



SUDBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pentecost
June 4, 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: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

J. S. Bach, arr. KFM

***Opening Worship**

Praise Song: FWS # 2120 – "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" (*verses 1-2*)

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21 – "All of Them Were Filled with the Holy Spirit"

Praise Song: FWS # 2120 – "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" (*verses 3-4*)

***Opening Prayer:** (*Don E. Saliers, USA, 20th cent., alt.*)

**God of wind, word, and fire,
we bless your name this day
for sending the light and strength of your Holy Spirit.
We give you thanks for all the gifts, great and small,
that you have poured out upon your children.
Accept us with our gifts to be living praise
and witnesses to your love throughout the earth;
through Jesus Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Children's Time: "The Rush of a Mighty Wind"

Special Music: "Spirit of Life"

Mallet/Marshall

***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!
Christ the Lord is risen! Christ the Lord is risen! Yesu!
Come and worship him! Come and worship him! Yesu!
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***Gospel Reading:** John 20:19-23

This reading is found on page 115 in the New Testament.

Sermon: "Binding and Releasing"

The Rev. Joel Guillemette

***Hymn of Response:** UMH # 390 – “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

A Celebration of the Baptismal Covenant

Holy Baptism: UMH page 33

Confirmation: UMH page 37

Reception into The United Methodist Church: UMH page 38

A Time of Fellowship

Greeting Our Guests

Concerns and Celebrations

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Stewardship Moment: Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Offertory: “If That Don’t Make You Want To Go” The Isaacs

***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!

***Hymn of Commitment:** UMH # 331 – “Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us”

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude: Improvisation on “Veni, Creator Spiritus”

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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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. Or, if a longer visit is possible, come and enjoy coffee and conversation in Hawes 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!

Christian Education Appreciation Breakfast Coming Next Sunday

To thank our teachers and helpers who volunteered in 2017, 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.

Magic Years Dines Out on Thursday, June 8

Magic Years, Sudbury UMC's fellowship group for retirees, will wrap up the current program year at noon on Thursday, June 8, with a festive lunch at the Lotus Blossom, 394 Boston Post Road, Sudbury. To make reservations, please phone Shetal at 978-443-4351.

Save the Date: Church Conference Follows Worship on June 25

The program year is winding down and the date of the Spring Church Conference has been announced. Pastor Joel has been authorized by our District Superintendent, the Rev. Rene Perez, to chair the annual meeting of our members at the end of the school year following worship on June 25. A pre-conference collection of reports will be distributed on Sunday, June 18. The deadline for reports to be included in this booklet is Friday, June 9. To all church members: Thanks for saving the date! To church leaders: Thanks for making the deadline!

Opening Ourselves to Grace

The fourth and final installment of this four-session course will follow worship today. Whether you have attended prior classes or not, 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 speaking 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.

Please Recycle Your Bulletin

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

"...Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." John 20:22-23

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 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.

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 the following youth activities in June: On June 17, our teens will head to Lazer Zone. From June 23-25, they will participate in a service trip in Waltham. Get in on the fun by emailing anthony@sudbury-umc.org.

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.

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