



SUDBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 24, 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: "Forlana" from "Five Bagatelles" Bill Hoke, clarinet Gerald Finzi

***Opening Worship**

Praise Song: FWS # 2035 – "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord"

A Reading from the Scriptures: Psalm 105:1-8 – "Glory in God's Name"

Praise Song: FWS # 2037 - "I Sing Praises to Your Name"

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

**God of miracles and mercy,
all creation sings your praise.**

Come to us as beacon and guide.

Lead us safely through danger.

Sustain us faithfully in desolation.

**Bring us tenderly to repentance and the acceptance of your grace,
that we may live a life worthy of the gospel
made known through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Children's Time: "Seek the Lord, Remember God's Works"

God's Word Proclaimed through Music

"Creation Sings"

Shirley Erena Murray

"Pie Jesu"

Andrew Lloyd Webber

"Two Fishermen"

Suzanne Toolan

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

C. D. Martin & C. H. Gabriel

"River in Judea"

Jack Feldman

***Hymn of Response:** FWS # 2020 – “Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet”

An Order for Commissioning of Singers and Musicians in the Church (*Insert*)

A Time of Fellowship

Greeting Our Guests

Concerns and Celebrations

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Stewardship Moment: Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Offertory: “Give Me Jesus” Iva Brown, soloist

African American Spiritual

***Doxology:** “Glory Be to God the Father” (*Tune: Raquel*)

Glory be to God the Father;

Glory be to God the Son;

Glory be to God the Spirit;

Glory to the Three in One.

From the fellowship of prophets,

From all saints the song ascends,

And the church the strain re-echoes

Unto earth's remotest ends.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn of Commitment:** FWS # 2212 – “My Life Flows On”

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude: “Fughetta” from “Five Bagatelles” Bill Hoke, clarinet

Gerald Finzi

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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STEPHEN MINISTRY



We are a Stephen Ministry
Congregation



We are a Reconciling and Welcoming
Congregation

An Order for the Commissioning of Singers and Musicians in the Church

Music is an integral part of the work of the people of God.
God's people have always sung.

When the Israelites left Egypt, Moses sang.

When Samuel was born, Hannah sang.

When the exiles were in Babylon, they wondered whether their song was gone.
It wasn't. They still sang.

The book of Psalms is an ancient song book.

The early church included spiritual songs
and hymns with the singing of the Psalms.

We have been singing ever since.

Today we commission all of our church's musicians
and all that will be sung in the year ahead
by our choirs, ensembles, and the congregation.

To the choir:

Do you promise to use your gift of song, of harmony,
of weaving together instruments and voices
as an offering to God of praise and thanksgiving?

We do, by the grace of God.

Do you promise to use your musical gifts to share the message of the gospel,
to combine voice with instruments to proclaim God's good news?

We do, by the grace of God.

To the congregation:

Do you promise to bring your best voice to the hymns we sing in the year ahead?

Will you sing with honesty in all the seasons of the church year?

Will you bring a robust voice to our traditional hymns

Along with a commitment to sing a new song to the Lord?

We will, by the grace of God.

Let us pray together. (*unison*)

Almighty God, you have called us to worship.

You have inspired music in the community:

words to be written, music to be composed, and people to sing.

Stir us to use our talents and voices for your glory.

Strengthen our faith through song.

**Receive, O God, the music of this church and those who make it
as a response to your work in Jesus Christ.**

**We pray that the songs we sing in this place will carry your message
and deepen our faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

This liturgy has been adapted from an original by Kevin Flannagan and used with the permission of its author. Mr. Flannagan serves as music director of the Green Spring Presbyterian Church in Abingdon, VA.

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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!

Music Ministry Sunday

If you think it's hard to imagine a world without music, try to imagine United Methodist worship without warmhearted, enthusiastic singing! When the Methodist movement was launched in 18th century England, John Wesley proclaimed its novel message of God's grace universally offered through Christ and Charles Wesley captured his older brother's themes in nearly 7,000 original hymns. For that reason and others, church historians are fond of saying that "Methodism was born in song!" The Wesley brothers believed that hymn singing was not only a source of shared inspiration during times of public prayer and praise but also a font of private instruction for teaching the Christian faith at home. During worship on Music Ministry Sunday, we give thanks for the soloists, choristers, and instrumentalists who lead our congregation in singing God's praises and we dedicate them and their ministry to God's purposes. We also express our gratitude to God for inspiring poets and tune-writers to create music and hymns that have taught generations of believers how to put their faith in Christ.

Adult Education: "Intro to the New Testament" Offered This Fall

"Invitation to the New Testament" is a new Bible study from the popular Disciple series. It is being offered this fall in the O'Reilly Room on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. through November 5 and then again on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. through November 8. This eight-week class, led by Jim Empfield and John McKinney, explores the impact that the story of Jesus had for the early church and our church today. Please contact DCE Eric Magnuson, eric@sudbury-umc.org, or 978-443-4351 (ext. 207) to register and request your copy of the book.

Youth Family Picnic – Starts Early This Evening at 5:30 p.m.

