



Sudbury United Methodist Church

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 6, 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: "Let Us Rejoice with Pure Hearts"

John Bull

***Opening Worship**

Praise Song: FWS # 2149 – "Living for Jesus"

A Reading from the Scriptures: II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Praise Song: FWS # 2150 – "Lord, Be Glorified"

***Opening Prayer:** (*Consultation on Common Texts, USA, 21st cent.*)

**Eternal God, merciful judge of all the living,
in your love you called us to share the glory of Christ.
Strengthen our hearts in every good work and word,
that we may be steadfast in your ways
and always believe your truth. Amen.**

Children's Time: "We All Need Somebody to Lean On"

Special Music: "Who Built the Ark?" Sunday School Children

Traditional

***A Reading from the Gospels:** Luke 20:27-40

This reading is found on page 84 in the New Testament.

Sermon: "The Difference between the Past and the Present"

Pastor Joel Guillemette

***Hymn of Response:** UMH # 116 – "The God of Abraham Praise"

A Time of Fellowship

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Stewardship Moment

The Offertory: “Lean On Me”

Bill Withers, arr. R. G. H.

***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:** 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:** UMH # 708 – “Rejoice in God’s Saints”

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude: Improvisation

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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All Saints Day
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Welcome, Guests!

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, we welcome you. 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

Last Sunday, Sudbury UMC's celebration of All Saints Day began with the baptism of two new Christians and the reception of nine new members of our church. This morning, we continue to observe All Saints Day by feasting with our saints at the Lord's Table during Holy Communion. And, the children of our Church School round out our celebration by sharing the songs they have been learning since classes reconvened in September. For all of God's saints of all ages, Alleluia!

Commemorate the Reformation's 500th Anniversary at 6:00 p.m.

All are invited to attend a Service of Evening Prayer today at 6:00 p.m. at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church at 16 Great Road in North Sudbury. This evening's service will mark the start of a year-long Commemoration of the Reformation's 500th anniversary by Lutherans, Roman Catholics, and other Christians. Visit <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/ecumenical-and-interreligious/ecumenical/upload/2017-Commemoration-of-the-500th-Anniversary-of-the-Reformation-Resource> for more information. Pastor Joel plans to attend and hopes to see you!

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. Parents, please pick up your children after worship in their classrooms to ensure that everyone makes it back to their families safely. During worship on Sunday, November 13th, all 3rd grade students will receive their Bibles. We urge the whole congregation will be present in worship to witness and celebrate this milestone.

Magic Years Luncheon on Thursday, November 10

Join Magic Years, Sudbury UMC's fellowship for retirees, for our November 10th luncheon at the Presbyterian Church in Sudbury, 330 Concord Road, Sudbury, MA 01776. Lunch will be served at noon. There is ample parking behind the church and no steps to climb between your car and the fellowship hall. Our program is "It's Never Too Late!"- A Slide Presentation by Mark Hopkins. Mr. Hopkins was 72 when he acquired his first digital camera. He is now recognized as an award-winning nature photographer. Come and see God's creation through Mr. Hopkins' lens!

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, behind the back row of pews on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. 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.

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.

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.

Looking Ahead to Advent!

This is the time in the church year when the calendar seems to speed up for all of us. All Saints Day celebrations race to Bible Sunday and then Thanksgiving worship services. What's next? Advent of course! In 2016, Sudbury UMC's members and friends can look forward to a deep and rich Advent season. Our focus will be tracing Jesus' genealogy by using a Jesse Tree in Sunday services and during weekly worship and formation sessions on Wednesday evenings. A simple meal of soup and bread will be served by the Membership and Community Life Commission at 6:00 p.m. Later, at 6:30 p.m. Heather Cranson, Kevin Murphy, and Rob Hammerton will offer a Taize worship experience. Pastor Joel will teach an adult class called "Finding Jesus' Roots in Matthew's Genealogy." Jackie Roder and Anthony Harrison will also offer classes for children and teens respectively. You will see sign up notices beginning next week for preparing soup and providing bread. Soup Suppers and Study Sessions will take place November 30, December 7, and December 14. If Jesus is the "Reason for the Christmas Season," these gatherings will help you and your loved ones put first things first. Please mark your calendar and plan to participate.

