

USE ME, GOD.  
SHOW ME HOW  
TO TAKE WHO  
I AM, WHO I  
WANT TO BE,  
AND WHAT I  
CAN DO, AND  
USE IT FOR A  
PURPOSE  
GREATER THAN  
MYSELF.

-MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

***Sudbury United Methodist Church***

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 14, 2018**

Before worship, please feel free to greet those around you. Concerns or celebrations to be included in today's prayers may be recorded on cards in the pew pockets and passed to the ushers during the second hymn. During the prelude, let us prepare silently to worship God.

*(\*indicates worshipers may stand, as they are able)*

**Welcome**

**Prelude:** "Fugue on the Magnificat"

J. Pachelbel

**\*Opening Worship**

**Praise Song:** UMH # 338 - "Where He Leads Me" (*verses 1-2*)

**A Reading from the Gospels:** John 1:43-51 – "Follow Me"

**Praise Song:** UMH # 338 - "Where He Leads Me" (*verses 3-4*)

**\*Opening Prayer:** (*The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., USA, 20<sup>th</sup> cent.*)

**Thou Eternal God, out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence  
the whole universe has come into being:**

**We humbly confess that we have not loved thee with our hearts, souls and minds,  
and we have not loved our neighbors as Christ loved us.**

**We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses  
rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ.**

**We often give in order to receive.**

**We love our friends and hate our enemies.**

**We go the first mile but dare not travel the second.**

**We forgive but dare not forget.**

**And so as we look within ourselves,**

**we are confronted with the appalling fact that the history of our lives  
is the history of an eternal revolt against you.**

**But thou, O God, have mercy upon us.**

**Forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be.**

**Give us the intelligence to know your will.**

**Give us the courage to do your will.**

**Give us the devotion to love your will.**

**In the name and spirit of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

**Children's Time:** "Take That Call"

**Special Music:** "Oh Freedom"

African-American Spiritual

**A Reading from the Scriptures:** 1 Samuel 3:1-20

*(This reading is found on page 247 in the Old Testament.)*

**Sermon:** “Vision in the Kitchen”

The Rev. Joel B. Guillemette

**\*Hymn of Response:** UMH # 474 – “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

**A Time of Fellowship**

**Greeting Our Guests**

**Concerns and Celebrations**

**The Pastoral Prayer**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Stewardship Moment:** “Vital Conversations on Realities of Race and Racism”

**Offertory:** “Help Us Accept Each Other”

F. Kaan and J. N. Beck

**\*Doxology:** UMH # 94 - “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**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!**

**Holy Communion**

**\*Great Thanksgiving:** FWS pages 2257 a, b, c, d – “Communion Setting”

**\*The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**The Giving of the Bread and Cup**

*(“Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another” [UMH page 12]. At the ushers’ signal worshipers may join the line to receive a morsel of gluten and lactose free bread in their hands, dip the bread in the cup of unfermented grape juice, and partake of both at the same time. After communing, worshipers return to their pew by the side aisles.)*

**Prayer after Communion**

**\*Hymn of Commitment:** UMH # 519 – “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

## \*Dismissal with Blessing

**Postlude:** Improvisation

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**Reconciling & Welcoming Statement:** The United Methodist Church is a community of believers and seekers, with differences in age, class, nationality, race, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, abilities, and limitations. We at SUMC recognize that there are attitudes, concerning these diverse characteristics, which violate the integrity of individuals and deny the richness of God's creation. Therefore we affirm our welcome to all people into our community of faith. We are committed to be a fellowship in which all persons feel a part of our family, enabling them to grow in their faith, to be fed by our fellowship, and to contribute their talents to the life of the church in its worship, programs, and outreach. We call the church and society to be sensitive to all persons and to advocate programs which attempt to ensure justice for all.

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## Sudbury United Methodist Church January 14, 2018

### Welcome, Guests!

Are you visiting Sudbury UMC today? Welcome! If you have time after worship, please pause in the narthex to meet our pastor and a few of our church's leaders. If a longer visit is possible, enjoy coffee and conversation in Hawes Hall, just past The Columns, on the south end of our facility. We hope you enjoy your visit and invite you to come back soon!

### Adult Bible Study Continues through February 12

Paul's First and Second letters to the Corinthians will be the focus of a new Immersion Bible study for adults to be led by John McKinney and Jim Empfield. Classes will take place January 15, 22, 29, and February 5 and 12 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Paul's letters to Corinth discuss practical challenges that most Christians wrestle with. To register, or to receive a copy of the workbook, contact Eric Magnuson at 978-443-4351, ext. 207, or [eric@sudbury-umc.org](mailto:eric@sudbury-umc.org).

