



***SUDBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH***

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 27, 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**

**Hymn Sing**

**\*Call to Worship:** (*Psalm 124, selections, NRSV*)

Liturgist: If it was not the LORD who was on our side,  
                  they would have swallowed us up alive  
                  when their anger was kindled against us!

**People: Blessed be the LORD who has not given us as prey to their teeth!**

Liturgist: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler!

**People: Our help is in the name of the LORD who made heaven and earth!**

**\*Opening Hymn:** FWS # 2053 – “If It Had Not Been for the Lord”

**\*Opening Prayer:** (*Alan Paton, South Africa, 20<sup>th</sup> cent., alt.*)

**Lord, open my eyes that I may see the needs of others;  
open my ears that I may hear their cries;  
open my heart so that they need not be without succor.**

**Let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong,  
nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich.**

**Show me where love and hope and faith are needed,  
and use me to bring them to those places.**

**And so open my eyes and ears  
that I may this coming day be able  
to do some work of peace for thee. Amen.**

**\*A Reading from the Gospels:** Matthew 16:13-20

*This reading is found on page 18 in the New Testament.*

**Children's Time:** “Rocks and Marbles”

**Special Music:** “Lift Thine Eyes” from “Elijah”

Felix Mendelssohn

**A Reading from the Old Testament:** Exodus 1:8 – 2:10

*This reading is found on page 49 in the Old Testament.*

**Sermon:** “Inside Job”

The Rev. Joel Guillemette

**\*Hymn of Response:** UMH # 578 – “God of Love and God of Power”

## **A Time of Fellowship**

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

## **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

### **Stewardship Moment**

**Offertory:** “Ave Verum Corpus”

Camille Saint-Saëns

**\*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 # 555 – “Forward Through the Ages”

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**Postlude:** “Antiphon V: How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou” Marcel Dupré

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**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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## **Sudbury United Methodist Church**

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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!

### **Introducing Next Sunday's Guest Preacher**

On September 3, the Rev. Anne Robertson, executive director of the Massachusetts Bible Society, will visit Sudbury UMC's pulpit once again. As worshipers in our congregation recall the key role played by early 20<sup>th</sup> century Methodists during the birth of the U.S. labor rights movement, Rev. Robertson has been invited by the Social Justice Commission to speak about the biblical roots of advocating for justice for laborers in our nation and around the world.

### **Why Are United Methodists Celebrating Communion More Often?**

"The grace we receive at the Lord's Table enables us to perform our ministry and mission, to continue his work in the world—the work of redemption, reconciliation, peace, and justice (2 Corinthians 5:17-21). As we commune, we become aware of the worth and the needs of other people and are reminded of our responsibility. We express the compassion of Christ through acts of caring and kindness toward those we encounter in our daily lives. In our baptism, we have vowed to "accept the freedom and power God gives [us] to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves" (*UMH*; page 34). But, in the words of the prayer of confession, we acknowledge our failures: "We have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy" (*UMH*; page 8). Remembering the revolutionary Jesus, we are impelled to challenge unjust practices and systems that perpetuate political, economic, and social inequity and discrimination (Matthew 23; Luke 4:16-21; 14:7-11)." (Excerpted from *This Holy Mystery*, page 10) By celebrating the sacrament weekly during the summer, our church is moving toward the goal of cultivating greater awareness of the world's need for God's justice and our role as Christians in embodying God's justice for our neighbors near and far.

### **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 on Thursday, September 7, preceded by a Tuesday, September 5, 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](mailto:1970schooner@gmail.com) or Patty Helsingius at [helsingius@comcast.net](mailto: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 September 1**

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Zachary Moser will join our church's staff on September 1 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**

This evening, 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.

## **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.

## **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/>.

## September Worship Services at a Glance!



**September 3 – Labor Sunday:** Our guest preacher will be the Rev. Anne Robertson, author of *God's Top Ten*, and executive director of the Massachusetts Bible Society. Following a Social Justice Commission tradition, Rev. Robertson will speak about labor justice from a Christian perspective. Methodists were key players in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century labor movement. Come and hear why and what the Bible still has to say about fairness for laborers in our nation.

**September 10 – Homecoming Sunday:** The first day of graded Sunday School classes since last May reunites our church's kids with friends they haven't seen, perhaps, since summer vacations led them in different directions. Eric Magnuson, our director of Christian education, wants to add another friend to each child's list of BFFs. During worship, we will celebrate the grandparents our families gave us and "Grand-Friends" from our church. How many "Grand-Friend" pairs of kids and seniors can we launch with a blessing and a prayer?



**September 17 – Installation of Education Staffers:** Did you know that Sudbury UMC has added three education professionals to our staff since the end of the last school year? Come and meet Heather Porder, director of Sunny Hill Preschool; Eric Magnuson, director of Christian education; and Zachary Moser, director of youth ministries, as they are installed during worship.

**September 24 – Music Ministries Sunday:** Samples from the musical menu Rob Hammerton and Kevin Murphy are planning for 2017 and 2018 will be featured. Then choir members, instrumentalists, and vocal soloists will be commissioned for ministry as worship leaders. Are you thinking about joining the choir? Come to a rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday before September 24!

