

# UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF AUBURN

April 26th, 2026, 8:30 & 10:30 am, Eastertide/Mechuwana Sunday

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

## **DEVOTION: Psalm 23; I Peter 2:19-25**

*What do you expect from a shepherd?*

*How can the 'wounded' heal others?*

## **WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Rev. Steve Bascom

Mission for April: Cleaning & Hygiene Buckets – Storm Recovery

### **UMC of Auburn Mission Statement**

Our church is a \*reconciling intergenerational Christian community that *intentionally* welcomes all of God's children. Its 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** (Centering): Ryan Slocum, Organist

**PRAYER OF GREETING:**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**Leader:** God is good.

**People:** All the time!

**L:** May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road.

**P:** May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve.

**L:** May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open your hearts to love.

**P:** May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet, and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.

**All:** Christ is risen! Christ's love shines through us!

(Traditional Celtic, Adapted)

**\*GATHERING HYMN: "Pass It On"** UMH #572

*Caroline Young Coffin, Songleader*

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

It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon all those around can warm up to its glowing. That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it; you want to sing, it's fresh like spring,

you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding;  
the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming.

That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it;  
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found;  
You can depend on him, it matters not where you're bound.  
I'll shout it from the mountaintop; I want my world to know;  
the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

(Kurt Kaiser, 1969; c1969 Communique Music, Inc., UMH, CCLI #2986523)

## **WE PROCLAIM TOGETHER**

**MECHUWANA MOMENT:**

**CHILDREN'S BLESSING:**

**CHORAL ANTHEM: "Walking on High Places"**

Caroline Young Coffin, Wesleyan Singers Director

**SCRIPTURE:** Acts 2:42-47 (p. 112, NT) Betty Young, Liturgist

**\*SONG OF PREPARATION:** TFWS #2088

***"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"***

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came to heaven to earth to show the way,  
from the earth to the cross—my debt to pay;  
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift your name on high. (Repeat)

(Rick Founds, c1989 Maranatha Praise, Inc., admin. by The Copyright Co., TFWS, CCLI #2986523)

**MESSAGE: "I Came to Give Life"**

Text: John 10:1-10 (p. 97, NT)

## **WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

**OFFERING AND 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 Kirchengesange, 1623, UMH, Public Domain)

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

Blessed God, you have called us to contribute to the needs of the saints and to extend hospitality to strangers. Hallow these gifts that they may be a blessing to many in your name. Amen.

*(Herb Mather, c2002 General Board of Discipleship, W&S)*

**CELEBRATION AND PRAYER:**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (UMH #895)

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

**\*SENDING HYMN:**

UMH #380

*"There's Within My Heart a Melody"*

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)*

**\*BENEDICTION:**

**POSTLUDE:**

**\*Please stand as able.**

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

*\*A Reconciling Congregation*



**Rev. Steve Bascom, Sr., Pastor**

**Worship Schedule: Sunday**

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**Church School: 10:30 am**

**April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

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**Reminder:** the church entrance doors will be locked at 10:40 am and unlocked during the postlude for safe sanctuary protocol.

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**THIS WEEK:**

City Mission, 8 am to 1 pm/Wednesday Dinner, 5 pm

Wesleyan Singers, 4/28, 4:30 pm (UMCA)

Willoughby 'Billie' Wight Celebration of Life, 4/29, 4 pm,

Fortin Funeral Home, Auburn

Faith Journey, 4/30, 9:30 am (UMCA)

Upper Room Devotional, 5/1, 10 am (zoom)

Bible Study: Luke, 5/1, 6:30 pm (UMCA)

Men's Breakfast Fellowship 5/2, 7:30 am (UMCA)

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