



Sudbury United Methodist Church

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 5, 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: Improvisation

***Call to Worship:** (*Psalm 112:1 and 4 - NRSV, alt.*)

Liturgist: Praise the LORD!

Happy are those who fear the LORD,
who greatly delight in God's commandments.

**People: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

***Opening Hymn:** UMH # 596 – “Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word”

***Opening Prayer:** (*Consultation on Common Texts, USA, 21st cent. alt.*)

**Holy God, you gather the whole universe into your radiance
and reveal your Son as Savior.**

**Bring healing to all wounds,
make whole whatever is broken,
speak truth to illusion,
and shed light in every darkness,
that all creation may see your glory
and give reverence to your Christ. Amen.**

***A Reading from the Gospels:** Matthew 5:13-20

This reading is found on page 4 in the New Testament.

Children's Time: “Let Your Light Shine”

Special Music: “Plenty Good Room”

arr. F. R. Young

A Reading from the Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

This reading is found on pages 166-167 in the New Testament.

Sermon: “Cross-Eyed Vision”

Pastor Joel Guillemette

***Hymn of Response:** UMH # 332 – “Spirit of Faith, Come Down”

A Time of Fellowship

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Stewardship Moment: Youth Fellowship

Offertory: “O, How I Love Jesus”

arr. L. Larson

***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

***The Great Thanksgiving:** UMH pages 17-18 – “Musical Setting A”

***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’ invitation, worshipers may join the line to receive a morsel of the gluten and lactose free bread in their hands, dip the bread in the cup of grape juice, and partake of both at the same time. After communing, worshipers return to their seats by the side aisles.)

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn of Commitment:** UMH # 163 – “Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know”

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude: “Acclamations” from “Suite Médiévale”

J. Langlais

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!

Super Bowl Bake Sale

Why bake when you can donate? Please stop at a bake sale table after worship today, the youth group has Super Bowl treats for sale! Pick up a sweet or savory snack for the big game! All donations will benefit the youths' service trip this summer. Go Pats!!

It's Almost Time to Fill Vacation Lunch Bags

Calling all Kids and "Kids at Heart"! Right after next Sunday's church service, February 12, let's have some fun decorating and filling 100 "Kids Bags" destined for Open Table's Food Pantry in Maynard. The filled bags will be given to children of Open Table clients during February school vacation week. This marks our church's third year taking part in this community outreach opportunity!

The Journey Has Begun

Last Sunday, Pastor Joel met with 9th and 10th grade teens, their parents, and the adult mentors who accepted an invitation to participate in the 2017 Confirmation journey. Confirmands and their mentors will focus on strengthening the spiritual practice that most Christians rely on most: attending Sunday services of worship and reflecting on what is said and done during each week's hymns, prayers, and sermon. When you see a teen and adult pair talking quietly in the church after worship during the coming months, remember that they are helping each other to become intentional disciples of Jesus Christ. Three classes taught by Pastor Joel, a day of community service, and worship with a congregation of another tradition will enrich our teens' path to professing membership in The United Methodist Church. The Rite of Confirmation will take place on Pentecost, June 4. Questions? Please contact pastorjoel@sudbury-umc.org.

Photographers!

When you are taking digital photos during worship services and other Sudbury UMC gatherings, please email them to Alexandra Plotkin at alexandra@sumc.org. Thanks!

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 concludes 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. 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 Deadline is February 15th

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

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. A conversation about Colin Whitehead's novel, *The Underground Railroad*, will take place on Sunday, February 19, after worship. The book group will meet in the O'Reilly Room at 11:15 a.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

Can You Count to Four?

Good news! If you can count to four and tap your foot in a steady rhythm, you are qualified to become a member of a new music-making group. Choir chime rehearsals will start today following worship, at approximately 11:00 a.m. in the Choir Room. Come and enjoy working with a joyous team of new and experienced ringers. All are welcome – from fifth grade to fifty to one hundred and fifty! If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Stonebraker at 978-568-1596 or at sstoneb@aol.com.

Magic Years Luncheon on Thursday, February 9, at the Carriage House at Lee's Farm

Retirees are invited to join this month's Magic Years luncheon on Thursday, February 9, from noon until 2:00 p.m. This month's presentation is all about the Metro West Free Medical Program (MWFMP). For the last 12 years, MWFMP has engaged volunteer health care professionals to provide care to our neighbors in Metro West communities. Sudbury UMC's Kim Prendergast, the Executive Director of MWFMP, will speak about the organization and its volunteers, their impact on patients, and how the changing healthcare landscape will affect the most vulnerable in our community. Please sign up today in the Narthex or contact Shetal Kaye in the church office – (978-443-4351) or sumc@sudbury-umc.org by Tuesday, February 7, to RSVP. Thank you! The address is 134 Boston Post Road, Wayland.

What's Happening Today in Church School?

After the children's moment today, the 3-5-year-old class will meet in their classroom, preschool room 4, in the Sunny Hill wing, the 3rd-5th grade Sunday School class will take place in preschool room 5: the Sunny Hill classroom closest to the Sanctuary. The 1st-2nd grade and 6th-8th grade will meet in their classrooms below the sanctuary. Sunday School teachers and volunteers will bring children and youth back into the sanctuary to participate in Holy Communion and the last portion of worship with their families.

Special Classes for Middle Schoolers February 5 and 12

Grades 6 to 8 are focusing this week and next on how faith can help students manage the challenges of Middle School. During this two-part series, the 6th-8th graders will talk about the anxiety and stress in their lives, what the Bible tells us about dealing with an anxious heart, trusting God's promises, setting priorities, and reacting with confidence.

Winter Book Study: Does Love Win?

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. The first class took place on January 30, was recorded on Facebook, and the video is now available on the Sudbury UMC's Facebook page. The concluding sessions of "Love Wins" will take place on February 13 and 27 at 7:00 p.m. They will be "live" on Facebook without the "glitch" we experienced our first round. Please join us, at the church or at home! Books may be ordered from www.cokesbury.com or amazon.com.