Want to Be in the Pageant?

Sudbury UMC's children are invited to participate in a Nativity Pageant during the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service on Saturday, December 24! This year, pageant rehearsals will begin the Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 19th, and run until the Saturday before Christmas Eve (no rehearsal on Christmas Eve morning.) Rehearsals are generally held between 9:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. for Dancing Angels) and 12:00 p.m. each Saturday.

Cancer and Caregiver Support Group Meets Monthly

Sudbury UMC's Cancer and Caregiver Support Prayer Group meets monthly on the third Wednesday from 6:00 till 7:30 p.m. Cancer patients, cancer survivors, and caregivers gather at Sudbury UMC in the O'Reilly Room to pray for and support each other. For more information, please visit SUMC.MA.Cancer.Care.Group@gmail.com.

Read for Spiritual Growth

Want to read for spiritual growth? Ten minutes each day with *The Upper Room* can lead to a growth spurt! Free booklets are available in the narthex. Help yourself! Or check out <http://devotional.upperroom.org> to visit *The Upper Room* each day online.

Women's Fellowship Events in November and December

On Monday, November 14, from 2:00 till 4:00 p.m., Sudbury UMC's women will meet in the Choir Room to decorate and assemble bags for the Pathways Family Shelter in Framingham. Items have been purchased for the bags. Participants will divide the cost of the items at the meeting. All the women of our church are invited to join us for this worthwhile project. Our meeting on Monday, December 5, at 7:00 p.m. will take place at the Hosmer House in Sudbury's historic center. Stay tuned for more information about the 2016 "Not So Silent Auction."

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – Sunday, November 20, at 4:00 p.m.

All are invited to attend Sudbury's annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Sudbury United Methodist Church, at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 20th. The service is sponsored by the Sudbury Clergy Association and welcomes clergy and laity from all houses of worship in Sudbury as well as from the Islamic Center of Boston in Wayland and the Hindu Sri Lakshmi Temple of Ashland. This year's theme is "Thanksgiving for Our Multi-Faith Community." The service will include a ceremonial gathering of Sudbury's congregations introduced by their founding date. Sudbury's United Methodist hosts will offer a welcoming blessing to all. Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar, episcopal leader of the New England Conference of The United Methodist Church, will read Scripture and preach. Guest clergy and lay leaders of the various congregations will be invited to bring greetings or a blessing from their faith tradition to the host congregation as we celebrate the re-opening of our newly renovated facilities. After the service, guests are invited to enjoy an open house featuring refreshments and tours of our newly renovated building.

Support "A Bed for Every Child" Next Sunday

It has been four years since the *Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless* began its ambitious program: *A Bed for Every Child*. Since its inception, 3,600 beds have been funded throughout the state. Last year alone, *A Bed for Every Child* distributed over 840 beds. This year's goal is the purchase and delivery of 250 beds to children across the Commonwealth. Next Sunday, November 13, Sudbury UMC's congregants will have an opportunity to participate by purchasing special holiday cakes after the 9:30 a.m. worship service. The Social Justice Commission will offer these cakes for \$15.00 each. Larger than the Dancing Deer cakes that are no longer available, this year's choices will be a Chocolate Ecstasy Cake or a Cranberry Cream Cake for the same price. Both freeze well. Donations by cash or check will also be accepted.

Youth Group Meets Today at 6:00 p.m.

The Youth Group will meet today at 6:00 p.m. in the Sunday School Rooms below the Sanctuary. Youth Ministries Director Anthony Harrison invites teens in grade six and higher to join the fun.

Acolyte Training November 13 after Worship

The Worship Commission will host a training session for older children who are interested in becoming acolytes after worship on Sunday, November 13. After sharing a pizza lunch with DCE Jackie Roder and third graders who have just received their first Bible, acolyte trainees in grades 4 and higher will move to the sanctuary to learn about the church year's seasons and special days, liturgical colors, why acolytes wear white robes (with hoods!), and all kinds of interesting things! We will practice processing with the candle lighters, lighting and extinguishing candles, and helping with a wide variety of acolyte responsibilities. The goal is to finish by 1:00 p.m. Questions? Please contact Wendy Guillemette at wguillemette@comcast.net or 978-443-2566.