



Those who find
their life will lose it,
and those who lose
their life for my sake will

Find it.

Matthew 10:39, NRSV

SUDBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 25, 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

***Call to Worship:** (*Psalm 86:8, 10, alt.*)

Liturgist: Lord, you are great.

You alone do wonderful things.

People: Lord, there is none like you among the gods.

You alone are God.

***Opening Hymn:** UMH # 143 - "On Eagle's Wings"

***Opening Prayer:** (*Ruth Duck, U.S.A., 20th cent.*)

**O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives,
bringing new life out of destruction,
hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty.**

We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole.

**Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives,
and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit,
that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.**

A Reading from the Scriptures: Genesis 21:8-21

This reading is found on page 17 in the Old Testament.

Children's Time: "God Is Always With You"

Special Music: "Since Jesus Came into My Heart"

McDaniel/Gabriel

***A Reading from the Gospels:** Matthew 10:24-39

This reading is found on page 10 in the New Testament.

Sermon: "Lost and Found"

Karen Lubic

***Hymn of Response:** UMH # 430 - "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

A Time of Fellowship

Greeting Our Guests
Concerns and Celebrations
Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Stewardship Moment: Sunny Hill Preschool

Offertory: “Freely, Freely”

Carol Jones

***Doxology:** UMH # 94 - “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Holy Communion

***The Great Thanksgiving:** FWS #2257 a, b, c, 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-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.)

Special Music: “Alleluia” from Exsultate, Jubilate

W. A. Mozart

Jill Gaudet, flute and Bill Hoke, clarinet

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn of Commitment:** UMH # 634 - “Now Let Us from This Table Rise”

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude: Overture from “The Magic Flute”

W. A. Mozart

Jill Gaudet, flute and Bill Hoke, clarinet

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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Welcome, Guests!

Are you visiting Sudbury UMC today? Please accept our sincere welcome. If you have time after worship, please linger in the narthex to meet our pastor and some of our church's leaders. If a longer visit is possible, enjoy coffee and conversation in Hawes Hall, just past The Columns, on the south end of our facility. We hope you enjoy your visit and invite you to come back soon!

This Morning's Guest Preacher

Today's guest preacher is Karen Lubic, a member of Sudbury UMC and a graduate of Boston University's School of Theology. At Charlestown's Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Karen has served since June 2016 as lead chaplain. She is also a certified member of the Association of Professional Chaplains. At Sudbury UMC, Karen has volunteered recently as a member of the Church Growth Commission and as co-chairperson of the Social Justice Commission.

Members Called to Today's Church Conference

Members of Sudbury UMC are hereby called to the annual Spring Church Conference at 11:00 a.m. today. Copies of the conference booklet will be available after worship. The agenda for our semi-annual church business meeting will be limited to the agenda printed in the booklet and pre-approved by the Rev. Rene Perez, our Central Massachusetts District superintendent. Rev. Perez has authorized Pastor Joel to preside.

Sunny Hill Preschool Welcomes New Director

The Sunny Hill Preschool Committee is excited to announce that Ms. Heather Porder has agreed to become our new director on July 24. Heather holds a Master's Degree in Education, with a focus on students with disabilities, from Wheelock College. She has held several director and teaching positions throughout her career. She comes to us from The Goddard School in Weston, MA, where she was the Center Director. Heather is passionate about creating a happy learning experience for children, families, and staff. She loves to interact with parents and children and has many years' experience as a lead teacher and in special education. In addition, Heather has been an American Sign Language Instructor and volunteers at United Cerebral Palsy of Metro-Boston where she "exhibits a compassion which is rarely found." Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Heather. We look forward to sharing in her enthusiasm at Sunny Hill!

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 regularly to the Open Table food bank in Maynard. 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.

MetroWest Free Medical Program Seeks Volunteers

On Tuesdays, twenty volunteers gather to provide healthcare services to people who don't have health insurance. The program serves an average of thirty-five patients at Congregation Beth El in Sudbury. Volunteers are needed from 9:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. to put medical supplies and equipment away in the shed behind the synagogue. Questions? Contact Kim Prendergast at kim.prendergast@gmail.com.

Can You Drive a Truck?

Twice a month, the Sudbury Food Pantry, housed at Our Lady of Fatima Church, rents a 26-foot box truck and drives to Boston to pick up food from the Greater Boston Food Bank. This morning commitment involves no lifting, loading, or unloading. For more information, please contact Pat Mullen at 978-314-5247 or e-mail p_mullen@msn.com.

