



Sudbury United Methodist Church

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 2, 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

***Opening Worship**

Praise Song: FWS # 2216 – “When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise”

A Reading from the Scriptures: Psalm 137 – “By the Rivers of Babylon”

Praise Song: FWS # 2217 – “By the Babylonian Rivers”

***Opening Prayer:** *(A Prayer Offered in Geneva during Pope John Paul II's 1984 Visit)*

O God, the giver of life, we pray for the Church throughout the world.

Sanctify its life, renew its worship, empower its witness, restore its unity.

Remove from your people all pride

and every prejudice that dulls their will for unity.

Strengthen the work of all those who strive to seek that common obedience

that will bind us together.

Heal the divisions which separate your children from one another,

that they may keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Amen.

Children's Time: “Different but the Same”

Special Music: “Panis Angelicus”

César Franck

***A Reading from the Gospels:** Luke 17:5-10

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

Sermon: “How Much Is Enough?”

Pastor Joel Guillemette

***Hymn of Response:** UMH # 548 – “In Christ There Is No East or West”

A Time of Fellowship

Greeting Our Guests
Concerns and Celebrations
The Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Stewardship Moment

The Offertory: “Communion Hymn”

David M. Kellermeyer

***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.

Holy Communion

***The Great Thanksgiving:** FWS #2257 a, b, c, d – “Communion Setting”

***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 nearest side aisle.)

Communion Hymn: UMH # 618 – “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn of Commitment:** UMH # 552 – “Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather”

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude

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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World Communion Sunday

October 2, 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 World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday is one of the six church-wide Special Sundays with offerings. Donations provide funds for World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program. Special envelopes have been provided in your bulletin today to allow you to designate your support these programs from other offerings.

Members Invited to Today's Church Council and October 12th's Church Conference

The Church Council will meet after worship today to discuss strategies for resolving an unforeseen structural flaw in Davison Chapel. The problem must be addressed before renovations planned for the Chapel can proceed. A permanent repair could increase "Pave the Way's" \$2.3 million budget beyond the total of current pledges and donations. To maintain our construction timeline, the Building Committee is seeking approvals from the Board of Trustees and the Church Council. Members of Sudbury UMC are strongly encouraged to attend today's meeting and to share their thoughts. At 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12, the Rev. Rene Perez will chair a special session of the Church Conference to ratify today's Council decisions.

Blessing of the Animals Today at 1:00 p.m.

The Sudbury Clergy Association will host a service for Blessing the Animals today 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!

Celebrate with Greenwood Memorial UMC on October 16

On October 16 at 4:00 pm., the Rev. Dr. Imani-Sheila Newsome-Camara will be installed as the next pastor of our sister church, Greenwood Memorial UMC. The church is located at 378A Washington Street, Dorchester, Massachusetts 02124. The guest preacher for this event will be the Rev. Ellis Washington of St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church in Cambridge, MA. The choir and the liturgical dance ministry of St. Paul AME will accompany their pastor. Members and friends of Sudbury UMC are warmly invited to attend. A reception will follow worship.

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.

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, at the entrance to the O'Reilly Room, are delivered to food banks in Sudbury, Stow, Marlborough, Maynard, Wayland and Hudson. The Outreach Commission appreciates your nonperishable 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.

Social Justice Seeks Justice through Faith

As individuals and as a congregation, we mourn acts of violence as we reflect on the police shootings deaths of Terence Crutcher in Tulsa, OK, and Keith Lamont Scott in Charlotte, N.C. Excerpted from Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA): We must continually live into our commitments and move to make justice ever more real in our own lives, congregations and communities. The work for racial justice must go deeper than statements and endless pastoral letters. James Cone once said: "sympathy does not change the structures of injustice." Please take the opportunity to learn more from the UMC's General Commission on Religion and Race: by clicking on <https://vimeo.com/149022025>.

A “Pave the Way” Preview

The Building Committee thanks everybody for their patience and constructive questions and comments. During the week of October 3, we anticipate seeing progress in the following areas: completion of bathrooms in former narthex stairwell, continue sheetrock and painting in Hawes Hall, begin ceramic tiling in the new kitchen, begin parking lot drainage work, and completion of electrical work in the basement below Hawes Hall. The week of October 10 is expected to bring the installation of parking lot drainage systems, the completion of sheetrock in the basement under Hawes Hall, and the completion of kitchen tiling. Throughout both weeks, work on the HVAC and fire protection systems will continue.

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.

Pastor Joel and Rick Houpt Travel to Dominica This Week

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 7 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.

Guest Preachers in October

Sudbury UMC will welcome two guest preachers October. The Rev. Cherlyn Gates, a deacon in full connection at Fisk Memorial UMC in Natick will preach during worship on Sunday, October 9, while Pastor Joel is visiting Dominica. On October 16, Pastor Joel will lead worship, but the Rev. Garvin Warden, who recently retired as pastor of Greenwood Memorial UMC, will preach.

Chancel Choir Welcomes Singers

Sudbury UMC’s chancel choir always welcomes new singers to the fold. 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.

Connexions Concert to be Held October 23rd

Save the date! The first Connexions Concert of the 2016-2017 season will take place on Sunday, October 23, at 3:00 p.m. Several of our church’s musicians have already received an invitation to participate. But all are welcome to share their talents. If you are interested in participating, or you’d like more information, please reach out to Kevin Murphy at kevin@sudbury-umc.org.

Magic Years to Kick Off October 13th at Noon

Sudbury UMC's Magic Years members and retired friends, please join us October 13 from noon to 2:00 p.m. for our kick-off event of the program year! Our guest this month is co-president of the New England Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, Mrs. Margaret Yamamoto. Margie will share an incredibly moving 45-minute presentation titled "Justice Denied: A Personal Perspective." Through this power point presentation, Margie plans to tell the story of the Japanese incarceration during WWII as seen through the eyes of her own Japanese American family. We hope that everyone will be able to make it to our first luncheon and program of the season! You will receive your invitation soon, and, as always, if you have questions, please reach out to Jackie Roder at jackie@sudbury-umc.org.

Thursday Bible Study Welcomes Newcomers

Join Sudbury UMC's Thursday Bible study group every week at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays at the Panera Bread located in Wayland's Town Center! 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.

Coming Soon: "Science & Faith" Classes to Meet in October

Is science in conflict with faith? Do religion and research cooperate or clash? On three Sundays in October, the 16th, the 23rd, and the 30th, members of Sudbury UMC who work as scientists while also practicing their faith in this church will speak about their own personal approaches to "Science & Faith." "Science & Faith" classes will meet at 11:00 a.m. and will be open to all who are interested.

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.

Three Ways to Become a Member of Sudbury UMC

During worship on Sunday, October 30, Sudbury UMC will celebrate the sacrament of Baptism and welcome new members to our growing congregation. There are three ways to become a member of a local United Methodist church. 1) For baptized Christians who have never formally joined a church, it is possible to become a member by professing your faith in Jesus Christ and promising to support the church you have chosen by your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. 2) For members of other United Methodist churches, becoming a member of Sudbury UMC is as simple as asking Pastor Joel to write to the last church you joined to request a "certificate of transfer." 3) And for members of local churches affiliated with other denominations, most will send a "certificate of transfer" to Sudbury UMC but some will not. Without a written transfer, however, option 1) is still quite doable. If you would like to be enrolled as a member of Sudbury UMC on October 30, please contact our pastor at pastorjoel@sudbury-umc.org.