



*“How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!  
Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.”  
Psalm 84:1, 3*

***Sudbury United Methodist Church***

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**A Service for the Reconsecration of a Church**  
**September 11, 2016**

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*

**\*Gathering**

*The people will gather outdoors, weather permitting, at the steps of the church's new entrance.*

**\*Call to Worship:** UMH pages 755-756 – Psalm 24 (*Response 2*)

*Here the ribbon shall be cut and the doors of the church shall be opened.*

**\*Processional Hymns:** UMH # 539 – “O Spirit of the Living God”  
UMH # 540 – “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

*Here the cross and the paraments shall be returned to the chancel.*

**\*Presentation of the Sanctuary**

Leader A: We have come together on this day of rejoicing  
to bless this building in the name of Almighty God.

Leader B: We present this sanctuary to be reconsecrated  
for the worship of God and for the service of all people.

**\*Reconsecration of the Building**

Pastor: Dear friends, rejoice that God so moved the hearts of this church's people  
that its sanctuary has been renovated and restored for praise and prayer.

Let us now reconsecrate this place for service and celebrate its holy use.

**People: Eternal God, whom the heavens cannot contain,**

**much less the walls of temples made with hands:**

**You have promised your special presence**

**whenever two or three are assembled in your name.**

**By the power of your Holy Spirit consecrate this house to your worship.**

**Bless us and sanctify all that we do here,**

**that this place may be holy for us and a house of prayer for all people.**

**Save us from that failure of vision**

**which would confine our worship within these walls,**

**but send us out from here to be your servants in the world,**

**sharing the blessings of Christ with the creation he came to redeem.**

Pastor: Now, O God, sanctify this place,  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.  
Yours, O Lord, is the dominion, and you are exalted as head above all. **Amen.**

*Flowers shall be placed in the chancel and altar candles shall be lighted at this time.*

**Choral Anthem:** “The Church’s One Foundation”

Samuel S. Wesley

**\*Reconsecration of the Lectern**

Liturgist: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts  
be acceptable to you, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer.

**People: Eternal God, we thank you that Christ your living Word  
speaks to us through the words of Holy Scripture,  
written of old by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit  
and proclaimed today by the anointing of the same Spirit.**

**When your Word is read from this lectern,  
purify the lives and lips of those who speak here,  
that your Word alone may be proclaimed  
and your Word alone may be heard and obeyed;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Here a Bible appropriate for public reading is placed upon the lectern.*

**A Reading from the Scriptures:** I Peter 2:2-9

*This reading can be found on page 233 in the New Testament.*

**A Time for the Children**

**\*Reconsecration of the Baptismal Font**

Pastor: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all.

**People: Most gracious God,  
we thank you that through the waters of baptism  
you have given us new life,  
adopted us as your children,  
and made us members of your Church.**

**When we pour the water of baptism,  
making and renewing our covenant vows,  
pour out your Spirit and give new birth;  
wash away sin and clothe your people in righteousness;  
that, dying and being raised with Christ,  
we may walk in new and abundant life;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: We reconsecrate this font in the name of the holy and triune God. **Amen.**

*Here water is poured into the baptismal font.*

**\*Reconsecration of the Pulpit**

Pastor: God's Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light upon our path.

**People: We reconsecrate this pulpit in the name of the Triune God. Amen.**

**\*A Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 7:21–29**

*This reading can be found on page 7 in the New Testament.*

**Sermon:** “Blowing in the Wind”

Pastor Joel Guillemette

**\*Hymn of Response:** UMH # 368 – “My Hope Is Built”

**A Time of Fellowship**

**Greeting Our Guests**

**Concerns and Celebrations**

**The Pastoral Prayer**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Stewardship Moment:** Outreach Commission

**The Offertory:** “How Firm a Foundation”

Early American Melody

**\*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!**

*Here a fair white altar cloth shall be spread upon the Lord's Table.*

*Then the gifts of the people shall be presented and placed on the Lord's Table.*

**\*Reconsecration of the Lord's Table**

Pastor: Jesus said: “Whoever comes to me shall not hunger,  
and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

**People: Gracious God, we thank you that when we gather at the Lord's Table  
the living Christ is known to us**

**in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup;**

**and we are renewed as his body, whose life is in his blood.**

**When we eat this bread and drink from this cup,**

**refresh all those who partake at this holy table.**

**Feed the hunger of our hearts with the bread of heaven,**

**and quench our deepest thirst with the cup of salvation.**

**Strengthen us for your service in the world,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: We reconsecrate this table in the name of the Holy and Triune God. **Amen.**

*Here Communion vessels, bread, and wine shall be placed upon the Lord's Table.*

## **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 are asked to return to their seats by the side aisles.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

**\*Hymn of Commitment:** UMH # 89 – "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

## **A Word of Thanks from the Building Committee**

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

## **Postlude**

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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**

**Homecoming Sunday, September 11, 2016**

### **Welcome, Guests!**

If you are worshiping with us for the first time, we welcome you with Christian love. Please help us get to know you by signing the attendance pad, remembering to include the name of each person attending from your household. Also, if you feel comfortable, introduce yourself midway through worship when our pastor greets our guests. And, if you have the time, join us after worship for fellowship and a tour of our building. Grab a cup of coffee and make a new friend!

