



***SUDBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH***

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 7, 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

**\*Opening Worship**

Praise Song: FWS # 2056 – “God Is So Good”

Scripture: Psalm 23 – “The Lord Is My Shepherd”

Praise Song: FWS # 2058 – “Shepherd Me, O God”

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

**Holy Shepherd,**

**you know your sheep by name**

**and lead us safely through the valleys of death.**

**Guide us by your voice,**

**that we may walk in certainty and security**

**to the joyful feast prepared in your house,**

**where we will worship you forever. Amen.**

**Children's Time:** “What We Need Most”

**Special Music:** “Love” medley

Sunday School Singers

**\*Acclamation:** FWS # 2116 – “Christ the Lord Is Risen” *(vs. 1 and 7 before and after Gospel)*

**Christ the Lord is risen! Christ the Lord is risen! Yesu!**

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**\*Gospel Reading:** John 10:1-10

*This reading is found on page 103 in the New Testament.*

**Sermon:** “Gates Are for Guarding”

The Rev. Joel B. Guillemette

**\*Hymn of Response:** UMH # 381 – “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

## **A Time of Fellowship**

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

## **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Stewardship Moment:** Permanent Endowment Committee

**Offertory:** “Lighthouse”

Blind Willie Johnson

**\*Doxology:** UMH # 90 - “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones” (*verse 4, alt.*)

**O friends in gladness, let us sing anthems eternal echoing:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**To God the Sovereign, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three-in-One:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **Holy Communion**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving:** UMH page 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 # 629 – “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**Postlude:** “In You Is Joy”

J. S. Bach

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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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**STEPHEN MINISTRY**



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Congregation



We are a Reconciling and Welcoming  
Congregation

## **Sudbury United Methodist Church**

**May 7, 2017**

### **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, to enjoy coffee and conversation in the fellowship hall on the south end of our facility. We hope you enjoy your visit and we invite you to be our guest as often as possible!

### **Opening Ourselves to Grace - A Class for Adults**

John McKinney and Jim Empfield are leading a class for adults. Opening Ourselves to Grace is for anyone who wants a better understanding of how God's grace empowers our lives for healthier and more vibrant living. Each class includes a video of clergy and laity sharing their experiences with God's grace. John Wesley's pilgrimage of faith and his understanding of grace as Prevenient, Justifying, and Sanctifying will also be highlighted. Sound interesting? Please hold the 11:00 o'clock hour today, May 28, and June 4. Come share the journey, all are welcome, to one session or all sessions.

### **Celebrate Our Building's Birthday with Gifts and Cake**

The Permanent Endowment Committee will serve cake after worship today to celebrate the 60th birthday of the church buildings in Sudbury UMC's current location. Members of the committee also invite you to continue the tradition of giving an annual birthday gift to Sudbury UMC for the Parmenter Building Fund. Please make a gift of \$600, \$60, or \$6.00 and help grow this part of our endowment. Each year, we get closer to our \$100,000 goal. The Parmenter Building Fund will provide income for repairs and upkeep for years to come.

### **Today's Church School Classrooms and Pick-Up**

Following the children's musical contribution to worship today, the 3-5 year old class will meet in their classroom, preschool room 4, in the Sunny Hill wing. 1st-2nd grade and 6th-8th grade will meet in their classrooms below the sanctuary. There's a location change for the 3rd-5th grade group while our last Sunday School room below the sanctuary is being worked on! The 3rd-5th grade Sunday School class continues to take place in preschool room 5: the Sunny Hill classroom closest to the Sanctuary. The children will rejoin the congregation for Holy Communion, making it easy for families to reconnect after worship.

*“ . . . I come that they may have life and have it abundantly”*

*John 10:1-10*

### **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.

### **Let's 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.

### **Photographers, Please Send Your Pictures!**

When you are taking digital photos during worship services and other Sudbury UMC gatherings, please email them to Alexandra Plotkin at [alexandra@sumc.org](mailto:alexandra@sumc.org). Your photos keep our church's website and Facebook page looking fresh. Thanks!

### **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.

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### **The Latest Building and Renovation Update**

Remember to check this week's edition of The Chronicle or Sudbury UMC's website ([sudbury-umc.org](http://sudbury-umc.org)) for an update on the status of our Pave the Way renovations.

