



**NATIVE  
AMERICAN**  
*Ministry*

***Sudbury United Methodist Church***

**Third Sunday of Easter  
Native American Ministries Sunday  
April 14, 2024**

*\*indicates worshipers may stand in body or spirit*

**Welcome**

**Hymn Sing**

**\*Call to Worship:** *(written by Mary Scifres)*

Leader: Turn to Christ,

**Many: Who calls us here.**

Leader: Place your trust in God,

**Many: Who protects our lives.**

Leader: Lean into the Spirit,

**Many: As we worship in Spirit and truth.**

**\*Processional Hymn:** UMH # 140 – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no  
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and  
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -  
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 man-i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.  
 hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy  
hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

**\*Opening Prayer:** *(written by Mary Scifres)*

**God of miracles and truth, bless us, as we gather for worship,  
with the power of your Holy Spirit.**

**Reveal your presence in our midst and open our hearts and  
minds to receive your miraculous love.**

**Strengthen our faith this day,  
that we may go forth as witnesses of your miraculous love. AMEN.**

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

**\*A Reading from the Gospel:** Luke 24: 36b-48

*This reading is taken from "First Nations Version" – An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament.*

<sup>36</sup> Before the men finished speaking, suddenly Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) himself was standing there among them. "Peace be with you!" he said to them.

<sup>37</sup> Filled with fear, they all moved back from him, thinking he was a ghost. <sup>38</sup> "Why are you trembling?" he asked. "Why do you doubt what your eyes see?" <sup>39</sup> Look at my hand and feet. Touch me. A spirit does not have flesh and bone, as you can see I have."

<sup>40</sup> Then he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup> They still could not believe their eyes, and with glad but fearful hearts they could only stare at him.

Then he said to them, "Give me something to eat." <sup>42</sup> They gave him some cooked fish <sup>43</sup> and he ate it in front of them. <sup>44</sup> As he ate, he said this to them, "When I was with you before, I told you that all the words of Drawn from the Water (*Moses*), the Prophets, and the Sacred Book of Songs (*Psalms*) must find their full meaning in me."

<sup>45</sup> He then opened their minds so they could see the full meaning of the Sacred Teachings <sup>46</sup> and said to them, "The Sacred Teachings foretold long ago that the Chosen One would walk a path of suffering. He would then die and rise to life on the third day.

<sup>47</sup> "It was foretold that beginning in the Sacred Village of Peace (*Jerusalem*), the good story would be told to all the nations. This story will change hearts and minds and release people from their bad hearts and broken ways.

<sup>48</sup> "You, my message bearers, have seen these things with your own eyes so that you can go and tell others."

## **Children's Time**

**Special Music:** "Always Peace" Gospel Group (*livestream muted*)      B. C. Wilson

**Reading from the Scripture:** Acts 3: 12-19

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<sup>12</sup> When Stands on the Rock (*Peter*) saw all the people, he lifted up his voice to give the people an answer for the healing of the crippled man.

"Fellow Tribal Members," he said to them, "you should not be amazed at us, or think that we are holy enough to make a crippled man walk. <sup>13</sup> It was the one who walked with Father of Many Nations (*Abraham*), He Made Us Laugh (*Isaac*), and Heel Grabber (*Jacob*)—the Great Spirit of our ancestors, who has done this.

"The Giver of Life has honored Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*), the one who served him and did all he asked. The same one you turned over to Spear of the Great Waters (*Pilate*), the governor from the People of Iron (*Romans*), to be put on trial for his life. The same one you turned your back on, in front of Spear of the Great Waters (*Pilate*), when he wanted to release him.

<sup>14</sup>"But you turned your back on the Holy and Upright One and then asked for a violent murderer to be set free. <sup>15</sup> In doing so you killed the Maker of Life! But the Giver of Breath brought him back to life from the dead! This we have seen with our own eyes.

<sup>16</sup> "It is only because of Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*), and *all* that his name represents, that this man stands before you healed and strong now. You can see for yourselves what trusting in Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) has done for him."

<sup>17</sup>"Fellow Tribal Members," he said, "I understand that neither you nor your leaders knew what they were doing when they had Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) killed.

<sup>18</sup>But this is how the Great Spirit fulfilled all that the prophets foretold when they spoke of the suffering of the Chosen One.

<sup>19</sup>"You must think in a new way and return to the Great Spirit to walk this new path he has chosen for us all. Then you will be healed of your broken ways, <sup>20</sup> and Creator will shine his on you and give you cool, fresh water to drink from his river of life. He will then give to you the one he selected to be his Chosen One—Creator of Set Free (*Jesus*)

**Sermon:** "For Real"

The Rev. Leigh Goodrich

**Hymn:** TFWS # 2059 – "I Am Your Mother"

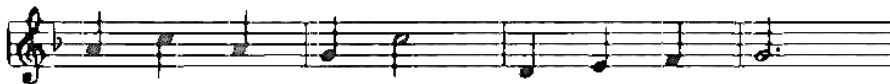
# I Am Your Mother

(Earth Prayer)

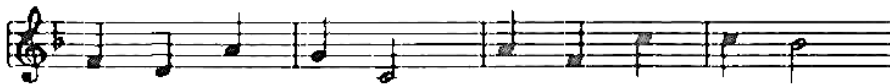
2059



1. I am your moth - er: Do not ne - glect me!  
 2. I am your nur - ture: Do not de - stroy me!  
 3. I am your lodg - ing: Do not a - buse me!  
 4. God is our mak - er: Do not de - ny God,



Chil - dren, pro - tect me — I need your trust;  
 Love and en - joy me, sa - vor my fruit;  
 Ten - der - ly use me, sooth - ing my scars;  
 chal - lenge, de - fy God, threat - en this place;



my breath is your breath, my death is your death,  
 my good is your good, my food is your food,  
 my health is your health, my wealth is your wealth,  
 life is to cher - ish, — care, or we per - ish!



ash - es to ash - es, dust in - to dust.  
 wa - ter and flow - er, branch - es and root.  
 shin - ing with prom - ise, set a - mong stars.  
 I am your moth - er, — tears on my face.

