



Sudbury United Methodist Church

Transfiguration Sunday
February 26, 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

Hymn Sing

***Call to Worship:** (*Psalm 99:9 NRSV*)

Liturgist: Extol the **LORD** our God!

**People: Worship at God's holy mountain,
for the LORD our God is holy!**

***Opening Hymn:** UMH # 258 – “O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair”

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

**Holy God, mighty and immortal,
you are beyond our knowing,
yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ,
whose compassion illumines the world.**

**Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ,
who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity,
the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

A Reading from the Scriptures: 2 Peter 1:16-21

This reading is found on pages 236-237 in the New Testament.

Children's Time: “Stickers”

Special Music: “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

G. Kendrick, arr. Hammerton

***A Reading from the Gospels:** Matthew 17:1-9

This reading is found on pages 18-19 in the New Testament.

Sermon: “What Are We Supposed to Do?”

The Rev. Dr. David Abbott

***Hymn of Response:** FWS # 2102 – “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”

A Time of Fellowship

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Stewardship Moment

Offertory: “My Heart Is Steadfast, O God” E. Butler

***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:** FWS # 2184 – “Sent Out in Jesus’ Name”

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude

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!

Let's Welcome Today's Guest Preacher

The Rev. Dr. David Abbott is director of stewardship for the United Methodist Foundation of New England. Dr. Abbott's ministerial service includes eighteen years as the pastor of two local churches, six years as a district superintendent, and one year at the Foundation. A graduate of Duke Divinity School and Wesley Theological Seminary, Dr. Abbott is the husband of Lisa Ouellette Abbott and the father of two adult sons.

Youth Group

Youth Group Fellowship will meet later today from 6:30 – 8 p.m. Join us!

"To Make a Right Beginning"

When you're building a house or baking a cake, the beginning of the process can make or break the outcome. The same is true when it comes to each year's Lenten journey to Easter. No wonder the service for Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, urges us "to make a right beginning." Are you yearning for a meaningful Easter celebration? Make a right beginning by taking part in worship at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1. Pastor Joel will lead a traditional service that includes the imposition of Lenten ashes and Holy Communion. Heather Cranson will introduce an original Ash Wednesday hymn.

Praying Together during Lent

Please pick up a copy of Sudbury UMC's Lenten Devotional Booklet so that you can join our congregation in praying together throughout the season of Lent. With a passage from scripture, a one-page meditation, and a daily prayer for each day until Easter, the booklet helps us to pray as a community as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection. Booklets are available beginning today in the narthex and the church office.

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!

Welcome Reception Follows Worship

Newcomers to our church are invited to learn more about Sudbury UMC during a special Welcoming Reception. Come to the O'Reilly Room to meet and converse with church members, lay leaders and program staff. Refreshments will be served. Children are welcome.

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 kids age two and younger. The stairs in the northwest corner of the narthex lead 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.

Do You Need a Listening Ear?

Stephen Ministers offer 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 are facing a transition and would like to meet with a Stephen Minister weekly, please contact Pastor Joel. No concern is too big or too small.

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. Meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. at Panera Bread, 21 Andrew Avenue in Wayland's Town Center. Bring a Bible and a few dollars for something to sip.

Winter Book Study: How Can We Be Sure *Love Wins*?

Will everyone go to heaven? Is there a place called Hell? Will God's love save all? Join Pastor Joel on Monday, February 27, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Rob Bell's answers to these questions in *Love Wins*. Visit our church's Facebook page to see a video of session one.

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