



Sudbury United Methodist Church

**Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, 2017**

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: "We Pray to the Holy Spirit"

D. Buxtehude

***Call to Worship:** (*Psalm 27:8, NRSV*)

Liturgist: "Come!" says my heart. "Seek God's face!"

People: Your face, LORD, I do seek.

***Opening Hymn:** UMH # 479 – "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

***Opening Prayer:** (*Faith and Order: World Council of Churches, 21st cent. alt.*)

**Gracious God, you have reconciled us to yourself
through the cross of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
By the power of the Holy Spirit transform our hearts of stone.
Help us to become ministers of reconciliation and heal our divisions
so that we may serve as instruments of your peace in the world. Amen.**

***A Reading from the Gospels:** Matthew 4:18-23

This reading is found on pages 3-4 in the New Testament.

Children's Time: "Fishing for People"

Special Music: "Is Your All on the Altar?"

Elisha A. Hoffman

A Reading from the Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

This reading is found on page 166 in the New Testament.

Sermon: "Name Dropping"

Pastor Joel Guillemette

***Hymns of Response:** FWS # 2071 – "Jesus, Name above All Names"

FWS # 2070 – "He Is Exalted"

A Time of Fellowship

**Greeting Our Guests
Concerns and Celebrations
The Pastoral Prayer
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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Stewardship Moment: Generosity 2017

Offertory: "Bringing in the Sheaves"

arr. John Coates Jr.

***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!**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn of Commitment: UMH # 547 – "O Church of God, United"**

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude: Improvisation

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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Welcome, Guests!

Are you visiting today? Please accept our sincere welcome. After worship, please linger in the narthex during the postlude to meet the pastor and some of our church's leaders. We also invite you to join us, as time permits, for informal fellowship and coffee after this morning's service. We hope you enjoy your visit and invite you to come again soon!

Today's the Day! Fun & Done! Generosity 2017!

Thank you to all who have made this year's Generosity Campaign "Fun & Done" by pledging quickly to Sudbury UMC in 2017. If you have waited until the last minute, don't worry! There are pledge cards in the pews to fill out and place in today's offering. And you can pledge online at sudbury-umc.org/give. Why not give e-pledging a try?

Praying for Christian Unity

In the northern hemisphere, an annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is observed January 18 to 25. These dates were proposed in 1908 by Father Paul Wattson, Founder of the Society of the Atonement, to cover the original days of the feasts of the Chair of St. Peter (January 18) and the Conversion of St. Paul (January 25), and therefore have a symbolic significance. Here is a prayer "on loan" to us from Our Lady of Fatima Church: *Heaven Father, we come to you, the font of life, to ask that you fill your church with living water to quench our thirst on the quest for Christian unity. Let our hearts be filled with the gift of your Son's love for us. May we find in your church the living and abiding presence of your love and work together to bring about the desire of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, when he prayed, "That all may be one." May the Spirit never lay dormant within us, but sustain us on the path of life. This we ask through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Training for Liturgists Follows Worship Today

Pastor Joel and Liturgist Coordinator Leslie Bell will offer a training session for lay worship leaders and scripture readers at 11:00 a.m. today. Would you like to serve on the chancel one or two Sundays each year? Are you curious about the seasonal changes in worship that happen regularly at Sudbury UMC? Are you interested in learning how every Scripture reading can become an interpretation of God's Word? Look for today's class on the chancel at the organ postlude concludes.

Is There Child Care During Worship?

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 children two years old and younger. Look for the stairs in the northwest corner of the narthex leading up to a cozy room furnished with sofas and toys and books.

Hearing Assistance Available

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

Large Print Worship Books

Do you prefer large print materials? Special copies of *The United Methodist Hymnal* and *The Faith We Sing* are available in the narthex. Please speak to an usher for assistance.

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. Another rest room can be found just past the side door of the sanctuary closest to the pulpit and three steps up.

Help Refill the Food Cart

The contents of the shopping cart near the O'Reilly Room entrance are delivered to food banks in Sudbury, Stow, Marlborough, Maynard, Wayland, and Hudson. The Outreach Commission is grateful for your donations. Canned vegetables and soups, canned tuna and meat, crackers, jams, jellies, canned pastas and tomato sauces, noodles, rice, cereals, and baby foods are always needed. Donations past the expiration date stamped on the package must be discarded.

Do You Need a Listening Ear?

Stephen Ministers can provide a listening, supportive and confidential presence. Each Sunday after worship a Stephen Minister is available to listen and to pray with you in the O'Reilly Room. If you would like a Stephen Minister "walk" with you on a regular basis, please contact Pastor Joel. Today's Stephen Minister is Eric Lind. Remember, no concern is too big or too small to share with a Stephen Minister.

