



Martin Luther
1483-1546



Katherine Luther
1525-1546



500 YEARS OF
REFORMATION

SUDBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 22, 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 worshippers may stand, as they are able*

Welcome

Prelude: Chorale Prelude on "Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich" *Samuel Scheidt*

***Call to Worship:** *(Martin Luther, Germany, 16th cent., alt.)*

Liturgist: Since then works justify no one,
but all must be justified before they can do any good work,
it is most evident that it is faith alone which,
but the mere mercy of God through Christ,
and by means of God's word,
can worthily and sufficiently justify and save the person.

People: **Christians need no work, no law, for salvation,
for by faith we are free from all law,
and in perfect freedom we do gratuitously all that we do,
seeking nothing either of profit or of salvation —
since by the grace of God we are already saved
and rich in all things through faith —
but solely that which is well-pleasing to God.**

***Opening Hymn:** UMH # 515 - "Out of the Depths I Cry to You"

***Opening Prayer** *(Martin Luther, Germany, 16th cent., alt.)*

**O Heavenly Father, dear God, I am a poor unworthy sinner.
I do not deserve to raise my eyes or hands toward thee or to pray.
But because thou hast commanded us all to pray
and hast promised to hear us
and through thy dear Son Jesus Christ
hast taught us both how and what to pray,
I come to thee in obedience to thy word, trusting in thy gracious promise.
I pray in the name of my Lord Jesus Christ
together with all thy saints and Christians on earth. Amen.**

A Reading from the Scriptures: Exodus 33:12-23

This reading is found on page 80 in the Old Testament.

Children's Time: “Show Me Your Glory”

Special Music: “Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich”

Hugo Distler

***A Reading from the Gospels:** John 8:31-36

This reading is found on page 101 in the New Testament.

Sermon: “Katherine, the Morning Star of Wittenberg”

Heather Josselyn Cranson

***Hymn of Response:** “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word” *(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: Stephen Ministries

Offertory: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Martin Luther

***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!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn of Commitment:** UMH # 110 – “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude: Chorale Prelude on “Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott”

Flor Peeters

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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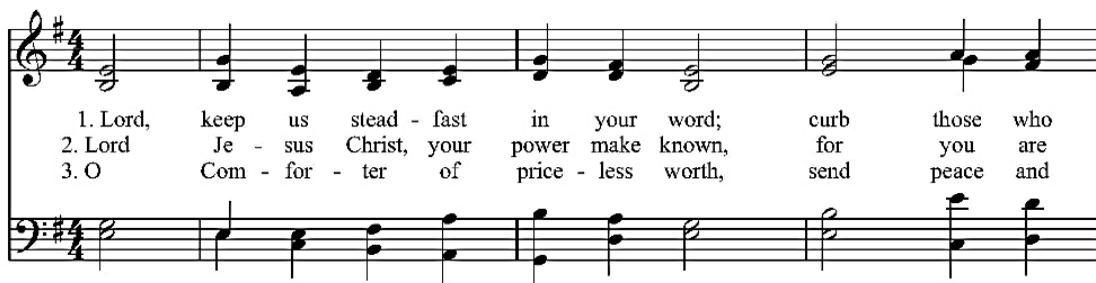


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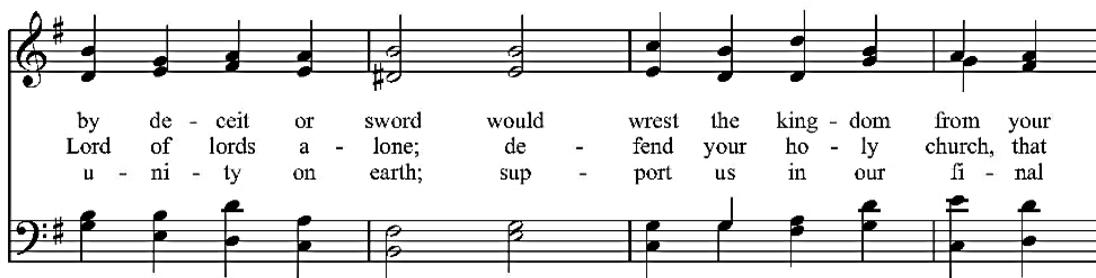


