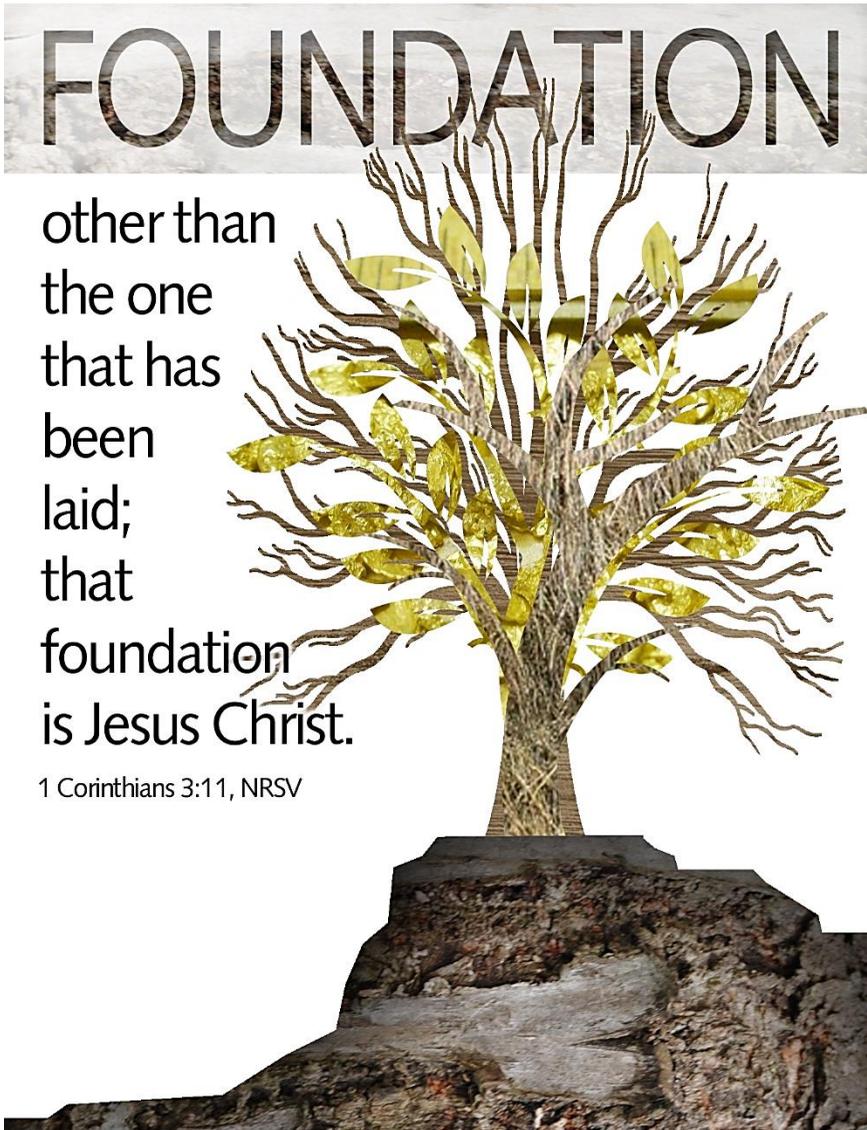


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# FOUNDATION

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is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:11, NRSV



*Sudbury United Methodist Church*

**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**  
**February 19, 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:** Fugue on the "Kyrie"

François Couperin

**\*Call to Worship:** (*Psalm 119:33-34*)

Liturgist: Teach me, O **LORD**, the way of your statutes,  
and I will observe it to the end.

**People: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law  
and observe it with my whole heart.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** UMH # 601 – "Thy Word Is a Lamp"

**\*Opening Prayer:** (*Consultation on Common Texts, USA, 21<sup>st</sup> cent.*)

**O God most holy,  
in Jesus Christ you have laid a foundation  
upon which to build our lives.  
Help us to follow your perfect law of love,  
that we may fulfill it and observe it to the end. Amen.**

**\*A Reading from the Gospels:** Matthew 5:38-48

*This reading is found on page 5 in the New Testament.*

**Children's Time:** "When Will the Slapping Stop?"

**Special Music:** "A Firm Foundation"

arr. David Peninger

**A Reading from the Scriptures:** 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

*This reading is found on pages 167-168 in the New Testament.*

**Sermon:** "A Temple Rises"

Pastor Joel Guillemette

**\*Hymn of Response:** UMH # 559 – "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

## **A Time of Fellowship**

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

## **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

### **Stewardship Moment**

**Offertory:** “I’m Just Another Soldier in the Army of Love”      The Staples Singers

**\*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:** FWS page 2257 a-d

**\*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.)*

**Special Music:** “Canon in D”

Johann Pachelbel

“Air”

Johann S. Bach

Jill Gaudet, flute and Bill Hoke, clarinet

### **Prayer after Communion**

**\*Hymn of Commitment:** FWS # 2228 – “Sacred the Body”

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**Postlude:** “Rondeau” from “Duet” Op. 19

G. F. Fuchs

Jill Gaudet, flute and Bill Hoke, clarinet

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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**

**February 19, 2017**

### **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!

### **Church Conference Convenes Today at 11:00 a.m.**

Our District Superintendent, the Rev. Rene Perez, has authorized a special Church Conference at Sudbury UMC today at 11:00 a.m. Changes to the scope of ongoing "Pave the Way" renovations will be considered along with their costs and funding. The Rev. Dr. David Calhoun, superintendent of the Connecticut/Western Massachusetts District, will preside. Detailed information has been posted at [www.sudbury-umc.org](http://www.sudbury-umc.org).

### **Social Justice Book Group to Follow Church Conference**

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 today, following the Church Conference. The book group will meet in the O'Reilly Room at 11:30 a.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

### **Plan Ahead for the Lenten Soup Suppers**

With the Worship Commission, the Membership and Community Life Commission will host the 2017 Lenten Soup Supper and Study series March 8, 15, 22, and 29. Volunteers are needed to make soup, setup, and cleanup on Wednesday evenings. Sign up today!

### **The Chronicle Takes a Vacation**

While students are taking a break during school vacation week, February 18-26, The Chronicle will also take a break. Look for the next edition of our church's newsletter on February 23. February 21 is the deadline for materials.

### **Winter Book Study: Does Love Win?**

Will everyone go to heaven? Is there a place called Hell? Will God's love save all? To explore these questions, Pastor Joel invites you to dig into *Love Wins* by Rob Bell. The second and final session of this winter study will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 27. The first class was video-recorded and can now be seen on our church's Facebook page.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Yes, There Are 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.

## **Can You 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.

## **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.