



““You shall not
eat of the
fruit of the tree

that is in the
middle of the garden.””

Genesis 3:3, NRSV

Sudbury United Methodist Church

The First Sunday in Lent
March 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 worshippers may stand, as they are able*

Welcome

Prelude: "Prelude" Cello Suite BWV 1007 Ciaran Murphy, cello J. S. Bach

***Opening Sentences:** (*The United Methodist Book of Worship, USA, 1992*)

Liturgist: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin?

People: I do.

***A Reading from the Gospels:** Matthew 4:1-11

This reading is found on page 3 in the New Testament.

***Opening Hymn:** UMH # 269 – "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" (*omit verse 5*)

***Prayer of Confession:** (*Taylor Burton-Edwards, USA, 21st cent., alt.*)

**Renouncing all allegiance to the spiritual forces of wickedness,
we pray for deliverance and protection, LORD God,
for all who have come under their sway.**

**Rejecting the evil powers of this world, O Christ,
we pray for all who seek to use their power for the common good.**

**Repenting of our sin, Spirit of holiness,
we turn to you to lead us in the ways of love and healing,
righteousness and peace.**

**Receive our prayers, Holy Trinity,
in your compassion forgive our sins,
and free us for lives of joyful obedience. Amen.**

Children's Time: "Temptation"

Special Music: "If You're Happy and You Know It"

Sunday School Singers

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

A Reading from the Scriptures: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

This reading is found on pages 2-3 in the Old Testament.

Sermon: “The Opposite of Renounce”

Pastor Joel Guillemette

Hymn of Response: UMH # 577 – “God of Grace and God of Glory”

A Time of Fellowship

Greeting Our Guests
Concerns and Celebrations
The Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Stewardship Moment: Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Offertory: “I Know Where I’m Going”

Scots Trad., arr. K.F.M.

***Doxology:** FWS #2251 – “We Were Baptized in Christ” (*verse 3*)

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one:
as it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again
in a song that has no ending. Amen.**

Holy Communion

***The Great Thanksgiving:** UMH pages 20-22 – “Musical Setting C”

***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 # 373 – “Nothing Between”

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude: “Fanfare”

Kenneth Leighton

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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Lent 1: renounce

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!

We Have Begun Our Lenten Journey

Are you yearning for a meaningful Easter? Participating in Sudbury UMC's Lenten Soup and Study Series will help. On Wednesdays in Lent at 6:00 p.m. – March 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5 – we will share a simple meal of assorted soups and breads in Hawes Hall. Helpers are needed to make soup, set-up tables, and clean-up after supper. Look for Oscar Harrell after worship to sign-up for this fulfilling ministry! After supper, at 6:30 p.m., several opportunities to learn and worship will be offered for adults, teens and children. This year's focus is "Living Our Baptismal Calling." At the beginning of each Sunday's service of worship, a weekly theme will be introduced. Wednesday programs will offer extra time to prepare for Easter Sunday's service of Baptismal Reaffirmation.

- Adult Worship (chancel) – "Singing our Baptism" led by Heather Josselyn-Cranson, Kevin Murphy and Rob Hammerton
- Adult Study (choir room) – "By Water and the Spirit – Making Connections for Identity and Ministry" led by Pastor Joel and John McKinney
- Children's Study (undercroft) – "I Wonder about Baptism" led by Jackie Roder, Director of Christian Education
- Youth Study (undercroft) – "Baptism: God's Gift to Us All" led by Anthony Harrison, Director of Youth Ministries

Let's Celebrate Our 18th Anniversary

At 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 12, Sudbury UMC will celebrate our 18th anniversary as a Reconciling Congregation. Bishop S. Clifton Ives will be our guest preacher. After worship the Social Justice Commission will host a conversation with Bishop Ives about next steps toward the full inclusion of the LGBT community in The United Methodist Church.

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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. Stairs in the northwest corner of the narthex lead up to a cozy room furnished with sofas, 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.

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.