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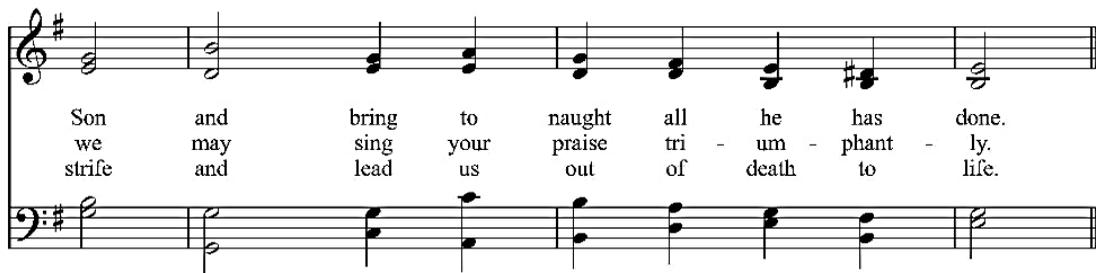
Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1. Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, your power make known, for you are
3. O Com - for - ter of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son and bring to naught all he has done.
we may sing your praise tri - um - phant - ly.
strife and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1542;
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.
Tune: J. Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543



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ERHALT UNS, HERR
www.hymnary.org/text/lord_keep_us_steadfast_in_your_word

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“Da pacem, Domine”

(Luther's German translation of the sequence "Da pacem, Domine")

Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich,
Herr Gott, zu unsern Zeiten.
Es ist doch ja kein anderer nicht,
der für uns könnte streiten,
denn du, unser Gott, alleine.

In these our days so perilous,
Lord, peace in mercy send us;
No God but thee can fight for us,
No God but thee defend us;
Thou our only God and Savior.

Sudbury United Methodist Church

October 22, 2017

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!

Does Luther's Reformation Matter 500 Years Later?

Legend tells us that Martin Luther, a professor of biblical studies in Wittenberg, Germany, nailed "Ninety-Five Theses" to the door of the Castle Church on October 31, 1517. Luther, however, never mentions doing more than sending the questions he wanted to debate to the bishop of his diocese. By publicly challenging the authority of the Roman Catholic Church to forgive sins by selling indulgences, Luther launched a revolution that divided Catholicism and created the Protestant movement of which Methodism remains a part. Five hundred years later, most of Luther's concerns have been resolved. Protestants and Roman Catholics now live more peaceably together. Does that mean that Luther's call to reform the church has lost its currency? "Far from it," most Protestants agree. Both Christian institutions and the way individual Christians practice the faith require constant attention and correction. This morning's service of worship combines the writings, prayers, and hymns of Martin Luther with a monologue presented by Heather Josselyn Cranson, a member of Sudbury UMC and professor at Regis College. The monologue was adapted from a sermon written one year ago by the Rev. Kerstin Weidmann, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in San Francisco, CA.

Share the Excitement of Halloween at Homesuites Today

The Outreach Commission invites you to help host a Halloween party at The Homesuites Inn, a residence for neighbors between homes. Help the kids make masks! Pass out goodie bags! Decorate cookies! Apply tattoos! The party begins today at 1:00 p.m. and concludes at 3:00. The address is 455 Totten Pond Road in Waltham. Questions? Phone Jeannette D'Alessandro at 617-462-4343.



Senior High Bible Study Follows Worship

During coffee hour after worship today, high school students are invited to meet with Zack Moser in Davison Chapel for Bible study. We'll look back at the morning's scripture passage and talk through any questions or ideas we might have about it. We might also need to figure out what else to call our hanging out time, because the only two ideas that Zack has are "High School Bible Study" and "We Have Donuts." By the way, we have donuts!

