



Saints Sunday

SUDBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Sunday

November 5, 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: "Let us with Pure Hearts"

John Bull

***Call to Worship:** (*Jann C. Weaver, USA, 20th cent., alt.*)

Liturgist: Sing praises to God, O you saints.

Give thanks to God's holy name.

People: We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life.

Liturgist: You turn our mourning into dancing.

People: Our souls cannot be silent.

O God, our Savior, we give you thanks forever.

***Opening Hymn:** UMH # 711 - "For All the Saints" (*omit verse 3*)

***Opening Prayer:** (*England, 20th cent., alt.*)

**We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants who,
having finished their course in faith,
now rest from their labors.**

**Give us grace to follow the example
of their steadfastness and faithfulness,
to your honor and glory;**

through Christ Jesus our Savior and Sovereign. Amen.

A Reading from the Scriptures: Revelation 7:9-17

This reading is found on pages 249-250 in the New Testament.

Children's Time: "Dressed Like Victory"

Special Music: "What's up, Samuel?"

Sunday School Kids

A Reading from the Scriptures: I John 3:1-7

This reading is found on page 240 in the New Testament.

Sermon: "Potentially Perfect"

Pastor Joel Guillemette

***Hymn of Response:** UMH # 707 – “Hymn of Promise”

A Time of Fellowship

**Greeting Our Guests
Concerns and Celebrations
Pastoral Prayer**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Stewardship Moment

Offertory: “For All the Saints” Joseph Barnby

***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!**

Holy Communion

***The Great Thanksgiving:** UMH pages 17-18 – “Musical Setting A”

***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:** FWS # 2283 – “For All the Saints”

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude: “Hymn to the Fallen”

John Williams

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!

"Called to Be Saints"

When Paul wrote the New Testament letter we know as I Corinthians, he addressed it like this: "To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 1:2). In other words, Paul considers all of his friends in Corinth "saints," not because of the exemplary lives they have lived, but because God took initiative in Jesus to make them holy and to nominate them as saints. That's why Protestant Christians regard sainthood as God's gift for all who are redeemed by Christ. As our 2017 observance of All Saints Day concludes with today's celebration of Holy Communion, Pastor Joel will read the names of the saints Sudbury UMC has entrusted to God's care and keeping during the last year. Then the pastor will invite worshipers to name aloud the saints who continue to inspire our faithfulness by their faithfulness to Christ in life, in death, and life beyond death.

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 Gail Smith.

Want to Be in the Christmas Pageant?

All of Sudbury UMC's children are invited to participate in the 2017 Nativity Pageant during the 10:30 a.m. Christmas service on Sunday morning, December 24! This year, pageant rehearsals will begin the Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 18, and run through the Saturday before Christmas Eve. Rehearsals take place between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. with an 8:00 a.m. practice for Dancing Angels. See *The Chronicle* for a registration form.

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 – Keep Saying Your Prayers!

The key word for Week 9, November 5 to 11, is *forgiveness*: “Forgive as the Lord forgave you” (Colossians 3:13).

Parents, Sign Up for a GroupMe Text Message Each Week

Do your kids tell you nothing ever happens 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!

Senior High Bible Study Follows Worship

During coffee hour after worship today, high school students are invited to meet with Zack Moser in the Teachers’ Lounge next to 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!

Magic Years Will Welcome Spaulding Rehab Chaplain on November 9

The retirees of Sudbury UMC will gather on Thursday, November 9, from noon till 2:00 p.m. in Davison Chapel for our next Magic Years luncheon! Our special guest this month will be Karen Lubic. Karen is a member of our congregation as well as a chaplain at the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Boston. Her presentation is titled, “Home for the Holidays.” For this interactive presentation, please bring a picture taken during the holidays, a holiday recipe, a favorite holiday decoration or gift you once received, or a story to share. Please contact Eric Magnuson at 978-443-4351 (ext. 207), or eric@sudbury-umc.org, to sign-up for lunch and to let him know if you are able to assist with set up or clean-up. Thanks!

Trustees' Fall Clean-Up on November 11



The Board of Trustees needs 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 to spare. Coffee and donuts will be available. Meet new friends. Enjoy some exercise. Help our church.

Want to Have Fun? Try Getting Lost!

Sudbury UMC's teens plan to have some fun this afternoon by getting lost in the "Amazing Corn Maze" at Hanson Farm, 20 Nixon Road, in Framingham. Kids and mentors will gather in the church's parking lot at 12:45 p.m., depart by carpool at 1:00 p.m., and return to Sudbury UMC no later than 4:00 p.m. And here's the "really cool thing" about that, says Zack Moser: "*The Patriots have a bye week. Nobody will miss the game!*"

Sudbury UMC Hosts "The Ripple Effect"

From Wednesday through Friday, November 15-17, Sudbury UMC will house the New England Conference's School of Congregational Development. The goal of "The Ripple Effect" is to provide resources to inspire and equip local church leaders to live more fully into the mission of the church. Since Sudbury UMC is a sponsor, members of our congregation and staff may attend any or all of this year's classes at the reduced student price of \$49 each. To see a list of classes and guest speakers, please visit the school's website: <https://neumc-reg.brtapp.com/2017RippleEffect>



Coming to Sudbury: Livability Assessment

The Town of Sudbury wants to hear from you! Thanks to a grant from the Sudbury Foundation, a gift from Friends of Sudbury Seniors, and a matching grant from the town, a *Livable Sudbury* assessment will be conducted over the coming nine to ten months by the UMass-Boston Center for Social and Demographic Research on Aging. On Wednesday, November 8, researchers will present initial demographic findings and explore with attendees during two forums the strengths, weaknesses, and suggestions with respect to the livability of Sudbury. Please come to one of these forums: 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Hawes Hall, Sudbury UMC; or 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Goodnow Library. If you have questions, please contact Alice Sapienza (alicesapienza@verizon.net). Thank you!