



**Since Esau was starving he said to Jacob,
“Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I’m famished!”
Genesis 25:30**

SUDBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 16, 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 65:11, 13b, NRSV*)

Liturgist: You crown the year with your bounty, O God;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

**People: The valleys deck themselves with grain;
they shout and sing together for joy.**

***Opening Hymn:** UMH # 152 – “I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

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

**God of grace, you plant your word in our hearts
as good seed in fertile soil.**

**Nurture us now that our lives may flower
and bear fruit abundantly. Amen.**

***A Reading from the Gospels:** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

This reading is found on pages 13-14 in the New Testament.

Children's Time: “Planting Like Crazy”

Special Music: “Two Fishermen”

Suzanne Toolan

A Reading from the Scriptures: Genesis 25:19-34

This reading is found on pages 21-22 in the Old Testament.

Sermon: “Second Place Plus Grace”

The Rev. Joel Guillemette

***Hymn of Response:** FWS # 2162 – “Grace Alone”

A Time of Fellowship

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Stewardship Moment

Offertory: “Beautiful Isle of Somewhere”

John S. Fearis, arr. R.G.H.

***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 # 600 – “Wonderful Words of Life”

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude: “Postlude in F”

Niels Gade

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!

What Your Name Tag Says About You

In addition to saying your name, your nametag 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 nametag, please make a note in your pew's attendance pad. Thank you for wearing your nametag!

Are Children Welcome to Receive Holy Communion?

When the General Conference of The United Methodist Church adopted "This Holy Mystery" in 2004, congregations were urged to celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday in keeping with Christ's command and the pattern of the ecumenical church. In 2010, Pastor Joel and Sudbury UMC's Worship Commission increased our congregation's frequency at the Lord's Table from twelve Sundays per year to twenty-five. The participation of children is sometimes questioned. The document advises, "Young children and people with handicapping or incapacitating conditions may need special consideration as the elements are served. Pastors and congregations should develop plans for providing assistance that maintains the dignity and affirms the worth of those receiving. Children of all ages are welcome to the Table and are to be taught and led to interpret, appreciate, and participate in Holy Communion."

Summer Office Hours and Newsletter Deadline

From now through Labor Day weekend, the church office will open at 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and close at 12:30 p.m. Our weekly newsletter, The Chronicle, becomes a monthly in July and August. The next edition will be emailed on July 27 preceded by a July 24 deadline.

Please Recycle This Bulletin

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

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.

Volunteers Needed Soon at *Open Table* in Maynard

Have you been looking for a practical, face-to-face way to help neighbors in need? On Monday, August 7, *Open Table* in Maynard will open its new facility at 33 Main Street, a storefront formerly occupied by Aubuchon Hardware. Volunteers will be needed to facilitate the move, to staff the food pantry, and to reopen the dining room. For information, contact John Iberg at 1970schooner@gmail.com or Patty Helsingius at helsingius@comcast.net.

Cancer and Caregiver Support Group Meets Third Wednesday

Sudbury UMC's Cancer and Caregiver Support Prayer Group meets on the third Wednesday of every month from 6:00 till 7:30 p.m. On July 19, cancer patients, cancer survivors, and care-givers will gather at Sudbury UMC in the O'Reilly Room. The purpose of the group is providing prayer and support for those whose lives have been touched by cancer. Come and share your experiences and feelings in a safe, confidential, caring, non-hospital environment. The Cancer and Caregiver Support Prayer Group is an initiative of the Health Ministries Commission. The group is open to all faiths and all communities surrounding Sudbury. For more information contact us at SUMC.MA.Cancer.Care.Group@gmail.com.

Sunny Hill Preschool Welcomes New Director

Ms. Heather Porder will become the director Sudbury UMC's preschool on July 24. Heather holds a M.Ed., with a focus on students with disabilities, from Wheelock College. She has held several director and teaching positions throughout her career, most recently at 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 interacting with parents and children and has many years' experience as lead teacher and in special education. We look forward to sharing in Heather's 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.

Meet This Summer's Guest Preachers

While Pastor Joel is vacationing July 31 through August 13, two clergy colleagues will preach in our chancel and officiate at the Lord's Table. The Rev. Betsy Waters, a clergy member of the United Church of Christ and resident of Marlborough, will visit Sudbury UMC on August 6. Many of us remember Rev. Waters as the New England Conference consultant who conferred with our church's leaders when they were writing the 2007 Strategic Plan. The Rev. Dr. Chang-He Son will be our guest on August 13. Dr. Son served as Sudbury UMC's associate pastor in 1986 and 1987. Since 1989, he has been appointed to Bridgewater State University in Bridgewater, MA, as the Protestant chaplain. During Pastor Joel's summer hiatus, a network of United Methodist pastors in the Metrowest area will also provide emergency clergy coverage in the event of a funeral or some other crisis. Please reach out to Shetal Kaye at the church office or Lay Leader Nancy Hammerton in the event that you or your family need pastoral support.

Newcomers Invited to July 23 Barbecue at the Parsonage

Pastor Joel and Wendy will host a summer barbecue for newcomers to Sudbury UMC at the Drum Lane parsonage on Sunday, July 23. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Guests are invited to bring a side dish or a dessert to share with hamburgers, veggie-burgers and hot dogs served hot from the grill. This get-together will be a great way for new friends to get to know several of our church's leaders, staff, and other newcomers in a casual setting.

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. Welcome, Eric!

Director of Youth Ministries Looking for Metrowest Apartment

Do you know about an affordable apartment in a community near Sudbury UMC that might become available in September? Members of our church's Staff-Parish Relations Committee ask everyone to keep their eyes and ears open since the Director of Youth Ministries we are expecting to welcome in the fall has asked us to help him locate a suitable place to live. If you know about a good lead for a single person who lives alone, please contact Todj Gozdeck at tgozdeck@hotmail.com or at 617-733-2118. Thanks!

Calling All Summer Sunday School Teachers

During the summer, Sudbury UMC offers a one room Sunday School for children ages 3 to 10. Lessons for kids in grade 5 and below begin after the Children's Moment, but Middle and High School teens may participate as helpers or co-teachers. Two teachers are needed each Sunday. To volunteer, please reach out to Eric Magnuson at eric@sudbury-umc.org.

Summer Reading for Spiritual Growth

Want to make spiritual growth part of your summer reading plan? Ten minutes each day with *The Upper Room* can lead to a growth spurt! Monthly booklets are available at no cost in the narthex. Or visit *The Upper Room* online at <http://devotional.upperroom.org/>.

Do You Need Someone to Listen?

Stephen Ministers are volunteers trained to listen and pray with adults who face changes in family, health, employment, etc. Anyone wearing a Stephen Leader nametag can help you.