### Middle High and Senior High Youth – This News Is for You!



Starting on Sunday, January 21, a new youth fellowship format will come to Sudbury UMC. High school teens will meet from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., and the middle school youth will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. During the half-hour of overlap at 6:30 p.m., dinner will be served to both groups. Games, activities, and devotions will happen before and after dinner for high school and middle school, respectively. Parents, check your email for

more details about this plan and for all things youth-related, which includes Youth Sunday on February 4 and Camp Berea March 2-4. If you are not yet receiving weekly updates from Youth Ministries leader Zack Moser, please send an email to ([zack@sudbury-umc.org](mailto:zack@sudbury-umc.org)).

### A Reminder for Grand-Friends and Prayer Pals

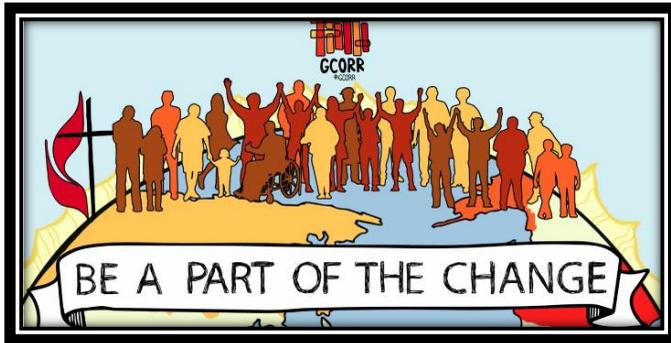
The key word for Week 19, January 14 to 20, is *Joy*: "For the joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10).

### The 2018 Flower Calendar Has Been Posted

If you would like to give flowers for the altar in 2018 in honor or memory of a loved one, the flower calendar has been posted near the door to the church office. Simply select a date, perhaps an anniversary, birthday, or just a date when you would like to honor someone special, and we will take care of the rest. The cost is \$40.00. Help the Flower Team enhance worship by giving this gift to God. Questions – contact Wanda Doughty at 774-219-9065.

### Save the Date for Food, Fun, and Fellowship

Sudbury UMC's Family Game Night (with pizza) on Saturday, January 20, 5:00-7:00 p.m.



## “Vital Conversations” Series about Racism Begins Today

The New England Conference of the UMC has asked all local churches to participate in a series of “**Vital Conversations**” about racism with an emphasis on deconstructing the system that supports racism. Starting with today’s celebration of Martin

Luther King Jr.’s life and continuing for four weeks, the Social Justice and Christian Education Commissions will present a series of videos and conduct facilitated conversations in **Davison Chapel from 11:00 a.m. to noon:**

**Sunday January 14:** After Worship, grab some coffee and head toward Davison Chapel to view a video on “**Colonial Laws and the Origin of Systematic Racism**” and take part in a facilitated discussion. This session will answer questions such as when/where the term “White People” was first used and how a racial system was legally constructed by early colonists to benefit the wealthy white landowners. Light refreshments will be served.

**Sunday January 21:** We are pleased to welcome Robin J. Miller, educator and specialist in African American heritage art, as guest preacher. Her sermon, “**Look to the Lord,**” recounts her story growing up as an African American in this country. After Worship, Ms. Miller will speak in Davison Chapel and invite us to engage us in open discussion. Finally, lunch will be served with sandwiches, fruit, and desserts. **To help us plan for lunch, please RSVP Jean Lind at: [JLthebeach@earthlink.net](mailto:JLthebeach@earthlink.net).**

**Sunday January 28:** After Worship, join us in Davison Chapel to view Dr. David Hooker’s video on “**Meaningful Conversations on Race**” and share in a facilitated discussion. Never an easy topic, Dr. Hooker challenges us to reconsider the myth of race and our own biases. Light refreshments will be served.

**Sunday February 4:** After Worship, join us in Davison Chapel to view Dr. Robin D’Angelo’s video on “**Vital Conversations on Racism**” and share in a facilitated discussion. Examining key factors in understanding the built-in system of racism, Dr. D’ Angelo considers the inherent benefits of “whiteness.” Light refreshments will be served. **Note:** Dr. D’Angelo, a popular author and anti-racism educator, will also speak March 10 at an event co-hosted by Memorial Congregational Church and First Parish Sudbury.

**Sunday February 11:** After Worship, join us in Davison Chapel to view Bishop Cynthia Moore-KoiKoi’s video “**Tearing Down Fences in Baltimore**” and to share in a facilitated discussion. Bishop Moore-KoiKoi shares her experiences as a pastor in racially-torn Baltimore and describes a way forward for Christians. Light refreshments will be served.

