



He who raised Christ Jesus  
from the dead will also give life to  
your mortal bodies through  
his Spirit who dwells in you.

Romans 8:11, ESV

***Sudbury United Methodist Church***

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**April 2, 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:** Prelude on "O Sacred Head"

Carson Cooman

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

Liturgist: Do you entrust your life to God the Father?

**People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Liturgist: Do you entrust your life to Jesus Christ?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Liturgist: Do you entrust your life to the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** FWS # 2050 – "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

**\*Prayer of Confession:** (*Taylor Burton-Edwards, USA, 21<sup>st</sup> cent., alt.*)

**Professing the faith of the universal church,  
we thank you for the wonders of your creation, LORD God,  
on land and water, in sea and sky,  
and we pray for all to be unbound from whatever restrains them  
from realizing the vast creative potential you have given to each and all.  
Entrusting our lives to you, liberating Christ,  
we pray for the resurrection and life to be revealed in every person.  
Placing ourselves at your disposal, Holy Spirit,  
we go where we are blown as witnesses of your love and power.  
Receive the prayers of your people, Holy Trinity.  
In your compassion, forgive our sins,  
as we entrust our lives to your care and keeping. Amen.**

**\*A Reading from the Gospels:** John 11:20-27, 32-45

*This reading is found on page 105 in the New Testament.*

**Children's Time:** "When Jesus Weeps"

**Special Music:** "Lenten Song"

Mark Hayes

**A Reading from the Scriptures:** Romans 8:1-11

*This reading is found on pages 157-158 in the New Testament.*

**Sermon:** "Base Jumping Belief"

The Rev. Joel B. Guillemette

**Hymn of Response:** UMH # 462 – "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

## **A Time of Fellowship**

**Greeting Our Guests**

**Concerns and Celebrations**

**The Pastoral Prayer**

## **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Stewardship Moment**

**Offertory:** "But Then Comes the Morning"

J. H. Miffleton

**\*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 # 372 – “How Can We Sinners Know” (*omit verse 2*)

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**Postlude:** “Canterbury”

Gibbons, arr. K. F. Murphy

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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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**April 2, 2017**

**Lent 5: Believe**

### **Welcome, Guests!**

Are you visiting today? Please accept our sincere welcome. If you have a few free moments after worship, please linger in the narthex to meet our pastor and some of our church's leaders. We also invite you, as time permits, for coffee and conversation in the fellowship hall on the south end of our facility. We hope you enjoy your visit and invite you to be our guest as often as possible!

### **GAME Time for All Ages Today – Note New Time**

The Church Growth Commission challenges children and adults of all ages to enjoy some friendly competition and pizza consumption at 5:00 p.m. today. The tables will be set up in Hawes Hall. Everyone is invited! All game-players and games are welcome, from "Candyland" to "The Settlers of Catan." It's going to be fun!!!

### **Youth Group Meets Today**

We'll be joining the Game and Pizza folks in Hawes Hall at 5:00 p.m. And, we are also looking forward to the 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper and Lenten Study on Wednesday, April 5.

### **The United Methodist Committee on Relief Thanks You!**

Thank you to all who made donations last Sunday to One Great Hour of Sharing! More than \$2,700 was collected on March 26. But that's not the final count. A sack of coins was given by the Sunday School that was so big it had to be counted by a coin-counter at a local bank. Stay tuned! The Outreach Commission is grateful to all who contributed but also wants you to know that it's not too late to participate. Donations received today can still be added to our church's One Great Hour of Sharing total for 2017.

### **Have You Ever Toured a Mosque?**

Today is Massachusetts's first Open Mosque Day. Guests may tour any of the sixteen mosques across the state from 3:00 till 6:00 p.m. today, including the Islamic Center of Boston in Wayland. A flyer on the bulletin board outside of the office lists participants.