Special Report: Church Conference – February 19

After worship on February 19, the Rev. Dr. David Calhoun, Superintendent of the Connecticut/Western MA District, chaired a special session of Sudbury UMC's Church Conference. Seventy-one members signed the attendance roster. On behalf of the Building Committee, Richard Morris presented a motion to add several change orders totaling \$184,776 to the scope of our ongoing "Pave the Way" renovations and new construction. George Gorman, Finance Committee chairperson, presented a list of possibilities for securing these extra funds through new pledges, grants, and loans. Dick Briden moved that excess funds remaining after the completion of "Pave the Way" be allocated to Sudbury UMC's Permanent Endowment Fund. The Briden motion and the Building Committee's main motion were both supported by nearly unanimous votes.

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Please Recycle This Bulletin

Leaving your bulletin here? Use the blue bins near the sanctuary entrances to recycle it.

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.

Give the Gift of Music during Lent

Would you like to help with our church's musical programming in Lent? Preparations for the Tenebrae service on Wednesday, April 12, will begin March 8. Rehearsals will continue after each Wednesday's Lenten Supper and programs at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to learn the music and to prepare the passages for our Tenebrae observance. Please contact Music Director Kevin Murphy at kevin@sudbury-umc.org or choral director Rob Hammerton at rob@sudbury-umc.org to offer your musical gifts.

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 in the narthex, at the Sunny Hill desk, and in the church office.

Let's Get Ready for "One Great Hour of Sharing"

On March 26, the Fourth Sunday in Lent, United Methodists around the world will receive a special offering to fund the administrative functions of The United Methodist Committee on Relief. The goal of "One Great Hour of Sharing" is covering UMCOR's "costs of doing business" so that 100% of donations given in response to emergencies can be invested in alleviating human suffering the wake of natural disasters and other crises. Please prepare generously for this special offering.

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Connexions Concert Sunday, March 12, 3:00 p.m.

On Sunday, March 12, the third concert in the 2016-2017 Connexions series will begin at 3:00 p.m. The program will highlight two ensembles: Sudbury UMC's bell chime choir under the direction of Sherry Stonebraker and the Wesley Winds, our concert band, led by Rob Hammerton. Featured artists will include Ann Carroll Bundy, flute; Jill Gaudet, flute; Rob Hammerton, bass guitar and tenor sax; Bill Hoke, clarinet; Rachel Freedman Jacobus, trombone, and Kevin Murphy, organ. You will hear works by Franz Liszt, J. S. Bach, Georg Friedrich Fuchs, Kevin Francis Murphy, James Horner, John Fogerty, and traditional Welsh and American selections. Admission is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be received to benefit the Organ Fund.

Would You Like to Visit the Islamic Center in Wayland?

At 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 17, the Social Justice Commission has arranged a visit for a delegation from Sudbury UMC to observe the Friday prayer service. Witness weekly worship with our Muslim neighbors, listen to a sermon, and talk afterwards with a few of the members of the mosque located at 126 Boston Post Road in Wayland. The ICB has asked us to let them know how many guests to expect, so please sign-up by emailing Linda Lombardo at awesomeforever@aol.com. And remember to read "The Faith Club – A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew - Three Women Search for Understanding" by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner. On Sunday, March 26, the ICB will host a multi-faith conversation about "The Faith Club" from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Welcome Back to Open Table Community Meals on March 14th

Beginning Tuesday, March 14, Open Table will resume serving a weekly dinner here in Hawes Hall at 6:00 p.m. It has been a long time since we have been able to host these meals, and we are so very happy to open our doors again to the community. If you are interested in assisting, please reach out to Patty Helsingius to find out how you can help.

Magic Years to Gather on March 9 in Hawes Hall!

Sudbury UMC's retirees will gather on Thursday, March 9, from noon till 2:00 p.m. in Hawes Hall for our next Magic Years luncheon and program. Music Director and organist Kevin Murphy will share his knowledge of Celtic/Irish history through word and song. Bring your appetites, your questions, and your singing voices. You may RSVP after worship today by signing the reservations roster during coffee hour. Or you may contact Shetal Kaye in the church office no later than March 7 by phoning 978-443-4351 or by emailing sumc@sudbury-umc.org.

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