



Sudbury United Methodist Church

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 13, 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 # 2153 – “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” (*verses 1-2*)

A Reading from the Scriptures: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 – “We Worked Night and Day”

Praise Song: FWS # 2153 – “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” (*verses 3-4*)

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

**O God, in Christ you give us hope
for a new heaven and a new earth.
Grant us wisdom to interpret the signs of our times,
perseverance to continue working for what is right,
and faithfulness to witness to your truth and love. Amen.**

Children's Time: “Working While We Wait”

Special Music: “Plenty Good Room”

Spiritual

***A Reading from the Gospels:** Luke 21:5-19
This reading is found on page 85 in the New Testament.

Sermon: “It’s Not the End of the World”

Pastor Joel Guillemette

***Hymn of Response:** UMH # 529 – “How Firm a Foundation”

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: "Book of Books"

P. Dearmer / J. Ahle

***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!**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn of Commitment: UMH # 730 – "O Day of God Draw Nigh"**

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude: "Sortie" op. 65/3

Alexandre Guilmant

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. 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!

Welcome Reception Follows Worship Nov. 13

Immediately after worship today, newcomers to our church are invited to learn more about Sudbury UMC during a special Welcoming Reception. Come to the O'Reilly Room to meet and chat with members of our congregation, lay leaders, our pastor and program staff. Refreshments will be served. Children are welcome. To find the O'Reilly Room, exit the church by the door near the lectern and look for the open door directly across the hall.

Third Graders Receive Bibles Today

During worship today, students in grade 3 will receive a Bible from Sudbury UMC. After worship, third graders and their parents are invited to share pizza with Jackie Roder, our DCE.

Where Will I Find My Kids after Church?

Today, after the Children's Moment, the 3-5 year olds' class will meet in Sunny Hill room 4. 1st-2nd grade, 3rd-5th grade, and 6th-8th grade will meet in their classrooms below the sanctuary. Parents, please meet your kids in their classrooms after worship to ensure maximum safety.

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."

Dedication of the Wayland Habitat for Humanity House to be held December 2

A ceremonial passing of the keys will take place on Sunday, December 2, at 11:00 a.m. when the Ventura family is officially welcomed to their new home in Wayland on the Stonebridge Road. All are welcome. Our church has provided financial and volunteer support for this project.

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 donations. Canned vegetables and soups, canned tuna and meat, crackers, jams, jellies, canned pastas and tomato sauces, noodles, rice, cereals, and baby foods are always needed. 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.

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.

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!

Advent begins in two weeks! 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 at 6:00 p.m. by the Membership and Community Life Commission. 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. When you see notices for preparing soup and providing bread on November 30, December 7, and December 14, please sign-up. Since Jesus is the "Reason for the Season," 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 19, 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.

Acolyte Training Today after Worship

The Worship Commission will host a training session for older children who are interested in becoming acolytes after worship today. 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.

Looking for a Preschool?

If you have a preschool child and you are planning for next year, please take a look at our own Sunny Hill Preschool. Tours are now being offered for families interested in 2017-2018 enrollment. Sunny Hill offers preferential placement for Sudbury UMC members. To ask questions or schedule a tour, please contact Sunny Hill's director, Debbie Rollins, at 978-443-2627.

Please Be Careful as Parking Lot Work Continues

Soon the north entrance (the "IN" gate) to our parking lot will move further to the north. Drivers approaching from Sudbury's Historic Center will make their turn sooner. Be careful and alert.

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

All are invited to Sudbury's annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Sudbury UMC will host at 4:00 p.m. next Sunday. Sponsored by the Sudbury Clergy Association, the service 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 will be "Giving Thanks for Our Multi-Faith Community." The service will begin with a ceremonial gathering of Sudbury's congregations introduced by their founding date and mission statement. A blessing for each will follow. Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar, episcopal leader of the New England Conference of The United Methodist Church, will preach. Finally, clergy and lay leaders of the various congregations will bring greetings and blessings from their faith tradition to Sudbury UMC 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 refurbished building.

Support "A Bed for Every Child" After Worship

Four years ago, 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. Today you can support this effort 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.

Church Conference to Convene November 29

At 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29, members of Sudbury UMC are called to our Fall Church Conference. The Rev. Gary Shaw, the pastor of Carter Memorial UMC in Needham, has been asked by our District Superintendent, the Rev. Rene Perez, to preside. Our annual meeting will include a discussion of this question: "How can our church become good soil in which God can plant seeds of trust?" Also on the agenda will be reports from the Endowment and the Building Committees as well as a motion from the Staff-Parish Committee regarding the pastor's salary.

Cancer and Caregiver Support Group Meets Monthly

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