



SUDBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 23, 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.

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Welcome

Prelude: "I Want a Principle Within"

C. Wesley/L. Spohr

***Call to Worship:** (*Psalm 139:23-24 NRSV*)

Liturgist: Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.

**People: See if there is any wicked way in me;
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

***Opening Hymn:** UMH # 382 – "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

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

**God of Jacob, you speak to us in the light of day
and in the darkness of night
when our sleep is filled with dreams of heaven and earth.**

Give us visions like Jacob's.

**Remind us to remain open and watchful,
ready to rediscover your presence in our midst. Amen.**

***A Reading from the Gospels:** Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

This reading is found on pages 14-15 in the New Testament.

Children's Time: "Weeds or Wheat?"

Special Music: "O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines"

C. H. H. Perry

A Reading from the Scriptures: Genesis 28:10-19a

This reading is found on page 25 in the Old Testament.

Sermon: "Awesome"

The Rev. Joel Guillemette

***Hymn of Response:** UMH # 328 – "Surely the Presence of the Lord"

A Time of Fellowship

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Stewardship Moment

Offertory: “Study War No More”

Traditional African American

***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 # 418 – “We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude

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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Congregation



We are a Reconciling and Welcoming
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Sudbury United Methodist Church

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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 some-times 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 this week on Thursday, July 27, preceded by a Monday, 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. Please dispose of paper soiled by food or anything else in wastebaskets.

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.

Volunteers Needed In August 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.

If Our Shopping Cart Could Talk

For several months, food donations made to the shopping cart outside the O'Reilly Room have been delivered to our Maynard partners' facility located in the basement of the former Coolidge School on Bancroft Street. If the shopping cart could talk, it would politely say, "Thanks!" to all who visit. It might remind you to say, "Hello!" to volunteers from Sudbury UMC who join others to stock shelves on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Or, it might drop hints to passersby like, "Don't be a stranger!" and "I always need solid white tuna in cans, spaghetti sauce in jars, mixed vegetables in cans, pineapple in cans, raisins, dried beans in bags, bread crumbs, condensed milk, rice pilaf, instant coffee, and BBQ sauce."

It's Coming: Another Culinary Caper at Pine Street Inn.

On Saturday, August 5, volunteers from Sudbury UMC and Greenwood Memorial UMC will team-up for the second session in a three-part series called, "Cooking for the Hundreds." Enrollment is, of course, free and transportation to and from the shelter's main facility in Boston will be provided. We will leave Sudbury UMC's parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and return before the clock strikes 1:00 p.m. Our culinary outing will not be a stylish affair. Saturday "grubbies" will do just fine. Questions? Interested? Contact John Iberg at John.iberger@icloud.com.

Summer Activities and Events for Sudbury UMC Youth

August 5 - Service opportunity for 15 + year-olds. Meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. for a trip to the Pine Street Inn where youth and congregation members from Sudbury UMC and Greenwood UMC will prepare meals for a homeless shelter. We will return to Sudbury by 1:00 p.m. RSVP to Kristen Straub kbstraub1@verizon.net so we can figure out transportation.



Water Balloon Round Up

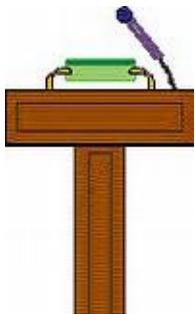
August 13 – Don't miss the annual water balloon round up and other outdoor wet and messy games, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the church. Wear a swimsuit. Bring a towel.

Goodbye, Summer – Hello, Fall

August 27 – From 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., say goodbye to summer at the church and get geared up for a new year of youth programming in the fall! Dinner, games, fun, and fellowship at Sudbury UMC! We will be doing some crazy things to get ready for our new Youth Ministries leader! (We're looking for a parent or two to help out with this meeting. Please! Let Kristen Straub know if you can help!)



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-Hee Son will be our guest on August 13. Dr. Son served as Sudbury UMC's associate pastor in 1986 and 1987. He has been appointed since 1989 to Bridgewater State University in Bridgewater, MA, as 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 Today's Barbecue at the Parsonage

Pastor Joel and Wendy will host a summer barbecue for newcomers to Sudbury UMC at the Drum Lane parsonage after worship today. 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 hot from the grill. This get-together will be a great way for new friends to meet some of our church's leaders, staffers, and other newcomers in a casual setting.

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 to complete your child's enrollment.

Director of Youth Ministries Looking for Metrowest Apartment

Do you know about an affordable apartment near Sudbury UMC that might become available in September? Our church's Staff-Parish Relations Committee asks everyone to keep their eyes and ears open since the Director of Youth Ministries we expect to welcome this fall has asked us to help him locate a 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.

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.

Summer Giving Reminder

The warm and restful days of summer promise relaxing long weekends and eagerly awaited vacations. But while faithful supporters are away, Sudbury UMC is still open each day, our staff is preparing for fall, utility bills arrive, and outreach promises are being kept. Please do your part by keeping your 2017 pledge up to date all summer!