

**So Abraham called that place
“The Lord will provide”;
as it is said to this day, “On the mount
of the Lord it shall be provided.”**

Genesis 22:14, NRSV



SUDBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
July 2, 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 worshippers may stand, as they are able*

Welcome

Prelude: Improvisation

***Call to Worship:** (*Psalm 13:5, alt.*)

Liturgist: In your steadfast love, O LORD, I have put my trust.

People: My heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

***Opening Hymn:** UMH # 470 – “My God, I Love Thee”

***Opening Prayer:** (*Consultation on Common Texts, USA 21st cent., alt.*)

Ruler of the universe,
you call us to radical loyalty beyond all earthly claim.
Grant us strength to offer ourselves to you
as people who have been raised from death to life
through Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

***A Reading from the Gospels:** Matthew 10:40-42

This reading is found on page 11 in the New Testament.

Children's Time: “Small Gifts Count”

Special Music: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Isaac Watts

A Reading from the Scriptures: Genesis 22:1-14

This reading is found on pages 17-18 in the Old Testament.

Sermon: “Making Choices When There Is No Choice”

The Rev. Joel Guillemette

***Hymn of Response:** FWS # 2211 – “Faith Is Patience in the Night”

A Time of Fellowship

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Stewardship Moment: Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Offertory: “Amazing Grace”

John Newton

***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:** UMH pages 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 # 717 – “The Battle Hymn of the Republic”

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude: Variations on “O Lord God, to Thee Be Praise”

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

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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July 2, 2017

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!

What Your Name Tag Says About You

In addition to saying your name, your name tag also says that you enjoy sharing yourself with others. It tells our church's new staff members that you understand the challenge of learning a whole congregation's names in a short time. And it tells Sunday morning guests that you are happy to answer questions or introduce them to others who can. If you do not have a name tag, please make a note in your pew's attendance pad. Thank you for wearing your name tag!

We Celebrate Holy Communion Weekly during the Summer

When the General Conference of The United Methodist Church adopted "This Holy Mystery" in 2004, UMC congregations around the world were strongly encouraged to celebrate Holy Communion weekly in keeping with Christ's command and the pattern of the ecumenical church. With the Worship Commission's support, Pastor Joel decided to increase our congregation's frequency at the Lord's Table from twelve Sundays per year to twenty-five. Along with the "First Sunday" pattern United Methodists are familiar with, we also meet Jesus for "Sunday Dinner" when worship attendance is generally lower – such as all through the summer months. By offering Holy Communion weekly, worshipers who are away for trips and vacations on the first Sunday will be able to receive the sacrament as soon as they return to church.

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 or to Eric Magnuson at eric@sudbury-umc.org.

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.

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 a.m. to 9:30 a.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.

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 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.

Director of Christian Education Officially Joins Our Staff

On July 1, Eric Magnuson officially joined Sudbury UMC’s staff as 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.

Director of Youth Ministries Expected in September

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is grateful to announce that a candidate who has received a written offer to serve as Sudbury UMC’s Director of Youth Ministries indicated last week that he intends to accept the position sometime in September. During July and August, he plans to keep commitments he made earlier this year to participate in youth camps and mission trips and anticipates taking some vacation time. According to Sherry Stonebraker, SPRC chairperson, when a signed agreement is received and screening procedures have been followed, the youth minister’s name and background will be widely announced. In the meantime, please remember to hold our teens and the educator who will work with them in prayer.

Please Recycle This Bulletin

The Worship and Music Commission has placed blue recycle bins near the church’s entrances. Materials not needed at home, along with other clean papers, may be recycled in the bins.

Take Time to Visit with God

Spend time with God using *The Upper Room* to guide your daily Bible reading and prayers. Free copies of this beloved devotional magazine are available at no cost in the narthex.

Many Thanks for Last Sunday's Many Blessings

Sudbury UMC's June 25 picnic with our sister church, Greenwood Memorial UMC, was a huge success thanks to all who participated. Oscar Harrell, chair of the Membership and Community Life Commission, sends his team's thanks to all who set-up tables and chairs, tended grills and donated salads and desserts, to all made the trip from Greenwood Memorial UMC by bus or by car, and to everyone from Sudbury UMC who participated in worship, shared the meal, played games, and showed our guests our newly renovated facilities. The musicians who sang and played guitars were also a tuneful blessing. And....we'd even like to thank the One who was responsible for shooing away the rain clouds and blessing us with a mostly sunny afternoon.

Sunny Hill Preschool Welcomes New Director

The Sunny Hill Preschool Committee announced June 25 that Ms. Heather Porder will 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. Please join us in making Heather feel welcome. We look forward to sharing in her enthusiasm at Sunny Hill!

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. Greeting cards for her memory book are also welcome.

Are You 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.