## **Is There Child Care during Sunday Morning Worship Services?**

Infants and toddlers are welcome in worship. Parents with young children may also visit our Family Room with visual and aural access to the sanctuary. Each Sunday, a pair of CORI-ed volunteers cares for kids age two and younger. Stairs in the northwest corner of the narthex lead up to a cozy room furnished with sofas, toys, and children's books.

## **Where Is the Rest Room?**

A unisex rest room is located in the southeast corner of the narthex, behind the back row of pews on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. There is another rest room just past the side door of the sanctuary closest to the pulpit and three steps up.

## **Do You Need Hearing Assistance?**

Individual hearing assistance units are available. An usher will help you to borrow one.

## **If Our Shopping Cart Could Talk**

Food donations made to the shopping cart outside the O'Reilly Room are delivered to Open Table, our partner in Maynard. If our shopping cart could talk, it would politely say, "Thank You!" to all who visit. Or, it might drop hints like, "Don't be a stranger!" and "I always need solid white tuna in cans, spaghetti sauce in jars, mixed vegetables in cans, pineapple in cans, raisins, dried beans in bags, bread crumbs, condensed milk, rice pilaf, and instant coffee."

## **What Your Name Tag Says About You**

In addition to your name, your nametag also says you enjoy sharing yourself with others and making new friends. It tells our church's newest staff members that you understand the challenge of learning the names of a whole congregation in a short time. And it tells Sunday morning guests in worship that you are happy to try to answer their questions or introduce them to others who can. Thank you for wearing your nametag!

## **Sudbury UMC Is a Nut Free Zone!**

Several Sunny Hill preschoolers and staff members have dangerous allergies to nut products and coconut oil. Do not bring food products or soaps containing tree nuts into the church and remember that coconut oil in kitchen cleaners and lotions can be lethal. Thank you!

## **Please Recycle This Bulletin**

The Worship and Music Commission has placed blue recycle bins near the church's three entrances. Materials not needed at home, along with other clean papers, may be recycled in these bins. Please dispose of paper soiled by food or anything else in wastebaskets.

## **Quiet Time for Spiritual Growth**

Want to make spiritual growth a New Year's resolution? Quiet time with *The Upper Room* can lead to a growth spurt! Monthly booklets are available at no cost in the narthex. Or visit *The Upper Room* online at <http://devotional.upperroom.org/>.

## **This Far by Faith: Preventing Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse**

The Central Massachusetts District of the UMC will host a workshop with the Rev. Dr. Anne Marie Hunter at the Chestnut Street UMC, 161 Chestnut Street, Gardner, MA on Saturday, January 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Participants will learn the dynamics of abuse and manipulation in order to sort out and respond their experiences in the church and wider community. Registration fee: \$5.00. Dr. Hunter is the executive director of Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership against Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse. RSVP by January 18 by emailing [cmadistrict@charter.net](mailto:cmadistrict@charter.net).

## **Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast – Boston Convention and Exhibition Center**



Remember Dr. King’s vision of a “Beloved Community” with this year’s theme, “Remember His Words.” Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. features Shayna Seymour, co-anchor of WCVB’s award-winning, nightly news magazine, Chronicle. Hear engaging speeches from Boston’s dignitaries, live music and an inspirational address from this year’s keynote speaker, Bakari Sellers, a CNN political analyst, lawyer, and activist. Tickets are \$50 and may be purchased on line at <http://www.bostonmlkbreakfast.org/>

## **Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast – Verve Crowne Plaza Hotel, Natick**

The annual MLK Jr. celebratory breakfast will be hosted by the Greater Framingham Community Church on January 15 starting at 8:00 a.m. The keynote speaker, the Rev. Dr. Robert A. F. Turner, will share his thoughts on “*Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?*” You will also be treated to special music, a hearty breakfast, and lively conversation.

## **Connexions Concert on January 28 at 3:00 p.m.**

New Year 2018 is underway...time for new projects and plans. If you are musically inclined, consider playing in a Sudbury UMC Connexions Concert. A big part of the series’ success is the variety of people who contribute their talents. Newcomers and veteran artists are always welcome. To offer your participation this winter or spring, please visit: [http://www.sudbury-umc.org/sumc\\_v1/music/connexions/invitation.html](http://www.sudbury-umc.org/sumc_v1/music/connexions/invitation.html).



## **Tis the Season when Friends and Neighbors May Need Care**

Winter doldrums can trigger loneliness, sadness, or anxiety. Do you know a family member, a friend, or a neighbor who could benefit from a caring relationship? Ten of Sudbury UMC’s 13 active Stephen Ministers are available to offer support. To ask about beginning a relationship, speak to Pastor Joel, Richard Smith, or Lori Granger. Or consider praying with a Stephen Minister after worship in the O’Reilly Room. John Fraize is today’s volunteer.