



Blessed are you...

Luke 6:20-22

Sudbury United Methodist Church

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
October 30, 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: Improvisation

***Opening Worship**

Praise Song: FWS # 2283 – “For All the Saints” (*verses 1-2*)

A Reading from the Scriptures: Ephesians 1:15-23 – “God’s Great Power”

Praise Song: FWS # 2283 – “For All the Saints” (*verses 3-4*)

***Opening Prayer:** (*Safiyah Fosua, USA, 21st cent., alt.*)

**We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who have ever worshiped you -
whether in brush arbors or cathedrals,
weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses,
where your name was lifted and adored.**

**We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise:
manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil,
strong hands and those gnarled with age,
holy hands used as wave offerings across the land.**

**We thank you, God, for hardworking saints:
whether hard-hatted or steel-booted,
head ragged or aproned,
blue-collared or three-piece-suited.**

**They left their mark on the earth for you, for us,
and for our children to come.**

**Thank you, God, for the sacrifices made by those who have gone before us.
Bless the memories of your saints.**

**May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples
of faith, dedication, worship, and love. Amen.**

Children’s Time: “A Saint Is Set Apart”

Special Music: “Heaven’s Bright Shore” (*as sung by Alison Krause*)

Ralph Stanley

***A Reading from the Gospels:** Luke 6:20-31

This reading is found on page 64 in the New Testament.

Sermon: “Divine Dyslexia”

Pastor Joel Guillemette

***Hymn of Response:** FWS # 2155 – “Blest Are They”

A Celebration of the Baptismal Covenant: UMH pages 33 to 39

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: “At the River”

Aaron Copland

***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 # 712 – “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude: “Toccatina & Fugue in D minor” BWV 565

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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Congregation

Meet the Newest Members of Sudbury UMC

Sunday, October 30, 2016

The following introductions will acquaint you with our church's eleven newest members. Please take time to introduce yourself to them and extend an enthusiastic Sudbury UMC welcome at the coffee hour following worship.

Karen Bosch was born in Milbank, SD, and has lived in Missouri, Wyoming, New York and California. She and her husband Warren now reside in Wayland. Karen has worked as a secretary and a librarian, but now enjoys spending time with her four grandchildren, reading English mystery novels and non-fiction. She also enjoys word games and crossword puzzles. Karen's daughter and her family live nearby in Wellesley. Karen feels SUMC is a good fit for her after attending several churches in the area. Today, Karen will become a professing member of The United Methodist Church and this congregation by certificate of transfer from the Bethany Lutheran Church in Cherry Hills Village, CO.

Carolyn Colby was born in Gibbs, MO, grew up in Hyde Park, MI, and now calls Sudbury her home. She is a mother and grandmother. Carolyn loves to paint and enjoyed gardening but finds it a bit more challenging now. Today, Carolyn becomes a professing member of this local congregation by certificate of transfer from the Wesley United Methodist Church in Framingham, MA.

Jeannette Akers D'Alessandro was born in Detroit, MI, and has lived in Fribourg, Switzerland, and London, England. She currently lives in Weston along with her husband, David, and son, Robert. Robert is currently a freshman at Northwestern University. Jeannette enjoys golf, spending time with family and friends, gardening and her work with the Outreach Commission at SUMC. She especially enjoys coordinating the Halloween and Christmas parties at Home Suites Inn on SUMC's behalf. Caroling at Sudbury Pines, the Deaconess and Sudbury Farms also makes her list of favorite activities. Jeannette writes "SUMC has been my church for 20 years and I want to make it official." Today, Jeannette will become a professing member of The United Methodist Church and this local congregation.

Brenda A. Erickson was born in Chicopee, MA, raised in Amherst and now considers Sudbury her home. She is a mother and grandmother. Brenda is a Travel Manager with Callahan Travel and coordinates trips for the "55 plus community." She enjoys travel, loves to learn, and names *Curiosity*, *Great Courses* and *Discovery* as her favorite channels! Brenda shares the following as her reason for wanting to join SUMC: "Community driven, loving, welcoming church with a real feel for the 'flock.'" Brenda grew up in the Catholic tradition and today will be enrolled as a professing member of The United Methodist Church and this local congregation by certificate of transfer from the First Baptist Church in Sudbury.

Carolyn Clever Geroux was born in Lewiston, ME and raised in Greenfield and Reading, MA. Cal and her husband, John, live in Maynard. She was a registered nurse for fifty-one years at Emerson Hospital, Lowell General, Nashoba Nursing and MCI Concord. Cal loves bridge and her favorite authors include Harlan Coben, Robin Cook and John Grisham. She likes SUMC's music program, its minister, and the friendliness of the congregation. Today, Cal becomes a professing member of this local congregation by certificate of transfer from St. Matthews UMC in Acton, MA.

John Geroux was born in Detroit, MI, and lives in Maynard with his wife, Cal. John has worked in the mining and semiconductor industries for over 30 years. He was also part of the Army and a Reservist with the National Guard. He enjoys playing duplicate bridge, reading a variety of mysteries by authors such as Lee Child and Harlan Coben and he loves to cook. In addition to the Methodist faith, John has been a part of the Catholic and Mormon traditions. Today, John becomes a professing member of this local congregation by certificate of transfer from St. Matthews UMC in Acton, MA.

Emily Antonina Helgeson was born in Newton, MA, and lives in Framingham with mom, Jennifer and dad, Dave. Emily is seven months old and attends Bright Horizons in Wayland. Emily's dad, David, grew up attending SUMC and completed his Eagle Scout badge through the church. After receiving the sacrament of baptism, Emily will be enrolled as a baptized member of The United Methodist Church and this congregation.