Sudbury UMC's teens will gather this evening at 5:30 p.m. (please note early start time) for the annual Youth Family Picnic. Besides eating and fellowship (which is a fancy church word for "hanging out"), parents will hear first-hand from Zack Moser, our new Director of Youth Ministries, about his vision for Sudbury UMC's youth program and will also be introduced to the youth group's theme for this year. All teens in grades 6-12 are invited. No one is "too busy." There's a lot on the hearts, minds, and schedules of teenagers and their families. In the chaos of life, it's easy to think of the Church as one more thing to fit into our calendars. But Christian fellowship provides a refuge from the world's pressures so that teens can, for a couple of hours, simply and comfortably *be*. Questions? Email zack@sudbury-umc.org.

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.

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!

Coffee Hour Helpers Needed

Want to serve the church in a way that involves little time and no meetings? Prepare and serve coffee on Sundays every 4 to 6 weeks. It's fast and easy with the new equipment in our new beautiful kitchen. If interested, please contact Kathie at kathiestayton@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.

Church School Conductors – All Aboard!



All aboard the SUMC Express for our Sunday School Station Rotation. Come join our team and be a conductor for one of our stations: Bible Story Exploration, Visual Arts, or Active-ity for Ages 3 through Grade 5. You will be furnished with all the supplies and materials needed to successfully conduct your fifteen-minute station. Please contact the head conductor, Eric Magnuson, 978-443-4351 x207 or eric@sudbury-umc.org.

Parents, Please Complete a Church School Registration Form

Please complete a new registration form for each child you plan to enroll in Sunday School. It is important to bring your records up to date annually with current information about allergies, medical concerns, email addresses, and other contact information. Copies of the new registration form can be found in the pocket door on the Christian Education office and on the bulletin board opposite the Sunny Hill Pre-school office.

Grand-Friends and Prayer Pals – Say Your Prayers!

The key word for September 24-30, is Courage. “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

Nursery Coordinator and Volunteers Needed

The nursery coordinator will oversee the nursery and schedules nursery volunteers for each week as well as welcoming visitors and guests to Sudbury UMC’s child care room. Nursery attendants will help support parents with infants and toddlers on a rotating basis. Sound like something you could do? Please contact Eric Magnuson at eric@sudbury-umc.org.

Youth Room to Be Relocated and Refurnished

Aidan Prendergast, a 2017 confirmand, has chosen “Revitalizing SUMC’s Youth Room” as his Eagle Scout Project. Aidan’s plans include fundraising, building, purchasing, and decorating to create a space that fosters youth worship and fellowship. Donations are needed to fund some of the furnishings, to build a bookshelf, altar, and a Carpetball table, and to purchase a rug, additional seating, paint and supplies, and decorations for the room. You can help in two ways: 1) Write a check to “Troop 60 Sudbury” with “SUMC Youth Room” in the memo line and mail it to Aidan Prendergast, 7 Moore Road, Sudbury, MA, 01776. 2) Support Troop 60’s car wash on October 1. The scouts will wash your car while you worship and return it to you nice and clean after the service concludes. Donations of any amount appreciated.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Audio System Volunteers Needed!

Our church’s audio system relies on helpers to turn it on and off, process digital audio, post to the internet, and address minor repairs. Soon holiday services will be here, many of which need extra audio support. Can you help? Email Kevin at kevin@sudbury-umc.org to sign up.

Light a Candle for Peace Next Sunday

The Sudbury Clergy Association invites residents of Sudbury and its surrounding communities to a candle light vigil on the Sudbury Common next Sunday, October 1, at 6:30 p.m. Let us stand together as one in peace and remembrance for all who have fallen victim to violence.

Read for Spiritual Growth

Ten minutes each day with *The Upper Room* can cause a growth spurt! Monthly booklets are available in the narthex or visit *The Upper Room* online at <http://devotional.upperroom.org/>.

Sharpen Those Kitchen Skills!

On Saturday, October 7, we'll enjoy one last opportunity at Pine Street Inn's central kitchen to do our voluntary culinary stuff (chopping veggies and fruits, setting up oven trays of food for baking, making sandwiches for street distribution, etc.) assisting the Inn's great staff. A carpool will leave the church's parking lot at 8:10 a.m. After a morning that goes by quickly, we're always back from our adventure in Boston no later than 1:00 p.m. So, sharpen up those kitchen skills before all that holiday cooking begins. Send an email to John Iberg at jwi0841@verizon.net to let him know you would like to add you talents to the fun.

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee Requests Your Participation in a Pastoral Survey

Please assist the Staff Parish Relations Committee by filling out the survey below: Check off your TOP TEN areas of pastoral emphasis. The SPRC needs this information by October 15. The results will be used during the committee's yearly conversation with the District Superintendent. An electronic version of the survey is also available through a link in the newsletter.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Growth of Members |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conflict Resolution | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Visitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Worship and Communication Technology | <input type="checkbox"/> Healing Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use of Social Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Ecumenical Participation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Designing and Leading Worship | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice Ministries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preaching | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equipping Laity for Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Church and Staff Admin. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling | <input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children and Youth Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Church Planning/Visioning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Please complete and put in the offering plate, return to the church office, or mail to Sudbury UMC, Attn: Staff Parish Relations Committee, 251 Old Sudbury Road, Sudbury, MA 01776.