



SUDBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 13, 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

***Call to Worship:** (*Psalm 32:11, alt. NRSV*)

Liturgist: Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you who are righteous!

People: Shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart!

***Opening Hymn:** UMH # 89 – “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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

**In your Son you seek out and save the lost, O God,
and invite us to the banquet of your eternal home.**

**Visit your people with the joy of salvation
that we may rejoice in the riches of your forgiveness
and reach out in welcome
to share with others the blessings of your love. Amen**

A Reading from the Old Testament: Psalm 32

This reading is found on pages 506-507 in the Old Testament.

Children's Time: “A Better Way to Learn”

Special Music: “Ode to Joy”

Ludwig van Beethoven

***A Reading from the Gospels:** Luke 18:18-30, 19:1-9

This reading is found on pages 81-82 in the New Testament.

Sermon: “One Thing You Lack”

The Rev. Dr. Chang-Hee Son

***Hymn of Response:** UMH # 419 – “I Am Thine, O Lord”

A Time of Fellowship

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Stewardship Moment

Offertory: “I’ll Fly Away”

Albert E. Brumley

***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 – “Communion 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 # 453 – “More Love to Thee, O Christ”

***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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Welcome, Guests!

Are you visiting Sudbury UMC today? Welcome! If you have time after worship, please pause in the narthex to meet our pastor and a few 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!

Meet Today's Guest Preacher

Please welcome the Rev. Dr. Chang-Hee Son, today's guest preacher and presider at the Lord's Table. Dr. Son served as Sudbury UMC's associate pastor in 1986 and 1987. He has been appointed by bishops overseeing the New England Conference since 1989 to Bridgewater State University in Bridgewater, MA, as Protestant chaplain. Dr. Son came to the United States when he was 20. He worked as a machine operator while attending the University of Massachusetts, Boston, and Boston University's School of Theology where he earned the M.Div. and the Ph.D. Dr. Son's family includes his wife, their four children, and a son-in-law. They make their home in Bridgewater, MA.

Why Are United Methodists Celebrating Communion More Often?

While divine grace reaches us any time and in any way God chooses, God has designated certain means or channels through which grace is most surely and immediately available. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, expressed it this way: "By 'means of grace' I understand outward signs, words, or actions, ordained of God, and appointed for this end, to be the ordinary channels whereby he might convey to men [and women], preventing, justifying, or sanctifying grace" ("The Means of Grace," II.1). In the General Rules, Wesley listed these means of grace as, "The public worship of God. The ministry of the Word, either read or expounded. The Supper of the Lord. Family and private prayer. Searching the Scriptures. Fasting or Abstinence" (*BOD*, ¶ 103; page 74). Elsewhere Wesley added Christian conferencing, by which he meant edifying conversation and meeting together in groups for nurture and accountability. These means are not to be understood as ways of earning salvation, for that is an unmerited gift. They are, rather, ways to receive, live in, and grow in divine grace. The Wesleyan tradition has continued to emphasize the practice of these means of grace throughout our salvation process." (*UMH*; page 11). (Excerpted from *This Holy Mystery*, page 6) By celebrating the sacrament weekly during the summer, our church is moving toward the goal of receiving God's gifts of grace more often and more expectantly.

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 opened its new facility at 33 Main Street, a storefront formerly occupied by Aubuchon Hardware. Volunteers are needed 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."

What Your Name Tag Says About You

In addition to your name, your nametag also says you enjoy sharing yourself with others and making new friends. It tells our church's newest staff members that you understand the challenge of learning the names of a whole congregation in a short time. And it tells Sunday morning guests that you are happy to answer questions or introduce them to others who can. Thank you for wearing your nametag!

Summer Activities and Events for Sudbury UMC Youth



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 two parents to help out with this meeting. Please! Let Kristen Straub know if you can help!)



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 Heather or to complete your child's enrollment.

Now Hiring: Furniture Handler and Coordinator

Household Goods, Inc. is seeking a furniture handler/coordinator to unload and load trucks, organize the placement of furniture donations, and interact with customers. Candidates must be able to lift 50 pounds consistently. This is an active position for someone who wants to be on the move. Can you drive a box truck Tuesday through Saturday? Send your resume to careers@HouseholdGoods.org or send to 530 Main Street, Acton, MA 01720.

Cancer Support Group Meets Monthly on Third Wednesday

Sudbury UMC's Cancer and Caregiver Support Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, August 16, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the O'Reilly Room. Cancer patients, cancer survivors, and caregivers are all welcome. The purpose of the group is to provide prayer and support to those whose lives have been touched by cancer. Come and share your experiences and feelings in a caring, confidential, non-hospital environment: SUMC.MA.Cancer.Care.Group@gmail.com.

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.

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 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 Thursday, August 24, preceded by a Monday, August 21, deadline.

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!

Church Council Anticipates Special Meeting on August 22

Church Council chairperson Richard Morris has announced a special meeting on Tuesday, August 22, at 7:30 pm. The meeting will position our church to adopt a biennial rhythm of asking for and receiving pledges of financial support by beginning to create a two year plan for mission and ministry. The product of this first meeting will be refined and confirmed at our September 19 meeting and presented to the congregation after worship on October 1.