



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sudbury United Methodist Church

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 18, 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*

Welcome

Prelude: "Praise God, Ye Christians"

Dietrich Buxtehude

***Opening Worship**

Praise Song: FWS # 2171 - "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" (*verse 1*)

A Reading from the Scriptures: I Timothy 2:1-8 – "A Herald, Apostle, and Teacher"

Praise Song: FWS # 2171 - "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" (*verse 2 and 3*)

***Opening Prayer:** (*La Ligue de la Sainte-Messe, France, 1912*)

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console,

To be understood as to understand,

To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life.

Children's Time: Commissioning Church School Teachers and Students (*insert*)

Special Music: "Prayer of St. Francis"

Kevin F. Murphy

***A Reading from the Gospels:** Luke 16:1-13

This reading can be found on page 79 in the New Testament.

Sermon: “The Reeducation of a Money Manager”

Pastor Joel Guillemette

***Hymn of Response:** UMH # 399 – “Take My Life, and Let It Be”

A Time of Fellowship

Greeting Our Guests

Concerns and Celebrations

The 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

The Offertory: “All Good Gifts”

Stephen Schwartz

***Doxology:** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” (*Tune: When the Saints*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn of Commitment:** UMH # 277 – “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude: “Toccata, Fugue and Chaconne in C”

Dietrich Buxtehude

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



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Congregation



We are a Reconciling and Welcoming
Congregation

A Litany for the Dedication of Church School Students and Teachers

Adapted from *Called to Teach* by Mary Lou Cummings

Jackie: But what is God's kingdom like? What parable shall we use to express it?

**People – Pulpit Side: It is like this: A man takes a mustard seed,
the smallest seed in the world, and plants it in the ground.**

*People – Lectern Side: In time it sprouts and grows. It becomes the biggest of all plants.
It puts out large branches and the birds make their nests in its shade.*

People – Pulpit Side: The kingdom of God is like this: A man scatters seed in his field.

*People – Lectern Side: He sleeps at night. He is up and about during the day.
And all the while the seeds are sprouting and growing.*

Jackie: All the while, the seeds are sprouting and growing!
Yet we have no idea how it happens!

Teachers: We participate in the mystery of growth and rebirth.

Children and Teens: God is moving through us! We are God's garden!

People – Pulpit Side: Through us, the sowers of God's seed.

*People – Lectern Side: Through our work and through our prayer,
but the mystery of rebirth is in God's hands –
an explosion between soil and seed.*

Jackie: We wait in joy, expecting the seed to sprout, grow, and bear grain.

Pastor Joel: God is faithful: When we use God's gifts faithfully,
God will bring forth through us a harvest of faithfulness.

Let us pray:

Giver of every good gift, your greatness is glimpsed
in the wonder and variety of humanity.

Empower our teachers to scatter their talents like seed –
freely, humbly, and generously.

Help them to cultivate the growth of our students with gratitude and grace.

God, you hold us all like precious seed in your loving hands.

Give us the humility to remember

that the harvest of our lives comes from you and belongs to you.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. **Amen.**

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Christian Education Sunday, September 18, 2016

Welcome, Guests!

If you are worshipping 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 Is Christian Education Sunday

Today we commission students and teachers, youth mentors, child care providers, and everyone who is part of our church's network of lifelong formation. After worship, please visit the Church School's Open House under the sanctuary. Cider donuts, a fall treat, are being featured during coffee hour following worship and will also be available downstairs in the Church School space.

Back to Church School!

Welcome to Church School! Following 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 need to register your children for Sunday School. 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.

Pave The Way Update

The Building Committee thanks all who have helped in so many ways. Are we there yet? We're getting there! By the end of September, the main entrance of the church, classrooms below the Sanctuary, Narthex restrooms, Hawes Hall and classrooms below grade will be finished. By the end of October, the relocated kitchen and restrooms, Davison Chapel and its new foyer, HVAC, sprinkler systems, and elevator to the classrooms below the Sanctuary will be complete. "The first shall be last and the last first": The parking lot will likely be completed by mid-November.

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 be held this Wednesday, September 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the O'Reilly Room. To register, contact Jackie Roder at jackie@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 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.

Magic Years to Kick Off October 13th 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!

New Focus for Youth Ministries Search

During a meeting last week, the Youth Ministries Team decided to shift its focus. Instead of trying to identify a long-term member of Sudbury UMC's staff, the team will focus on recruiting an interim youth leader for our middle and high school teens. Ideally, one or two persons who are already part of our church family will feel led by God to step forward, coordinate, and lead a lighter than usual schedule of youth events from now till Christmas or maybe even as long as the end of the school year. A stipend is available. If you are interested in applying for the interim position, or if you know someone who should be considered by the Staff-Parish Relations Committee as a long-term youth leader, please contact Kristen Straub at kbstraub1@verizon.net.

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 email us at 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.

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.

Blessing of the Animals to Be Held October 2

The Sudbury Clergy Association will hold a service for Blessing the Animals on Sunday, October 2, at 1:00 p.m. at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, 16 Great Road, Sudbury. Weather-permitting, the service will take place outdoors. All pets and their people are welcome!

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 or Kevin F. Murphy at kevin@sudbury-umc.org.

Too Much Information?

If you are receiving MORE email from Sudbury UMC than you would like, please let us know. We can limit what we send to you. And, if you unsubscribed, but want to get back on a list, YOU must re-subscribe yourself. Our email service will not allow Sudbury UMC staffers to add you again once you have unsubscribed yourself. You can sign up at our website, Sudbury-umc.org.

Singing School Begins September 28

Do you like to sing? Have you always wanted to try singing with a group? Would you like to know more about the various techniques singers use to learn their music and perform it? Come join Sudbury UMC's music director, Kevin Murphy, for eight Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. as we hold "Singing School." Our first class will take place Wednesday, September 28. We will learn about how to sing in a healthy way, how singers warm up for rehearsals and musical events, the basics of sight singing and clef reading, solfege fundamentals and other choral techniques. Our repertory will feature basic songs from varied styles... folk, blues, jazz, classical, musical theater and others. Music will be provided and we will emphasize learning by reading and by ear. The class is open to all ages and abilities. Contact Kevin Murphy by phone at 978-443-4351 or via email at kevin@sudbury-umc.org if you have any questions!