

... since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

**AND THIS IS ETERNAL LIFE,** that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Eternal  
Life

- John 17:2-3 -

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**SUDBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 28, 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

### \*Opening Worship

Praise Song: FWS # 2087 – “We Will Glorify the King of Kings”

Scripture: Acts 1:6-11 – “Out of Their Sight”

Praise Song: FWS # 2088 – “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

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

**God of glory,**

**your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us  
and ascended to your right hand.**

**Unite us with Christ and each other,  
in suffering and in joy,  
that all your children may be drawn  
into life eternal and everlasting. Amen.**

### Children's Time: “Passing the Baton”

### Special Music: “Father of All”

Christopher Tye

### \*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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Come and worship him! Come and worship him! Yesu!  
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### \*Gospel Reading: John 17:1-11

*This reading is found on page 111 in the New Testament.*

### Sermon: “Getting to Know You”

The Rev. Joel Guillemette

### \*Hymn of Response: UMH # 140 – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

## **A Time of Fellowship**

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

## **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Stewardship Moment:** “Christmas in September”

**Offertory:** “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

K. L. Bates & S. A. Ward

**\*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:** FWS # 2257 a-d – “Communion Setting”

**\*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 # 2191 – “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**Postlude:** “Battle Hymn of the Republic”

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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 28, 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!

### **Opening Ourselves to Grace**

The third installment of this four-session course will follow worship today. Whether you missed or made the first two classes, come and join us as we explore God's grace and the ways it fosters healthier and more vibrant living. A new video segment will feature clergy and laity speak about their experiences with grace. John Wesley's understanding of grace as Prevenient, Justifying, and Sanctifying will also be discussed. John McKinney and Jim Empfield will lead from the middle as we share our Christian journey.

### **What Is "Christmas in September?"**

Sudbury UMC's Outreach Commission and Eagle Scout candidate Calvin Corrigan ask you to prepare for a special offering. During today's Stewardship Moment Calvin will tie the gifts we give this morning to a Christmas celebration in September that will lead to a fun *Jwaye Nowe* for an orphanage full of boys in Haiti. A high school freshman and member of Troop 60, the Boy Scout unit chartered by our church, Calvin is working with the "Be Like Brit" Foundation in Worcester. To maximize his efforts, the Outreach Commission promises to match the gifts you give dollar for dollar. Thanks for your help!

### **Remember to Wear Red Next Sunday**

Red is the liturgical color for Pentecost, the fiftieth day after Easter joyfully celebrated as the "Birthday of the Church." Wearing red on Pentecost recalls one of the signs of the Holy Spirit's presence, tongues of flame kindled over the heads of Jesus' followers. At Sudbury UMC, students in grades nine and ten complete their preparations to profess their faith on Pentecost by participating in Confirmation and becoming members of The United Methodist Church. Come and add your prayers to next Sunday's celebration!

### **Christian Education Appreciation Sunday Coming June 11**

To thank our teachers and helpers, a pancake breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. on June 11 in Hawes Hall. Spouses and families are welcome! A Sunday School field day will follow. Contact Jackie Roder by Monday, June 5, if you plan to attend the breakfast.

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John 17:1-11

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Youth Activities Coming in June**

Director of Youth Ministries Anthony Harrison is looking forward to month filled with youth activities in June: An overnight lock-in at the church on June 2 and 3, a fun trip to the Lazer Zone on June 17, and a service trip in Waltham June 23-25. Get in on the fun!

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

The Women's Fellowship will travel to Rockport, MA, on Friday, June 9, to walk around one of the North Shore's most picturesque towns and have lunch at a local restaurant. Gaynelle Weiss will be our host. Carpooling from Sudbury UMC will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. We will say goodbye to Rockport at 7:00 p.m. Sound like fun? RSVP to Nancy Stone at 978-310-7008.

### **Please Recycle Your Bulletin**

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

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