

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

May 29th, 2022, 8:30 & 10 am, Ascension/Memorial 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) **“Jacob’s Ladder”**
Judith Kuhn, Organist

GATHERING PRAYER:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: God is good.

People: All the time!

L: Risen with Christ, let us seek the realities of the Spirit.

P: Our life is hidden with Christ in God.

L: He who descended also ascended far above the heavens, that he might fill all things.

P: When Christ, our Life, appears, we shall appear with him in glory!

All: Alleluia! May Christ shine through us!

(Don E. Saliers, USA, 20th c., BOW, Adapted)

***HYMN:** **“This Is My Song”** UMH #437

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, Song-leader

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.

This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country’s skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.

O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth’s kingdoms:

Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.

Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
And hearts united learn to live as one.

O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

(Words: v. 1-2, Lloyd Stone, 1934; v. 3, Georgia Harkness, ca 1939; Music: Jean Sibelius, 1899; v.1-2, c 1934, 1962 & v. 3, c1964, Lorenz Pub. Co., UMH, #2986523)

CHILDREN’S MOMENT: Betty Young

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:44-53 Rev. Joe Beardsley, Liturgist

SONG OF PREPARATION: **“Into My Heart”** TFWS #2160

Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
Come in today, come in to stay; come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

Out of my heart, out of my heart, shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus;
Shine out today, shine out always; shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus.

(Harry D. Clarke, c1924, renewed 1952 Hope Pub. Co., TFWS, CCLI #2986523)

Message: “What Next?”

Text: Acts 1:1-11

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: “Lyric Poem”

Judith Kuhn, Organist

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:

Lord God, let me give until it helps the poor and needy, let me love until it changes the abused and doubtful, and let me serve until it blesses the least and the oppressed through my tithe, time, talent, and testimony. Amen.

(Darlene A. Moore, c2011 Darlene A. Moore, W&S)

PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR A HURTING WORLD:

Song: Cares Chorus - TFWS #2215

We cast all our cares upon you,
we lay all of our burdens down at your feet,
and anytime that we don't know what to do,
we will cast all our cares upon you. (Repeat as guided)

PASTORAL PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UMH #895)

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***SENDING SONG: "Let There be Peace on Earth" UMH #431**

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now,
with every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. (repeat)

(Sy Miller & Jill Jackson, c1955, Assigned to Jan-Le Music. C renewed 1983, UMH, CCLI #2986523)

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: "Recessional" Judith Kuhn, Organist

**Please stand as able.*

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**A Reconciling Congregation*



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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: Donna Stewart.

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.