



SUDBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 20, 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: "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

Franklin Ritter

***Call to Worship:** (*Psalm 67:3-4, alt. NRSV*)

Liturgist: Let all the peoples praise you, O God!

People: Let all the peoples praise you!

Liturgist: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy!

People: For you judge with equity, O God, and guide the nations!

***Opening Hymn:** UMH # 149 – "Let's Sing Unto the Lord"

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

**Holy God of Israel, covenant-maker and covenant-keeper,
you restore what is lost, heal what is wounded,
and gather in those who have been rejected.**

**Give us the faith to speak as steadfastly
as the Canaanite woman spoke to Jesus,
so that outcasts may be welcomed among us
and all people may be blessed through Christ,
our peace-maker and peace-keeper. Amen.**

***A Reading from the Gospels:** Matthew 15:21-28

This reading is found on page 17 in the New Testament.

Children's Time: "Crumbs from the Table"

Special Music: "Angel Band"

Pearl D. Jones

A Reading from the Old Testament: Genesis 45:1-15, 25-28

This reading is found on pages 42-43 in the Old Testament.

Sermon: "The Trial of Joseph Jacobson"

The Rev. Joel Guillemette

***Hymn of Response:** FWS # 2171 – "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

A Time of Fellowship

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Stewardship Moment

Offertory: “His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

C. Martin & C. H. Gabriel

***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.)

Special Music: “Lead Me, Lord”

Samuel S. Wesley

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn of Commitment:** UMH # 560 – “Help Us Accept Each Other”

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude: “Badinerie”

J. S. Bach

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!

Let's Get Our Classrooms Ready for Church School Classes

Now that "Pave the Way" renovations are all but finished (parking lot trees and plants are coming early in September!), it's time to do a thorough cleaning of the classrooms under the church to prepare for September 10 and Homecoming Sunday. Christian Education Director Eric Magnuson has designated Wednesday and Thursday this week, August 23 and 24, as special work days. From 9:00 o'clock in the morning until noon, come and lend a hand. Sunny Hill staffers and supporters will also be on hand to move their furnishings to the classrooms under Hawes Hall and to wipe down the walls, floors, toys, tables, and chairs. To insure a sufficient number of helpers, stay tuned for today's special announcement during the Stewardship Moment. Come one! Come all! Many hands make light work!

Why Are United Methodists Celebrating Communion More Often?

"Holy Communion is the communion of the church—the gathered community of the faithful, both local and universal. While deeply meaningful to the individuals participating, the sacrament is much more than a personal event. The first person pronouns throughout the ritual are consistently plural—*we, us, our*. First Corinthians 10:17 explains that 'because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.' 'A Service of Word and Table I' uses this text as an explicit statement of Christian unity in the body of Christ (*UMH*; page 11). The sharing and bonding experienced at the Lord's Table exemplify the nature of the church and model the world as God would have it be." (Excerpted from *This Holy Mystery*, page 7) 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 in order to grow in unity with Christ and with each other.

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 the summer. The next edition will be emailed this week on Thursday, August 24, preceded by a Monday, August 21, deadline.

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.

Coming Soon: Grand Opening of *Open Table* in Maynard

On Sunday, September 10, *Open Table* in Maynard will celebrate the grand opening of its new facility at 33 Main Street. Congresswoman Nikki Tsongas will speak at 2:00 p.m. Tours of the dining room and food bank will take place throughout the afternoon. Builders, supporters, and volunteers will be recognized. A cake will be cut and a new logo will be unveiled. The fun begins at 1:00 p.m. and concludes at 4:00 p.m. For more 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!

Director of Youth Ministries to Join Our Staff in September

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Zachary Moser will join our church's staff in September as Director of Youth Ministries. Zack comes to Sudbury UMC from the Pinehurst UMC in Pinehurst, NC, where he has served for six years as Director of Student and Family Ministries. Prior to that, he served for three years at Wake Forest UMC as youth director. In 2004, Zack graduated from North Carolina State University with a BA in Communications. The University of North Carolina in Wilmington awarded him a MA in Liberal Studies in 2008. The Divinity School at Duke University conferred the M.Div. in 2011. In addition to his skills and experience leading church programs for teens and families, the SPRC also saw Zack's strong musical interests as a good fit for participation on our staff. He is an accomplished singer and musician who plays piano and trombone. A "double-preachers' kid," Zack's mom and dad are both United Methodist pastors. Their son, however, is a candidate for ordination as a deacon in The United Methodist Church. By linking the worship of local churches to the witness of Christians in the world, ordained deacons build bridges between those who already love Christ and those God is calling to join the dance.

Goodbye, Summer – Hello, Fall

Next Sunday August 27, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Sudbury UMC teens will say good-bye to summer and hello to a new year of youth programming in the fall! Dinner, games, and fellowship will definitely be part of the fun! We will also be doing some crazy things to get ready for the arrival of our new Youth Ministries leader, Zack Moser! Two parent volunteers are needed to help 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.

Please Recycle This Bulletin

The Worship and Music Commission has placed blue recycle bins near the church's three entrances. Materials not need 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.

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.

Council of Bishops President Issues Statement

Last week, Bishop Bruce Ough, president of the UMC's Council of Bishops, issued a statement deploring racial hatred. It read in part: "Let there be no excuses or political justification for the evil that was on full display in Charlottesville last Saturday. Nor, let us forget that many such displays of white supremacy, racism and hatred go unreported or under-reported in many places. White supremacist and neo-Nazi ideologies are abhorrent and entirely inconsistent with the Christian faith....The Social Principles of our United Methodist Church are a clarion call and powerful witness in times such as these. "We affirm that no identity or culture has more legitimacy than any other. We call the Church to challenge any hierarchy of cultures or identities." (Para. 161A, The Nurturing Community, page 110, 2016 Book of Discipline). And, from Para. 162A The Social Community, page 120: "Racism, manifested as sin, plagues and hinders our relationship with Christ, inasmuch as it is antithetical to the gospel itself ... Therefore, we recognize racism as sin and affirm the ultimate and temporal worth of all persons ... We commit as the Church to move beyond symbolic expressions and representative models that do not challenge unjust systems of power and access." To read the entire statement, visit: <http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/bishop-ough-issues-statement-on-charlottesville>.

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.