### **A Preview of Holy Week Worship Services**

- April 12, 7:00 p.m.: Wednesday Worship: The Psalms of Holy Week
- April 13, 7:00 p.m.: Maundy Thursday Service: Foot Washing & Communion
- April 14, 7:00 p.m.: Good Friday Service: Scripture, Images, & Holy Week Hymns

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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 children's 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, cereals, canned pastas and tomato sauces, noodles, rice, and baby foods are always needed. Donations past the expiration date stamped on the package must be discarded.

### **We All Need Somebody to Lean On**

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.

### **Please Recycle Your Bulletin**

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

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## **Director of Christian Education and Youth Director – A New Search Begins**

In the March 16 edition of The Chronicle, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee posted a pair of want ads for two positions: Director of Christian Education and Director of Youth Ministries (<http://sudbury-umc.org/documents/Chronicle/03162017Chronicle.pdf>). Do you know someone whose recent employment and skills might qualify her or him for one or both of these roles? Please encourage them to apply. Interviews will begin as soon as qualified applicants are available. And please pray for our search committee's members as they do their important work.

## **We Continue to Pray Together during Lent, And, You Can, too**

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.

## **Giving the Gift of Music during Lent**

Can you help with our church's musical programming in Lent? Preparations for the Tenebrae service on Wednesday, April 12, continue through April 5. Rehearsals take place at 7:30 p.m. after each Wednesday's Lenten supper and programs. 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](mailto:kevin@sudbury-umc.org) or choral director Rob Hammerton at [rob@sudbury-umc.org](mailto:rob@sudbury-umc.org) to offer your musical gifts.

## **Mission u: Understanding the Church's Mission in Today's World**

Mission u – a three-day learning experience – provides opportunities for women, men, youth and children to grow in their understanding of the mission of the church in the current world context. Time is spent in worship and in-depth study with music, prayer, sharing, and exploration. The 2017 Mission u will be held Friday to Sunday, July 21-23, at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester, NH. This year's Spiritual Growth Study is Living as a Covenant Community. This year's Geographical Study is Missionary Conferences of The UMC in the U.S. (which is also being offered for children and youth as well as in an adult sessions in Korean). For your convenience, registration is now open at <http://www.neumc.org/missionu>.

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## **Please Help Decorate the Church for Easter**

This week's bulletin materials include an order form for plants to decorate the Sanctuary and Chapel on Easter morning. You can choose from Easter Lilies, Tulips, Hydrangeas, Spring Bulbs or Boston Ferns; or you can let the Flower Committee choose for you. All details can be found in the order form.

## **Our Lenten Journey Nears the Finish Line**

Are you yearning for a meaningful Easter? Participating in Sudbury UMC's Lenten Soup and Study Series will help. Please come! Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, is the last Soup Supper in this Lenten season. You are welcome whether you've attended every week or none of this year's gatherings. We gather at 6:00 p.m. to share a simple meal of assorted soups and breads in Hawes Hall. After supper, at 6:30 p.m., several opportunities to learn and worship are available for adults, teens and children. This year's focus is "Living Our Baptismal Calling." This year's programs on Wednesday evenings offer extra time to prepare for Easter Sunday's 9:30 a.m. 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

## **Lenten Themes Posted Daily on FaceBook**

Notice the footer of this insert. Each Sunday in Lent, it will change to reflect the week's focus. And, every day we are posting the daily scripture reading from Sudbury UMC's Lenten Booklet on our FaceBook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SudburyUMC/>.

## **Apply Now for Undergraduate Scholarships from the New England Conference**

Each year the New England Conference Scholarship Committee seeks applications from adults or recent high school graduates who are pursuing an undergraduate education at any accredited two- or four-year college, university or technical school. The application deadline for 2017-18 support is Wednesday, May 31, 2017. To learn more and apply online, go to <http://www.neumc.org/lzGQ4tcEl8gmquG5f9SamuXV0Ya1IXAnF8-jdd0kTcu5sh5z3wZzadZM5VbaYJZQmg>.

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