### **Two Weeks from Today - Connexions IV Concert**

Plan and put the fourth and final Connexions Concert on your calendar – May 21, at 3:00 p.m. The concert will feature an assortment of styles including classical, pop, gospel, and folk. The list of artists is growing. Have you signed up? Watch for emails and rehearsal notices. Questions? Contact Kevin at [kevin@sudbury-umc.org](mailto:kevin@sudbury-umc.org).

### **Cancer Support Group Meets Monthly**

Sudbury UMC's Cancer and Caregiver Support Prayer Group meets monthly from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday. This month, cancer patients, cancer survivors, and caregivers will gather at Sudbury UMC in the O'Reilly Room on May 17 to pray for and support each other. All are invited to come and share their experiences and feelings in a caring, confidential, non-hospital environment. The Cancer and Caregiver Support Prayer Group is an initiative of Sudbury UMC's Health Ministries Commission. For more information, please email us at [SUMC.MA.Cancer.Care.Group@gmail.com](mailto:SUMC.MA.Cancer.Care.Group@gmail.com).

### **Social Justice Book Group to meet May 21**

On Sunday, May 21, the Social Justice Commission invites you to meet Shaheen Akhtar from the Islamic Center of Boston to discuss and reflect on *The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew – Three Women Search for Understanding* by Suzanne Oliver, Ranya Idibly and Pricilla Warner. If you have read the book, come! If you are interested, come to the O'Reilly Gathering Room from 11:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m.

### **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/lzGQ4tcEl8gmquG5f9SamuXV0Ya1lXAnF8-jdd0kTcu5sh5z3wZzadZM5VbaYJZQmg>.

### **An Update from the Staff-Parish Relations Committee**

Interviews for Sudbury UMC's Christian formation roles - Director of Christian Education, Youth, and Adults – are proceeding. Please hold these important meetings in prayer.

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### **Magic Years Luncheon on May 11 at Noon**

Get ready for Magic Years next luncheon on Thursday, May 11, from noon till 2:00 p.m. in Hawes Hall. This month, Phyllis Schilp, a Board of Health Nurse from the Sudbury Health Department will share information about her role as the town nurse, and a “Tick Talk” about tick borne illness. Magic Years is open to all retired persons, members, or friends, of the Sudbury UMC community. Please RSVP. Sign up today at coffee hour or call or email the church office: (978-443-4351) or [sumc@sudbury-umc.org](mailto:sumc@sudbury-umc.org) by May 9.

### **Celebrate the Mothers at the Pathways Shelter**

Please join the Outreach Commission for a Mother's Day celebration at the Pathways Shelter in Framingham. On Saturday, May 13, from 2:30 till 4:00 p.m., handmade cards will be delivered, delicious food will be served, and fun will be had by all! Please email [christykirkdds@gmail.com](mailto:christykirkdds@gmail.com) if you plan to attend. Thanks.

### **Coming Soon: Health Ministries Sunday**

This year Health Ministries Sunday will be observed on May 21. Theme is resilience. Speaker will be Dr. Diana Ventura, visiting scholar at Boston University, reviewer for the New England Institutional Review Board and Chief Data Administrator for the Center for Biostatistics and AIDS Research at Harvard. You are invited to contribute to the fair after worship by sharing old home remedies. We are not advocating or supporting any of the remedies, but we want to add some humor to the day. On the serious side, sharing healthy information and activities is welcome. And there will be lots of that. For more information, contact Sophia Harrell at [sbaileyharrell@msn.com](mailto:sbaileyharrell@msn.com) or at 978-443-3821.

### **Knitters! Join the Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Have you ever considered making a prayer shawl? Please join Sudbury UMC's knitters! Pick up yarn, needles, and instructions in Hawes Hall after worship for knitting a prayer shawl. Questions? Contact Sophia Harrell at [sbaileyharrell@msn.com](mailto:sbaileyharrell@msn.com) or 978-443-3821. Shawls will be presented for consecration on Health Ministry Sunday, May 21.

### **Teens! So Many Activities! Save These Dates!**

Middle and high school students from Sudbury UMC have a lot to look forward to this spring: Youth Fellowship gatherings, today, May 7, May 20, June 4, and June 17, plus a service trip June 23-25! Check your email, save the dates, and be sure to respond to Anthony at [anthony@sudbury-umc.org](mailto:anthony@sudbury-umc.org) to let him know that you're coming.

### **Please Recycle Your Bulletin**

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

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