



Sudbury United Methodist Church

**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 9, 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

***Opening Worship**

Praise Song: FWS # 2067 – “Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God”

A Reading from the Scriptures: Psalm 66 – “Sing the Glory of God's Name”

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***Opening Prayer:** *(C. Welton Gaddy, USA, 21st cent.)*

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you, generous God!
You have injected life with joy, thus we know laughter.
You have dabbled creation with color, thus we enjoy beauty.
You have whistled a divine tune into the rhythm of life, thus we hear music.
You have filled our minds with questions, thus we appreciate mystery.
You have entered our hearts with compassion, thus we experience faith.
Thank you, God! Thank You! Thank You! Amen!

Children's Time: “Ways to Give Thanks”

Special Music: “Sing a New Song”

Heinrich Schütz

***A Reading from the Gospels:** Luke 17:11-19

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

Sermon: “Faith Beyond Belief”

The Rev. Cheryl Gates

***Hymn of Response:** FWS # 2174 – “What Does the Lord Require of You?”

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: "I've Just Come from the Fountain"

African-American Spiritual

***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 # 92 – "For the Beauty of the Earth"

***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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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!

Introducing Today's Guest Preacher: The Rev. Cheryl Gates

Today's guest preacher is the Rev. Cheryl Gates, an ordained Deacon in full connection in the New England Conference of The United Methodist Church. She is appointed to Fisk Memorial UMC in Natick, MA. Certified in spiritual formation, she preaches, teaches, and leads retreats for laity and clergy. Her interests include the Order of Saint Luke, theology of the mystics, visual and fabric arts, native flute playing, and Native American spirituality.

Members Called to October 12 Special Church Conference

On Sunday, October 2, a special session of the Church Council was convened by its chairperson, Richard Morris, to consider a motion from the Building Committee to address a structural concern discovered in Davison Chapel by the contractors working on Pave the Way renovations. After a lengthy presentation and discussion, the motion was amended to empower the Building Committee to add up to \$48,000 to the scope of Pave the Way's projects and was supported unanimously first by a straw poll of all who voted and then by a 16 to 0 vote of Church Council members. To ratify last Sunday's vote, the Rev. Rene Perez, superintendent of the Central Massachusetts District, has called a special meeting of the Church Conference. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12, in the sanctuary. During a Church Conference, all members of the church are empowered to speak and to vote. Please plan to attend.

Please Welcome Our Interim Director of Youth Ministries

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Anthony Harrison has accepted its invitation to serve on the staff of Sudbury UMC as our Interim Director of Youth Ministries. Anthony comes to us from First United Methodist Church in Normal, Illinois. He discerned a call to ordained ministry as a Deacon in the UMC and is currently working on that process while completing his M.Div. at Boston University. Before moving to the Boston-area, Anthony earned a Bachelors in education from Illinois State University. Anthony will provide programming and personal support for our teens who want a practical faith and real answers to tough questions, in addition to being a relatable role model and mentor. He loves the energy, humor, and questioning nature that youth bring, and promises to match that for them in his ministry with them.

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, near the entrance to the O'Reilly Room, are delivered to food banks in Sudbury, Stow, Marlborough, Maynard, Wayland and Hudson. Sudbury UMC's 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.

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.

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.

Save the Date for the Greenwood Annual Harvest Banquet

Greenwood Memorial UMC Invites you to their 27th Annual Harvest Banquet on Saturday, October 22, from 7:00 p.m. till midnight – with dinner at 8:00 p.m. This year's banquet will be held for the first time at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet Street in Dorchester, MA 02122. Tickets for the three-course meal are available for \$75. Entertainment and dancing will follow dinner. More information to come in this week's edition of *The Chronicle*.

Pastor Joel and Rick Houpt Are Visiting Dominica!