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 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.

Calling New Station Attendants for Church School!



Do you find yourself restless in church and need to walk around and expel some of that extra energy? Are you the “natural” storyteller at family events or gatherings with friends? Do you enjoy being creative with crafts? If so, please consider sharing your gifts and passions with the children on Sunday mornings with our Station Rotation. Consider joining our team for a one-time session, or on a rotating basis. Please contact Eric Magnuson for more information: eric@sudbury-umc.org or 978-443-4351 x 207.

Grand-Friends and Prayer Pals – Say Your Prayers!

The key word for Week 7, October 22-28 is *faithfulness*: “Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you” (1 Samuel 12:24)

Parents, Sign Up for a GroupMe Text Message Each Week

Do your kids ever tell you nothing happened in Church School? Is starting a conversation with them about each Sunday’s lesson “like pulling teeth”? Consider *GroupMe* – a weekly text message with the overall theme, Bible verse, and question to think about and talk to your children about for preschool through Grade 5. Whether it is just clarity of information, or whether you need to be away for a Sunday and want to stay connected, consider *Group Me*. Just give your cell phone number to Eric Magnuson, our Director of Christian Education. Your cell number will only be used for GroupMe texts about Sunday School. Promise!

Wanted: Your Car for Trunk-or-Treat!

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 for this community event. Please sign-up today in Hawes Hall or email Jen Gero at tjgero@verizon.net

New a Cappella Chorus Forming

The musicians of Sudbury UMC have formed an a cappella chorus which started last Wednesday, October 18, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We will meet for the next three Wednesdays, October 25, November 1, and November 8 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/

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/>.

Organ Crawl Follows Worship Today



Come join music director Kevin Murphy for an organ crawl after worship service this morning. What is an organ crawl? We will take ten minutes in the chancel to learn about the instrument and another ten minutes to go to the basement and the organ's tracker chamber. Come with questions! Bring your kids! We'll begin right after the postlude concludes.

Trustees' Fall Clean-Up on November 11

It's fall clean-up time again and the Trustees will need your help. We're looking for volunteers of all ages at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 11. The more the merrier and the faster our task will get done. Most of the work will involve collecting and moving fallen leaves, but we will also be cleaning some of the garden areas and trimming trees, as well as tackling other tasks. Bring rakes and tarps. Wear work gloves. Other useful tools are leaf blowers and wheelbarrows. Please come even if you only have an hour or two to spare. Free coffee and donuts will be available. Meet church friends. Enjoy some exercise. Help our church.

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.

Antarctic Slide Show at Women's Fellowship

The fall meeting of the Women's Fellowship will begin on Monday, October 30, at 7:00 p.m. in Hawes Hall. We will start with refreshments followed by a presentation of Bob Cooke's slides from a recent trip to Antarctica and the scientific research that is being conducted all around the ice cap. Men are welcome to attend this program.

Tis the Season when Friends and Neighbors May Need Care

Countless people have received confidential care from Sudbury UMC's Stephen Ministers, a program of our church that is now 25 years old. As winter's dark days inch closer, even the holidays can trigger loneliness, sadness, or anxiety. This is especially true if a loved one has suffered a loss, a sudden change, or a difficult transition. Maybe you know a family member, a friend, or a neighbor who could benefit from a caring relationship. Sudbury UMC has 13 active Stephen Ministers and 10 are available to offer support. To see a video describing the care people have received from Stephen Ministers, visit <https://www.stephenministries.org/>. To ask about starting a relationship, speak to Pastor Joel, Lori Granger, or Richard Smith. And, remember, every Sunday morning a Stephen Minister is available after the worship service in the O'Reilly room to listen and to pray with you. Today's volunteer is Eric Lind.