### **Today's Homecoming Worship Service**

Today's worship service is adapted from an order printed in *The United Methodist Book of Worship* for the "re-consecration" of churches that have been closed recently for renovation. Today, we "cut the ribbon" to our church's new main entrance, march into our sanctuary, and reclaim our spiritual home. With prayer, song, and celebration we also rededicate ourselves to service in the world. Weather permitting, we'll gather on the new portico in front of the church after worship for cake and coffee before going back inside for self-guided tours. Take a closer look at changes in the sanctuary. Check out the new bathrooms next to the narthex and Family Room. Saunter downstairs to see our new Sunday School classrooms. Ask questions, make suggestions and, most of all, give thanks for the revitalization of our main building.

### **Back to Church School!**

Join Christian Education Director Jackie Roder and our Church School volunteers in our newly renovated learning space. After the children's moment at the beginning of worship, the 3 to 5 year old class will meet in preschool room 4 in the Sunny Hill wing, and Grades 1-2, 3-5, and 6-8 will meet in the new classrooms below the sanctuary. We're excited to kick off the school year today by making this new space our home! Students and teachers will have the opportunity to arrange and decorate their classrooms! Registration forms can be found at our church's web-site: <https://sudbury-umc.org/forms/Church%20School%20Registration%202016-2017.pdf>. Printed registration forms are also available in each Sunday School classroom and in Jackie Roder's office. Please complete and return these forms no later than the end of September.

### **A Word of Thanks from Rabbi David Thomas**

"I came back from a marvelous weekend with my kids and our grandsons to see two wonderful teak benches adorning Congregation Beth El's prayer garden. 'How goodly are your tents, O Jacob!' they announced to me. What a wonderful, thoughtful gift you have bestowed on us. We were grateful for your presence....and now grateful for your presents! Shalom!"

## **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 children age two and younger. Look for the stairwell in the northwest corner of the narthex for steps leading up to a cozy room furnished with sofas and toys.

## **Hearing Assistance Available**

Individual hearing assistance units are available. An usher will help you to borrow one.

## **Please Recycle This Bulletin**

The Worship and Music Commission has placed blue recycle bins near the entrances to the sanctuary. Please recycle the materials distributed on Sundays either here or at home.

## **Large Print Worship Books**

Do you prefer large print materials? Special copies of *The United Methodist Hymnal* and *The Faith We Sing* are available in the narthex. Please speak to an usher for assistance.

## **Where Is the Rest Room?**

A unisex rest room is located a few steps beyond the side door of the sanctuary near the pulpit. Another rest room can be found just past the double doors. Look for the sign on the right.

## **Help Refill the Food Cart**

The contents of the shopping cart in the narthex are delivered to food banks in Sudbury, Stow, Marlborough, Maynard, Wayland and Hudson. The Outreach Commission appreciates your non-perishable donations. Canned vegetables and soups, canned tuna and meats, crackers, jams and jellies, canned pastas and tomato sauces, noodles, rice, cereals, and baby foods are always needed. Please check the expiration date on donations since past due food must be discarded.

## **Wanted: Youth Ministries Director**

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is looking for a director of youth ministries for middle and high school teens. The position has been posted at <http://sudbury-umc.org/sumc-seeks-youth-ministries-director/>. New applicants are being sought by word of mouth and online media. But, when it's time for youth programming to begin this month, it is likely that a limited schedule of meetings and activities will be offered. If you are interested in applying for the position, or if you know someone the SPRC should consider, please contact [pastorjoel@sudbury-umc.org](mailto:pastorjoel@sudbury-umc.org).

## **Cancer and Caregiver Support Group Meets Monthly**

Sudbury UMC's Cancer and Caregiver Support Prayer Group meets monthly from 6:00 till 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday. This month, cancer patients, cancer survivors, and caregivers will gather at Sudbury UMC in the O'Reilly Room on September 21 to pray for and support each other. All are invited to come and share their experiences and feelings in a caring, confidential, non-hospital environment. The Cancer and Caregiver Support Prayer Group is an initiative of Sudbury UMC's Health Ministries Commission. For more information, please visit our webpage at [SUMC.MA.Cancer.Care.Group@gmail.com](mailto:SUMC.MA.Cancer.Care.Group@gmail.com).