A Message from Anthony Harrison, Our Youth Leader

My time with Sudbury UMC is winding down, but not before an exciting weekend of service and fun with our youth! This weekend, we are staying at First Lutheran Church in Waltham, helping at the Hope Food Pantry in Framingham, and preparing care packages for residents of Mary's House—a shelter for homeless women and their children in Waltham. This weekend also closes my time at Sudbury UMC. My last day in the office will be June 30, and I am looking back on an incredible program year with some truly amazing youth. Between youth fellowship, parties, events, the lock-in, and the service trip, this has been a full and rewarding time in ministry. I am looking forward to preparing for PhD program applications and further academic study. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve, for your support, and your prayers.

United Methodist Summer Camps Still Have Openings

United Methodist camps in the New England Conference still have openings for many great summer adventures. At all four sites, paid and volunteer staffers undergo criminal background checks and safety training before they are hired or enrolled as volunteers. "Safe sanctuaries" standards are in place to insure the highest standards of safety. Our conveniently located sites include Rolling Ridge Conference Center in North Andover, MA (www.rollingridge.org); Camp Aldersgate in North Scituate, RI (www.campaldersgate.com); Camp Wanakee in Meredith, NH (www.wanakee.org); and Camp Mechuwana in Winthrop, ME (www.mechuwana.org). Need financial aid? Speak to Pastor Joel about funds available through Sudbury UMC.

Still Looking for a Great Pre-School?

Sudbury UMC's own Sunny Hill Preschool is gearing up for a fabulous 2017-2018 school year. All classes are taking enrollments with limited availability in some. Why not take a tour? Dial 978-443-2627 to make an appointment with Debbie or Kate or to complete your child's enrollment.

Director of Christian Education Announced

On June 4, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee introduced Eric Magnuson of Harvard, MA, as Sudbury UMC's incoming Director of Christian Education and Magic Years coordinator. Eric earned a BA in Christian Education from Eastern Nazarene College before adding two MA degrees in Educational Leadership and Early Childhood Education to his training. Across the years, he has taught in public and private schools, served two schools as an assistant principal, and written a series of children's detective books. Eric will move into his office at the church sometime after June 15. Please hold Eric in prayer as he begins his ministry among us.

It's Time to Picnic and Party!

Sudbury UMC's annual picnic with our sister church, Greenwood Memorial UMC, begins this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. After an opening worship service, we'll gather around tables groaning with great outdoor food. Music and games will follow along with fellowship and friendship. If the weather is sunny, we'll take advantage of Sudbury UMC's wonderful playground. If rain dampens the afternoon, we celebrate in Hawes Hall till approximately 6:00 p.m. This ending time, we hope, will be particularly attractive to parents with little, younger children who need to be in bed before the sun retires on summer evenings. What do you need to bring to the picnic? Yourself, your family, friend(s) and a desire to relax and have fun. How can you help us plan? Sign up today with the number of persons planning to attend from your household. You may also contribute salads, desserts, or other picnic treats if you wish – but this is optional! We want everyone – cooks and non-cooks – to be part of this special occasion.

We All Need Somebody to Lean On

Stephen Ministers offer a listening, supportive, and confidential presence. Each Sunday after worship a Stephen Minister is available to listen and to pray with anyone in the O'Reilly Room. Today's volunteer is Richard Smith. 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.

Calling All Summer Sunday School Teachers

During the summer, Sudbury UMC offers a one room Sunday School geared for children ages 3-10. Class begins each Sunday after the Children's Moment with the pastor in the large room below the sanctuary. Lessons are designed for kids in grade 5 and below, but Middle and High School youth are welcome to participate as helpers or co-teachers. Two teachers are needed each Sunday. To volunteer, please reach out to Caryl Walsh at carylw@comcast.net.

Sunny Hill Preschool announces the ROLLINS SUNNY HILL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.



Please help us say thanks to our retiring Sunny Hill director Debbie Rollins, who has been a vital part of our preschool for over 25 years and a strong family advocate. To celebrate her years of service, we have renamed our need-based scholarship endowment fund the "Rollins Sunny Hill Scholarship Fund." We invite you to make a 100% tax-deductible contribution to continue Debbie's legacy of care and commitment to young children. Use the PayPal Giving link at <http://sudbury-umc.org/give/> or send a check pay-able to "SUMC Endowment Fund" memo line: Rollins Sunny Hill Scholarship Fund and mail it to: Sudbury UMC, 251 Old Sudbury Road, Sudbury, MA 01776. Greeting cards for her memory book are also welcome.