Please Recycle This Bulletin

The Worship and Music Commission has placed blue recycle bins near the sanctuary's entrances. Please recycle the materials distributed on Sundays either here or at home.

Read for Spiritual Growth

Want to read for spiritual growth? Ten minutes each day with *The Upper Room* can lead to a growth spurt! Free booklets are available in the narthex. Please help yourself! Or check out <http://devotional.upperroom.org> to visit *The Upper Room* each day online.

Are You Looking for a Mid-Week Bible Study?

Please join Sudbury UMC's Thursday Bible study group. Each week's focus text is next Sunday's preaching passage. Thursday meetings take place at 10:00 a.m. at Panera Bread, 21 Andrew Avenue in Wayland's Town Center. Bring your Bible and a few bucks for something warm to sip.

A Note from the Stewardship and Finance Committee

When making a gift of stock, please notify the church office in advance, listing your name, the name of the stock donated, the approximate number of shares, the dollar amount, and where to direct your donation. Thank you to all who have contributed. This allows us to ensure that all contributions are used as donors intend and that all donors receive correct year-end statements.

Lenten Booklet Sign-up

Are you willing to contribute a devotion to the 2017 Lenten Booklet? Sign up today after worship. You will find a sign-up display and an easy to follow instruction sheet in the narthex. The deadline for submission is February 15th. Please prayerfully consider adding your devotion to this year's booklet.

Confirmation Journey Begins January 29

After worship concludes on Sunday, January 29, Pastor Joel will meet with 10th grade teens, their parents, and mentors who have accepted an invitation to be part of the 2017 Confirmation journey. For several years, confirmands and their adult mentors have focused on forming a spiritual practice of attending Sunday services of worship and reflecting on what is said and done during each week's hymns, prayers, and sermon. To this core goal, Pastor Joel adds three classes on United Methodist history, theology, and polity. Finally, our teens spend at least one day together in community service and may also attend worship at a synagogue, a mosque, or both. The Rite of Confirmation will take place on June 4. Questions? Please contact pastorjoel@sudbury-umc.org.

Dunifon Memorial Service

Gene Dunifon, father of Linda McInerney and Wayne Dunifon, will be remembered in worship at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 4, at Sudbury UMC. A collation will follow.

Join a Social Justice Book Group

This winter, the members of the Social Justice Commission invite you to join them as they read and discuss fiction and non-fiction literature dealing with critical social justice issues. At 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 23, *America's Original Sin* by Jim Wallis will be the focus of conversation. *The Underground Railroad* by Colin Whitehead will follow at the same time on February 20. Both Book Groups will meet at 22 Summer Street in Sudbury, the home of Moira and Leon Lataille. Should you have any questions, please call Moira at 978-443-2568. Walk-ins are welcome! And, remember, we are also looking for future book recommendations.

What's Happening Today in Church School?

There are regular Sunday School groupings today. After the children's moment early in worship, the 3 to 5-year-old class will meet in their classroom, preschool room 4 in the Sunny Hill wing. First and 2nd grade, 3rd through 5th grade, and 6th through 8th grade will meet in their classrooms below the sanctuary. Sunday School teachers urge the parents of young children to meet them in their classrooms after worship concludes.

Faith Formation for High Schoolers Today

We're back! Today's Church School classes include a faith formation discussion for teens in grades 9 through 12. Kerry Healy and Jackie Roder will facilitate in the O'Reilly Room after the children's time early in worship. This monthly discussion group offers high school students the opportunity to uncover their own beliefs while also listening from time to time to the spiritual journeys of congregation members.

The Youth Group Is Getting Ready to Go!

Next weekend, January 27 to 29, Sudbury UMC's Youth Group is heading off to a retreat at Camp Berea in Hebron, New Hampshire. Let's join in prayer for our youth—that this retreat will be used by God to strengthen their faith, reinforce their relationship with Christ, deepen their fellowship with the Spirit, and have fun in Christian community!

Coming Soon: Winter Book Study with Pastor Joel

Have you ever wondered if everyone goes to heaven, if there is a place called Hell, or if God's love saves all? To explore these questions, Pastor Joel will dig into *Love Wins* by Rob Bell on three Monday evenings this winter. Is driving at night a challenge? For the first time, a Sudbury UMC class will go "live" on Facebook, allowing you to participate at home or to catch up later. Face to face meetings will take place January 30, February 13 and 27 at 7:00 p.m. Books may be ordered from www.cokesbury.com or amazon.com.