

*“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his  
presence with singing”*

*Psalm 100:1, 2*



***Sudbury United Methodist Church***

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 25, 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 worshippers may stand, as they are able*

**Welcome**

**Prelude:** "Sonata in D" by G. P. Telemann

Leslie Bell; violin

**\*Opening Worship**

**Praise Song:** UMH # 143 – "On Eagle's Wings" (*Congregation: refrain; Choir: vss 1-2*)

**A Reading from the Scriptures:** Psalm 91 – "God's Wings Will Cover You"

**Praise Song:** UMH # 143 – "On Eagle's Wings" (*Congregation: refrain; Choir: vss 3-4*)

**\*Opening Prayer:** UMH # 502 – "Thy Holy Wings, O Savior" (*sung in unison; omit verse 2*)

**Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me,  
and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee.  
O be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place,  
and let my every moment be lived within thy grace. Amen.**

**Children's Time:** "Why God Has Wings"

**God's Word Proclaimed through Music**

"I Surrender All/One Day at a Time"  
"Glory Band"  
"How Great Thou Art"  
"Easter Wings"

Iva Brown; soloist  
Wailin' Jennys  
Stuart K. Hine  
R. G. Hammerton

**\*Hymn of Response:** UMH # 130 – "God Will Take Care of You"

**A Celebration of Music Ministry** (*insert*)

## **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:** "Singing School"

**The Offertory:** "Pavane" by Gabriel Fauré

Jill Gaudet; flute

Bill Hoke; clarinet

**\*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 # 672 – "God Be with You till We Meet Again"

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**Postlude:** "Duet" by E. Kummer

Jill Gaudet; flute

Bill Hoke; clarinet

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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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We are a Stephen Ministry  
Congregation



We are a Reconciling and Welcoming  
Congregation

## **A Celebration of Music Ministry**

*by Kevin Flannagan*

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

**People: When the Israelites left slavery in Egypt, Moses sang.**

Pastor: When Samuel was born, Hannah sang.

**People: When Judah's exiles were in Babylon, they wondered if their song was gone.  
It wasn't. They still sang.**

Pastor: The book of Psalms is an ancient song book.  
The early church included spiritual songs and hymns  
with the singing of the Psalms.  
And we have been singing ever since.  
Today we commission all of our singers and musicians,  
and all that will be sung in the year ahead,  
by our choirs, our soloists, our instrumentalists, and this congregation.

***To the choir:***

Pastor: Do you promise to use the gifts of song and harmony  
to weave together instruments and voices  
as an offering of praise and thanksgiving to God?

*Choir: We do, by the grace of God.*

***To instrumentalists and soloists:***

Pastor: Do you promise to use your musical gifts to share the message of the gospel,  
to combine voices, instruments, and godly joy?

*Instrumentalists and Soloists: We do, by the grace of God.*

**To the congregation:**

Pastor: Do you promise to bring your voices 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 traditional hymns  
and an adventurous commitment to sing a new song to the Lord?

**Congregation: We will, by the grace of God.**

Pastor: Let us pray together.

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 all who make it

as a response to your saving work in Jesus Christ.

We pray that the songs we sing will carry your message

and deepen our faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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## **Sudbury United Methodist Church**

**Music Ministry 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 on the front terrace. Grab a cup of coffee and make a new friend!

### **Today Is Music Ministry Sunday**

Today we thank God for the gift of music and for musicians and choir members. The hymns we sing are meant to raise the theological IQ of everyone in worship. They fill us with theological truth, as John and Charles Wesley intended when they wrote and compiled the first Methodist collections of hymns published in 18th century England. Sudbury UMC's instrumentalists and singers lead us on this formative journey. We welcome them back to the chancel with gratitude. And, we look forward to welcoming new musical experiences throughout the program year.

### **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. Thurs-day 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).

### **From Singing School to Gospel Group to Choral Performance Classes**

Learn to sing! Rekindle your love of singing! Join a traditional choral group. All three opportunities will be part of this year's music programming. Do you like to sing? Have you always wanted to try singing with a group? Come to Sudbury UMC's "Singing School." Our first class will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 28. In winter, the focus will turn to the Gospel Group with its emphasis is on learning by ear more than conventional notation. Next spring, we'll be offering an opportunity for Choral Singing with a more traditional approach, scope, and selection. Sound interesting? Contact Kevin Murphy by phone at 978-443-4351 or via email at [kevin@sudbury-umc.org](mailto:kevin@sudbury-umc.org) if you have any questions! Or just show up and sing!