Pastor Joel and Rick Houpt are representing Sudbury UMC today at the dedication of a new church hall built by volunteers and donations from our church for the Ebenezer Methodist Church in Wesley. The Rev. Ruth Pratt, newly appointed to Wesley and Marigot, will lead today's celebration with the charge's retiring minister, the Rev. Dr. Evans Dodds, Sr. Thank you to all who responded to last summer's call to help our friends in Dominica complete this much-needed fellowship hall. You helped "Raise the Roof!"

Share the Excitement of Halloween with a Bunch of Kids!

The Outreach Commission invites you to help throw a Halloween party for the families of The Home Suites Inn, a residence for neighbors between homes. You will help the kids make masks and cards, pass out goodie bags, decorate cookies, and apply tattoos! The party is all set for Saturday, October 29, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at 455 Totten Pond Road in Waltham. Questions? Call Jeannette D'Alessandro at 617-462-4343. Looking for a fun afternoon? This is it!

Connexions Concert to be Held October 23

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.

Celebrate with Greenwood Memorial UMC on October 16

On October 16 at 3:00 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.

Social Justice Seeks Justice through Faith

The issue of voting rights in the United States, has been contested throughout United States history. The United States Constitution gave eligibility to vote to white males. In 1870 the 15th Amendment prohibited the federal and state governments from denying a citizen the right to vote based on that citizen's race, color, or previous condition of servitude. Women were granted the right to vote in 1920. In 1965, the Congress enacted the Voting Rights Act which provided federal oversight of elections in discriminatory jurisdictions, banned literacy tests and similar discriminatory devices, and created legal remedies for people affected by voting. It is your Right and Privilege to Vote! Please vote on Tuesday November 8, 2016

You Are Invited

Together with their families, Laura Houpt and Ray Brown invite the Sudbury UMC family to the celebration of their marriage on Saturday, October 22, at 3:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Magic Years Heads to The Carriage House at Lee's Farm on October 13

Magic Year's members and retired friends, please join us on Thursday, October 13, from noon till 2:00 p.m. for our kick-off event! Our guest speaker this month is co-president of the New England Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, Margaret Yamamoto. Margie will be giving an incredibly moving 45-minute presentation titled "Justice Denied: A Personal Perspective." She will tell the story of the Japanese incarceration during WWII as seen through the eyes of her Japanese American family. For this first event of the program year, Magic Years will meet at the Carriage House at Lee's Farm, 134 Boston Post Road, in Wayland. If you are interested and able to attend our kick-off event, please RSVP by contacting the church office (sumc@sudbury-umc.org, or 978.443.4351) by Tuesday, October 11. Hope to see you there!

Science & Faith Speaker Series

Are you a scientist or science enthusiast? Are you a science novice? The Christian Education Commission invites all to take part in one, two, or all three segments of this month's science and faith speaker series on October 16, 23, and 30. Each session will take place after worship on Sunday in the O'Reilly room. Participants and discussion leaders will have an opportunity to unpack the complex relationship that science and faith seem to share. Sudbury UMC is blessed to have several members of our congregation currently working in, or earning degrees in, a scientific field. Through this adult education opportunity, we anticipate hearing a wide range of perspectives, voices, and experiences, while facilitating a dialogue among all who attend.

Women's Fellowship Resumes on Monday, October 24

The women of Sudbury UMC will kick-off the fall with lunch at Kimball Farm's Grill & Seafood Shack in Westford followed by an excursion to the Butterfly Place and Garden. It's going to be great fun to get back together. More details to come in *The Chronicle*. Stay tuned!

New Members of Sudbury UMC to Be Welcomed October 30

During worship on Sunday, October 30, Sudbury UMC will celebrate the sacrament of Baptism and welcome new members to our growing congregation. If you would like to be enrolled as a member of Sudbury UMC by profession of faith in Christ or by transfer from another UMC or a church of another denomination, please contact Pastor Joel at pastorjoel@sudbury-umc.org or 978-443-4351, ext. 205. Thanks!

Justice for Our Neighbors

Are you interested in doing something to constructive help immigrants and refugees who bring their hopes and dreams 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? Please email the Rev. Ruth Odour at revruth14@verizon.net.