



*Health Ministry Sunday*

***SUDBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH***

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 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:** "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" Leslie Bell, sop. G. F. Händel

*During the prelude, worshipers may bring flowers and branches from their gardens or elsewhere to the chancel where volunteers will make these gifts part of a floral offering.*

### \*Opening Worship

Praise Song: FWS # 2213 – "Healer of Our Every Ill" (*verses 1-2*)

Scripture: Psalm 66:8-20 – "What God Has Done for Me"

Praise Song: FWS # 2213 – "Healer of Our Every Ill" (*verses 3-4*)

**\*Opening Prayer:** (*The United Methodist Book of Worship, USA, 21<sup>st</sup> cent., alt.*)

**God of mercy, we bless you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who ministered to all who came to him.**

**Look with compassion on all who have lost their health and freedom.**

**Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy.**

**Strengthen them in the work of recovery.**

**And to those who care for them,**

**grant patient understanding and love that perseveres.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Children's Time:** "Who Me?"

Ann Hamilton

**Special Music:** "Oh, I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me" African American Spiritual

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

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

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**\*Gospel Reading:** Mark 5:25-34

*This reading is found on pages 39-40 in the New Testament.*

**Sermon:** “From Brokenness to Love”

Dr. Diana Ventura

**\*Hymn of Response:** UMH # 529 – “How Firm a Foundation”

*Stephen Ministers will offer anointing with oil and prayers for healing during this hymn.*

## **A Time of Fellowship**

**Greeting Our Guests**

**Concerns and Celebrations**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer** (*unison*)

**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.**

## **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Stewardship Moment:** Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Offertory:** “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

arr. Virgil Thomson

**\*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!**

*Prayer Shawls may be brought to the front pew rails while the Doxology is being sung.*

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication of Prayer Shawls** (*Janet Bristow*)

**\*Hymn of Commitment:** UMH # 539 – “O Spirit of the Living God”

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**Postlude:** “Recessional” op. 53 Jill Gaudet, flute

Kevin 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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**STEPHEN MINISTRY**



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**Sudbury United Methodist Church**  
**May 21, 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. Or, if time permits, come and enjoy coffee and conversation in the fellowship hall, just past The Columns, on the south end of our facility. We hope you will enjoy your visit and we invite you to be our guest as often as possible!

**Today Is Health Ministries Sunday**

Today we are observing Health Ministries Sunday. Our theme is resilience. We gladly welcome Dr. Diana Ventura to our pulpit. Dr. Ventura is a visiting scholar at Boston University, a reviewer for the New England Institutional Review Board, and Chief Data Administrator for the Center for Biostatistics and AIDS Research at Harvard University.

**Health Ministries Fair Follows Worship**

After worship concludes, you are invited to come to a Health Ministries Fair in Hawes Hall where we will be sharing old home remedies along with health information and activities. Among the rich information available will be materials focused on mental health since May is Mental Health Awareness Month.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry Recognized Today in Worship**

During the offering this morning, knitters who have completed new prayer shawls are invited to drape them over the altar rail in front of the first row of pews to be consecrated. These prayer shawls inspire the knitters who made them, and who prayed as they knit, while also enveloping all who receive them with the blessings of our congregation.

**Social Justice Book Group Meets Today**

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, please come! If you are interested, please join us in the O'Reilly Gathering Room from 11:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m.

**The Connexions IV Concert – Today at 3:00 p.m.**

Set aside 3:00 p.m. today for a special concert that features works by Massenet, Finzi, Mozart, Murphy, J. S. Bach and more. Artists include Murphys of all ages, Jill Gaudet, Marylou Abbott and Rob Hammerton. Not just classical, not just pop! Get excited!

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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.

### **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 at other Sudbury UMC gatherings, please email them to Alexandra Plotkin at [alexandra@sumc.org](mailto:alexandra@sumc.org). Your photos help 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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### **Church Office Closed Tomorrow**

A required day of training for Sudbury UMC's staff, from 9:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. tomorrow, means the office will be closed till Tuesday, May 23. Feel free to leave messages and send emails. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

### **Women's Fellowship Looking Forward to Rockport Outing**

The Women's Fellowship will be going on a daylong Trip to Rockport, MA, on Friday, June 9, to walk around one of the North Shore's most picturesque seaside towns, and to have lunch at a local restaurant. Gaynelle Weiss will be our host for the day. We will carpool from the church to Rockport, leaving Sudbury promptly at 9:00 a.m. Departure time from Rockport will be around 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Nancy Stone at 978-310-7008 or [nancystone39@gmail.com](mailto:nancystone39@gmail.com).

### **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 adult sessions in Korean). For your convenience, registration is now open at <http://www.neumc.org/missionu>.

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

After a fantastic first two sessions, the third installment of this four-session course will be held next Sunday, May 28th! Whether you missed or made the first two classes, all are welcome to join in for the third and/or fourth sessions. On Sunday, May 28, participants will continue exploring how God's grace affects our lives for healthier, vibrant living. There will be a new video capturing clergy and laity sharing their experience with God's grace. Discussions will also include John Wesley's pilgrimage of faith and his understanding of grace as Prevenient, Justifying, and Sanctifying. Together we will share our journey as Christians. Co-taught by John McKinney and Jim Empfield, this four-week Adult Christian Education course offers rich learning opportunities.

### **Please Recycle Your Bulletin**

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

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### **Get Ready for “Christmas in September”**

Sudbury UMC’s Outreach Commission and Eagle Scout candidate Calvin Corrigan ask you to prepare for a special offering planned for next Sunday’s service of worship. A high school freshman in Shrewsbury and member of Troop 60, the Boy Scout Troop chartered by our church, Calvin plans to focus his Eagle Scout project on providing Christmas gifts for thirty-three boys living in a Haitian orphanage sponsored by Worcester’s Be Like Brit Foundation. To maximize Calvin’s efforts, the Outreach Commission promises to match the gifts you give next Sunday, dollar for dollar. Funds collected this summer insure shipping in September and delivery by Christmas. Thanks for your help!

### **Church School Classrooms Today**

Children and families can expect our regular Sunday School groupings today! After the children’s moment, 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! For the next few Sundays, the 3rd-5th grade Sunday School class will take place in preschool room 5: the Sunny Hill classroom closest to the Sanctuary. Parents, we’ll see you after church!

### **Youth Fellowship Meets This Evening**

Youth Fellowship will meet from 6:30 till 8:00 p.m. this evening. Our youth leader, Anthony Harrison, says we will be learning what the Bible teaches about spiritual gifts, discerning the gifts God has given to each of us, and enjoying snacks and games.

### **Attend a Healing Service in Marlborough**

Guest pastor Debby Mygatt will lead a healing service today at 2:00 p.m. at the First Church Marlborough, 37 High Street, Marlborough. Rev. Mygatt is a United Methodist clergy person who leads a healing ministry in Ridgefield, CT. Today’s short service will be followed by time for prayer with trained intercessors or quiet contemplation alone. You can learn more about this ministry at [www.prayandsee.org](http://www.prayandsee.org).

### **Social Justice Commission Invites You to Join in Opposition to Eversource**

Sudbury UMC’s Social Justice Commission and the Sudbury Clergy Association urge you to attend a public hearing on Thursday, May 25, at 7:00 p.m., in the auditorium at Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School. The Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) is the decision making body that will approve or deny Eversource’s transmission line project. This week’s public hearing offers all Sudbury citizens an opportunity to voice their concerns and speak publicly on record concerning this controversial project.

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