## **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.

## **Justice for Our Neighbors**

Are you interested in doing something to help immigrants and refugees who come to the United States? On Saturday, November 5, from 5:00 till 7:00 p.m., St. John's UMC in Lexington, MA, will host its annual "Justice for Our Neighbors" Dinner. Enjoy a tasty meal featuring international foods, a silent auction, and special music while raising funds for JFON's legal clinic in Woburn. The cost is \$25 per person. Questions? Email the Rev. Ruth Odour at [revruth14@verizon.net](mailto:revruth14@verizon.net).

## **Sunday Sermons Are Back!**

Sunday sermons at Sudbury UMC were not recorded during the summer, but the equipment is up and running again. September 18th's sermon is now available on our website! You can find it at <http://sudbury-umc.org/serve/latest-sermons/>.

## **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](http://sudbury-umc.org).

## **Pave the Way Update**

The Building Committee thanks all who have helped in so many ways. Are we there yet? We're taking baby steps! By mid-October the main entrance of the church, Narthex restrooms, Hawes Hall and classrooms below grade will be finished. By October 31, the relocated kitchen and restrooms, Davison Chapel and its new foyer, sprinkler systems and HVAC below the Sanctuary will be complete. Jesus says, "The first shall be last and the last first." Pray for a finished parking lot by November 20 when Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar will preach during a celebratory service.

## **Update from Dominica**

Thank you to all who responded to summer's call to help our friends in Dominica complete their fellowship hall. You helped **Raise the Roof** in time for a grand opening celebration on October 9. Pastor Joel and Rick Houpt will visit the island October 8 to 10 to represent Sudbury UMC, to see the fruits of your gifts, to thank God with the village of Wesley for the project's successful completion and to meet the Rev. Ruth Pratt, the newly appointed pastor in Wesley and Marigot.

## **Social Justice Encourages You to Get Involved**

Please join the Social Justice Commission in supporting a \$15 minimum wage. The Fight for \$15 joins with the Rev. Dr. William Barber II, architect of the Moral Monday movement, to call on our elected leaders to embrace morally just policies such as a \$15 an hour minimum wage, health care for all, and an end to racism and discrimination. You can read about this important issue and sign the petition at <http://fightfor15.org/>. Social Justice encourages you to also call your elected officials and urge them to support this initiative.

## **Outreach Commission Celebrated Faith in Action**

The Outreach Commission would like to celebrate last week's presentation by Dr. Belinda Forbes, a United Methodist missionary dentist who lives and works in Nicaragua. Dr. Forbes gave an enlightening presentation about her work with the Christian Medical Action group. Sudbury UMC has enjoyed a covenant relationship with Dr. Forbes since 1999.

## **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 education wing, and Grades 1-2, 3-5, and 6-8 will meet in the new classrooms below the sanctuary. Are your children registered for Sunday School? Registration forms can be found at our church's website: <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 to Jackie no later than the end of September.

## **Youth Ministries Search**

Sudbury United Methodist Church is seeking a part-time interim Youth Ministries Director with the possibility of transitioning into a long-term position in early Spring 2017. By leading and operating all aspects of the youth programs, the Youth Ministries Director will play a vital role in driving the mission of the youth program. Our mission is to provide a safe place to support the Christian growth of youth by focusing on relationships, community, spirituality, fun, and service. Sudbury UMC is willing to offer a great deal of flexibility to accommodate school, work, or family commitments. Please send resumes and notes of interest to the Search Committee at [sumc@sudbury-umc.org](mailto:sumc@sudbury-umc.org).

## **Blessing of the Animals to Be Held October 2**

The Sudbury Clergy Association will host its annual outdoor service for the Blessing of 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! Pastor Joel will join the Rev. Dr. Donald Larson, the pastor of St. John's, and other Sudbury clergy to thank God for the gifts that companion pets and working animals bring into our lives.

## **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.

## **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 decided to postpone its first fall gathering in September. With fingers crossed, our retirees are planning to gather for lunch in Hawes Hall on Thursday, October 13, from 12:00 till 2:00 p.m. Mark your calendars! Our new and improved fellowship hall will be worth the wait!