## **LIPSTICK – Say No to Gun Violence**

The League of Women Voters and the Sudbury-Wayland-Lincoln Domestic Violence Roundtable invite you to a free program featuring LIPSTICK – “Ladies Involved in Putting a Stop to Inner City Killing.” LIPSTICK's Judy Rose and Sudbury Police Chief Scott Nix will be the featured speakers at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20. Have you ever wondered, “Where are the guns coming from that are killing our children?” Come and learn about the hidden link between women who feel pressured by abusive partners to purchase the guns they cannot legally obtain. Violence is preventable. Learn what you can do to address one of our nation's leading public health crises.

## **September's Church Meeting Schedule**

This month's regularly scheduled meeting dates have been revised to accommodate Labor Day and ongoing construction: Here are the dates received so far by the church office:

- Tuesday, September 13 – 7:30 p.m. Commissions
- Tuesday, September 20 – 7:30 p.m. Church Council
- Thursday, September 22 – 7:30 p.m. Sunny Hill Committee
- Tuesday, September 27 – 7:00 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations Committee  
7:30 p.m. Stewardship and Finance Committee

## **Belinda Forbes to Visit September 14**

Please join the Outreach Commission on Wednesday, September 14, from 7:00 till 8:30 p.m. as we welcome Dr. Belinda Forbes to Sudbury UMC! Dr. Forbes is visiting from Nicaragua where she works as a missionary of The United Methodist Church. She is a dentist – trained at Tufts University – who has pioneered dental health programming through local churches in Nicaragua. Since 2000, she has also been associated with the *Accion Medica Cristiana*, an ecumenical non-profit health and development agency founded and run by Nicaraguans to serve some of the most impoverished parts of Latin America. Light refreshments will accompany an informative and enlightening evening. Questions? E-mail Dr. Christy Kirk at [christykirkdds@gmail.com](mailto:christykirkdds@gmail.com).

## **Magic Years to Kick Off October 13<sup>th</sup> at Noon**

Since Davison Chapel, Hawes Hall, and our new kitchen are still under construction, Magic Years will postpone its first fall gathering to Thursday, October 13, from noon till 2:00 p.m. Mark your calendars! Hold the date. Our new and improved fellowship spaces will be worth the wait!

## **Thursday Bible Study Welcomes Newcomers**

Sudbury UMC's Thursday Bible study group welcomes new participants. Meetings take place at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays at the Panera Bread located at 21 Andrew Avenue in Wayland's Town Center, just two miles from Sudbury UMC! Each week's focus text is next Sunday's preaching passage. Remember to bring your Bible and a few bucks for something warm to sip.

## **Adult Education: "Invitation to Romans"**

Jim Empfield and John McKinney are teaming up to lead this 8-week Disciple Bible Study course. We will be digging into St. Paul's most ambitious New Testament letter through daily readings, videos, and group discussion. The first meeting will begin on Wednesday, September 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the O'Reilly Room. To register, contact Jackie Roder at [jackie@sudbury-umc.org](mailto:jackie@sudbury-umc.org).

## **Greenwood Memorial UMC Gospel Concert - September 24**

The Building Greenwood Together Committee will sponsor its annual Gospel Concert at Greenwood Memorial UMC on Saturday, September 24, from 6:30 till 9:00 p.m. Tickets are available in Sudbury UMC's main office Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. till 2:30 p.m. Adults - \$20.00. Ages 7-15 - \$10.00. Under 5 – free. Greenwood UMC, our sister church in Dorchester, MA, is located at 378A Washington Street. Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall after the concert has concluded. Our Greenwood friends cordially invite you to attend!

## **Chancel Choir Seeks New Singers**

What do the members of Sudbury UMC's chancel choir have in common? Two things: they are all volunteers who love to sing. Some read music; others don't. Some have sung in other choirs; others have no other choral experience than being welcomed into our church's primary musical ensemble. If you love to sing, consider this notice a gentle sales pitch! At the start of the program year, newcomers and long-timers alike are getting reoriented and reacquainted. Thursday evening rehearsals begin at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room directly behind the chancel. Sunday morning practices convene at 8:30 a.m. in the chancel. For more information, please contact Rob Hammerton at [rhammerton@earthlink.net](mailto:rhammerton@earthlink.net) or Kevin F. Murphy at [kevin@sudbury-umc.org](mailto:kevin@sudbury-umc.org).

## **Christian Education Sunday**

On September 18, add your prayers and presence to the commissioning of students and teachers. After worship on Christian Education Sunday, please visit the Church School's Open House.