Jennifer Hume Helgeson was born in Longview, TX, and was raised in College Station, Marlin, Longview and Texarkana, TX. Jennifer's dad is a United Methodist minister who was appointed to all these locations. Jennifer is employed as a Medical Science Liaison with Sequenom Laboratories. She has also worked with Newton Wellesley Hospital as a genetic counselor. During her free time, Jennifer loves knitting and running. She hopes to run a half marathon when she reaches a milestone birthday in March! She feels that after visiting SUMC and meeting congregation members that our church is a good fit for her family and the right place to raise their daughter. Today, Jennifer becomes a professing member of this local congregation by certificate of transfer from St. Paul's UMC in Houston, TX.

Gwendolyn Beattie McNeilly was born in Elmhurst, IL, and raised in Villa Park, IL, Phoenix, AZ, and Milford, MA. She now lives in Wayland with her husband, Doug, and their two children, Griffin and Cora. Gwen is a project manager at TJX and has worked for The New York Times and Accenture. Her son Griffin attends Happy Hollow Elementary in Wayland while his sister Cora attends Children's Creative Learning Center in Framingham. Gwen enjoys family activities including museums, fairs, hikes and concerts. She loves watching her kids have fun! Gwen was raised in the United Methodist tradition and wants to give her kids a church home while establishing one for herself. Today, Gwen will be enrolled as a professing member of The United Methodist Church and this local congregation.

Douglass McNeilly was born in Danvers and raised in Essex, MA. Doug, along with his wife, Gwen, and children, Griffin and Cora, live in Wayland. He is a residential real estate broker with Coldwell Banker and has been a human resources professional with various companies in the past. His hobbies include home renovation and design, as well as reading biographies and historical fiction. Doug was raised a Roman Catholic and was most recently a member of St. John the Baptist Parish in Essex, MA. He says he "Would like to be established in a welcoming and active church." Today, Doug will be enrolled as a professing member of The United Methodist Church and this local congregation.

Jacob Russell Sweeney was born in Newton, MA, and lived for a short while in Milford before moving to Sudbury. His loving family includes mom, Nicole, dad, Mike, and big brother, Nathan. His grandparents are Nancy and Jim Sweeney. Jacob enjoys playing with Nathan and trying new foods! Nicole and Mike want Jacob to be part of the SUMC family and community. Today, Jacob will be enrolled as a baptized member of The United Methodist Church and this local congregation.

Sudbury United Methodist Church
All Saints Day
October 30, 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, please 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 evolving building. Grab a cup of coffee and make a new friend!

Celebrating All Saints Day

All Saints Day, November 1, will be celebrated at Sudbury UMC today as we baptize new Christians into the communion of saints and welcome new members to our church. The celebration continues next Sunday as we name our saints at the Lord's Table during Holy Communion.

Science & Faith Speaker Series Final Session Today after Worship

We have heard fascinating voices and perspectives during the first two sessions of this fall's science and faith speaker series. Whether or not you attended the first two sessions, we invite you to the third and final segment of this interesting adult education opportunity today. Karen and Steve Lubic will co-lead after worship at approximately 11:00 a.m. in the O'Reilly Room.

Church School Notes and Special Dates

Today, after the children's moment, the 3-5 year olds' class will meet in preschool room 4 in the Sunny Hill wing. 1st-2nd grade, 3rd-5th grade, and 6th-8th grade will meet in their classrooms below the sanctuary. After worship, please pick up your children in their classrooms to ensure that everyone makes it back to their families safely. And, mark your calendars! During worship on November 6th the children will share the songs they have been learning. Another much-anticipated Church School event: On November 13th, all 3rd grade students will receive their Bibles. We hope the whole congregation will be in worship to witness and celebrate this milestone.

Thursday Bible Study Welcomes Newcomers

Please join Sudbury UMC's Thursday Bible study group. Each week's focus text is next Sunday's preaching passage. Thursday meetings take place at 10:00 a.m. at Panera Bread, 21 Andrew Avenue in Wayland's Town Center. Bring your Bible and a few bucks for something warm to sip.

Mark Your Calendars: November 6 Kids' Konzert

At 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 6, Sudbury UMC's children will present a fundraising concert to benefit Open Table. To put a student musician on the program, contact Ciaran Murphy!

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 two years old and younger. Look for the stairs in the northwest corner of the narthex leading up to a cozy room furnished with sofas and toys and books.

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 in the southeast corner of the narthex. Another rest room can be found just past the side door of the sanctuary closest to the pulpit and three steps up.

Help Refill the Food Cart

The contents of the shopping cart near the O'Reilly Room entrance are delivered to food banks in Sudbury, Stow, Marlborough, Maynard, Wayland and Hudson. The Outreach Commission is grateful for your nonperishable donations. Canned vegetables and soups, canned tuna and meat, crackers, jams and jellies, canned pastas and tomato sauces, noodles, rice, cereals, and baby foods are staples. Please remember that donations past the expiration date stamped on the package must be discarded.

Please Recycle This Bulletin

The Worship and Music Commission has placed blue recycle bins near the sanctuary's entrances. Please recycle the materials distributed on Sundays either here at the church or at home.

Justice for Our Neighbors

You can help immigrants and refugees who bring their hopes and dreams to this country? 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.

A Reminder from the Social Justice Commission

Please be sure to vote on election day, November 8th. To obtain more information on where the candidates stand on the issues that are important to you, please visit www.vote411.org and www.votesmart.org.