



Isaiah 5:1

*Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard....*

SUDBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 8, 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: Improvisation

***Opening Worship**

Praise Song: FWS # 2162 - "Grace Alone" (*verse 1*)

A Reading from the Scriptures: Philippians 3:4b-14

Praise Song: FWS # 2162 - "Grace Alone" (*verse 2*)

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

God, our beloved,
you set before us the goal of new life in Christ.
May we live in the power of his resurrection
and bring forth the fruit of your gentle and loving rule. Amen.

Children's Time: "Signs"

Special Music: "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

J. Johnson & D. Towner

A Reading from the Scriptures: Isaiah 5:1-7

This reading is found on page 634 in the Old Testament.

Sermon: "Just an Old-Fashioned Love Song...?"

Zack Moser

***Hymn of Response:** FWS # 2260 - "Let Us Be Bread"

A Time of Fellowship

Greeting Our Guests
Concerns and Celebrations
Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Stewardship Moment

Offertory: “Rock of Ages”

A. Toplady & T. Hastings

***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.**

Holy Communion

***Invitation**

***Confession and Pardon:** UMH page 12

***Peace**

***The Great Thanksgiving:** UMH pages 13-14

***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 # 451 - “Be Thou My Vision”

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude: Fugue on “St. Anne”

J. S. Bach

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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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!

Today's Preacher Is a Candidate for Deacon's Orders

Zachary Moser, our Youth Ministries Director, is today's preacher. In 2004, Zack graduated from North Carolina State University with a BA in Communications. The University of North Carolina in Wilmington conferred a Master's in Liberal Studies in 2008. The Divinity School at Duke University awarded him the M.Div. in 2011. A "double-preachers' kid," Zack's mom and dad are both United Methodist elders and pastors. Zack, however, is a candidate for deacon's orders in The United Methodist Church. In addition to preaching and teaching in local churches, deacons link the worship congregations give to God to the service Christians give to the world. Expect to hear Zack from time to time as he develops his pulpit voice.

Fundraising for Dominica through October 15

On September 19, 180 mph winds brutalized Dominica. Our sisters and brothers there are dealing with the unprecedented destruction of their homeland. They are in desperate need. Since Dominica is an independent nation, it has no protectorate to send aid. Most recent communications confirm 33 dead, 27 missing, and 80% of the island still without power or water. While some supplies are moving, ruined roads and a shortage of vehicles are making relief efforts difficult. Sudbury UMC's Outreach Commission appreciates feelings of "compassion fatigue." This summer's requests for help are unprecedented in number. But Outreach asks us to set "fatigue" aside as we raise funds for emergency relief in the villages of Wesley and Marigot through October 15. Please go to <http://sudbury-umc.org/give/> to donate. Use the pull-down menu and select Dominica Hurricane Relief. Checks can be made out to Sudbury UMC, with "Dominica Hurricane Relief" in the memo line, and included with today's offering. Or mail gifts to 251 Old Sudbury Road, Sudbury, MA 01776. Thank you, and please continue to hold our brothers and sisters in prayer.

Health Ministries Launches New Book Study Today

Join the Health Ministry Commission in Hawes Hall after worship to launch a book discussion series. *Being Mortal*, by Atul Gawande, wrestles with the assets and liabilities of modern medicine. How can our society, with all of its resources, better balance its capacity to treat diseases with the inevitability of mortality? Stop by the commission's table to sign up.

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!

Sudbury UMC Is a Nut Free Zone!

Several Sunny Hill preschoolers and staff members have dangerous allergies to nut products and coconut oil. Do not bring food products or soaps containing tree nuts into the church and remember that coconut oil in kitchen cleaners and lotions can be lethal. Thank you!

Please Recycle This Bulletin

The Worship and Music Commission has placed blue recycle bins near the church's three entrances. Materials not need 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.

Special Church School Offering for Dominica



Today, in Church School, the children will learn in a developmentally appropriate way a little bit about the effects that hurricanes have had on the island country of Dominica and our sister churches there. They will also be invited to participate in a special offering for Dominica each Sunday in October. Closer to home, students who do not use the O'Reilly Room entrance will find a special food collection basket in Church School classrooms downstairs where they can bring non-perishable items to restock local food pantries.

Grand-Friends and Prayer Pals – Say Your Prayers!

The key word for Week 5, October 8-14, is *encouragement*! "I have great confidence in you. I take great pride in you. I am greatly encouraged. My joy knows no bounds." II Corinth. 7:4

Trunk-or-Treat! Sign-Up Today!

The Church Growth Commission will host our church's fourth annual TRUNK OR TREAT on Saturday, October 28, from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. Decorate the trunk of your car, fill it with treats, put on a costume, and welcome our neighbors. Or donate candy (no nuts please!) for this community event. Please sign-up today in Hawes Hall or email Jen Gero at tigero@verizon.net

Magic Years to Welcome Stamp Museum Director

Sudbury UMC's retirees will meet at noon on Thursday, October 12, in Davison Chapel. After lunch, Henry Lucas, director of education at the Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History in Weston, will speak. Participants are encouraged to bring an apple dessert and recipe for the "Apple Fest" following the luncheon. Save room for dessert! And keep your fork!

Blessing of Animals at Sudbury UMC Next Sunday



The Sudbury Clergy Association is delighted to invite you and your pets to the Third Annual Ecumenical Blessing of the Pets. Sudbury UMC is this year's host. A joyful prayer service and blessing will take place at 1:00 p.m. next Sunday, October 15, on the portico at the main entrance of the church, which is easily accessible from the parking lot. Prayers will be shared and led by a number of local clergy. Come and give thanks for God's beauty in creation and in our pets.

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/>.

Connexions Concert Next Sunday, October 15

On October 15, at 3:00 p.m., Leslie Bell, Tom Gero, Rob Hammerton, William Hoke, Cecelia Murphy, Charles Mack, and Kevin Murphy will present the Connexions I concert of the 2017-2018 program year at Sudbury UMC. Works by Bach, Benson, Finzi, Jenkins, Schumann, Mack, and Telemann will be featured. Connexions concerts showcase the talents of church members and guest artists who share a connection with our church. Admission is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be received to benefit hurricane survivors in Dominica. For more information call 978-443-4351, or e-mail kevin@sudbury-umc.org.

Order Tickets for Greenwood Memorial UMC's Harvest Banquet!

Greenwood Memorial UMC invites you to attend its annual Harvest Banquet on October 27, at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St, in Dorchester Center. Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 8:00 p.m. followed by entertainment and dancing. Tickets are \$65.00. To join Sudbury UMC's delegation, email John Iberg at jwi0841@verizon.net. Checks may also be sent directly to Greenwood Memorial UMC, 378a Washington St., Dorchester, MA 02124.

New a Cappella Chorus Forming

The musicians of Sudbury UMC would like to form an a cappella chorus starting Wednesday, October 18, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and for the next three Wednesdays, October 25, November 1, and November 8. We will meet for an hour to learn a modest list of a cappella items with a sacred twist. A cappella groups typically work without printed music, so you do not need to read music to participate. A light supper and childcare will be offered. Our only request is that you sign up by going to http://sudbury-umc.org/sumc_v1/music/a_cappella/

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 when the committee consults with the District Superintendent.

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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 Administration |
| <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 today, return to the church office, or mail to: Sudbury United Methodist Church, 251 Old Sudbury Road, Attn: Staff Parish Relations Comm.