We Yet Alive" (v. 1-4, 6) 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.

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

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

Judith Kuhn, Organist

**Please stand as able.*

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**A Reconciling Congregation*



Rev. Steve Bascom, Sr., Pastor

Worship Schedule: Sunday - 8:30 am (In-Person & Zoom)

10:00 am (In-Person & Live-Stream)

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Church Fellowship

JOIN US! The NOW Committee invites you to church fellowship in the fellowship hall. Host: *Sandra Chamberlain*.

Volunteers in Mission (VIM)

We often think of missionaries as those who travel cross-culturally to bring the gospel to folks who have not heard the message, but *we* can also be missionaries, right here in Maine, offering service to others. *In August*, a team from UMC of Auburn will join Cressey Road UMC (Gorham, ME) to offer assistance to neighbors in Washington County (ME) who need help with ramps, roofs, or other repairs. Your mission offerings will support the team and provide project materials.

Humanitarian Response in Ukraine

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), relief arm of Global Ministries, offers humanitarian aid to those displaced by war in the Ukraine. Contributions may be made out to UMC of Auburn - disaster response efforts in Ukraine, Advance #982450.