## Prayer Joys and Concerns

**Stewardship Moment:**

**The Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*(Jesus used the prayer we know as "The Lord's Prayer" to teach us how to pray. The words printed here are from Matthew 6:9-13, however we encourage you to pray this prayer in language you find most comfortable and meaningful.)*

**Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Stewardship Moment:** Church Growth

**Offertory Anthem:** "Many and Great, O God"

Renville/Frazier/Dakota Trad.

**\*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!**

**Offertory Blessing**

**Hymn of Commitment:** UMH # 318 – "Christ Is Alive"



# Christ Is Alive

318

1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris-tians sing. His cross stands  
 2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3. Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
 4. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 5. Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and all cre -

prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
 here and now and dwell in ev - ery place and time.  
 midst of life, our Sav - ior in the God-head reigns.  
 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
 a - tion ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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 MUSIC: *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

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**Dismissal with Blessing**

**Postlude: "Processional"**

William Mathias

This morning's liturgist is Jason Weeks.

*(Sudbury United Methodist Church enjoys a vibrant and gifted tradition of worship and praise to our Creator. If you wish to leave worship early, you are welcome to do so in a quiet and reverent manner.)*

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**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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*(Pastor Zack observes sabbath on Wednesday)*

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**We are a Reconciling and Welcoming  
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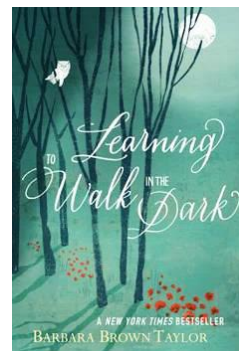
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**Welcome, Guests!**

Whether you are visiting Sudbury UMC's Sunday worship services in our sanctuary or via our live-streamed or video-recorded options, we welcome you! We invite you to celebrate with us the hope God has given the world through Jesus Christ. The nursery above the sanctuary is open for families with children who would like to be able to see and hear the service, while allowing the children to roam and play in a safe kid-friendly room. Enjoy your visit! Please come back as often as you can!

**Spirituality Book Study Through May 16, on Thursdays at 6:30 pm.**

In *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, Barbara Brown Taylor guides us through a spirituality that teaches us how to find our footing in times of uncertainty, and gives us strength and hope to face all of life's challenging moments. By putting aside our fears and anxieties, we are free to explore all that God has to teach us "in the dark." Through darkness we find courage, we understand the world in new ways, and we feel God's presence around us, guiding us through things seen and unseen. Often, it is while we are in the dark that we grow the most. We started on Thursday, April 11th and we will end on Thursday, May 16th. Please contact either Karen Lubic or John McKinney to get the Zoom link.



**Yard Sale on May 18**



Mark your calendars - SUMC will host a community yard sale on Saturday, May 18, from 9 am to 3 pm! This is a great chance to keep old items out of the landfill, to serve our neighbors, and to invite people to visit us! We will rent tables for \$25 to crafters or all who wants to sell their own things. We'll also take donations of items that the church can sell. We need volunteers to help - please consider joining in the fun! For more information, please contact Lay Leader Heather Josselyn-Cranson at [hjosselyn@hotmail.com](mailto:hjosselyn@hotmail.com).

**Discussion Led By Sudbury Police Chief Scott Nix on "Safety Preparedness" Next Sunday, April 21**

Shortly after the service on April 21, Police Chief Nix will lead a discussion in the sanctuary on "Safety Preparedness." Consider staying after church on April 21st to meet Police Chief Nix and ask any questions that you may have.

**Join Our Liturgist Team**

Reading scripture at our worship service is one of the many rewarding ways to be involved with SUMC. Liturgists help lead the congregation in prayer, read Scripture, and assist with the distribution of the bread and cup during Holy Communion. Those who enjoy public speaking, and especially reading the gospels, are welcome to join our team of Liturgists. All readings and prayers are supplied to the liturgist making it easy for you to prepare. Your commitment would be only 4-5 Sundays within the year. If you are interested, please reach out to Libby Dilling, [libby@dilling.org](mailto:libby@dilling.org).



## How to Donate Sunday Morning Altar Flowers



The Flower Team welcomes altar flower donations. To choose a date, visit a user-friendly website: [Flower Sign-Up Genius](#). or email Kerry at ([healyweeks@gmail.com](mailto:healyweeks@gmail.com)). Please use the comment section to note if your gift is intended to be in honor or in memory of someone special. And if you have specific flowers in mind, please also share that information in the comment section. Thanks.

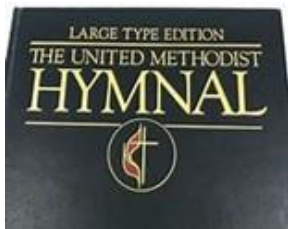
**Do you love flowers? Would you like to join the team that creates the beautiful arrangements on the altar each Sunday?** Please contact Kerry Healy to let her know of your interest and she'll be happy to fill you in about the process.

## Coming to Church? Please Follow Safety Guidelines!

The windows in the sanctuary will remain open for the foreseeable future to improve air flow and enhance public safety. Please do not close the windows during worship. You may want to sit closer to the center aisle if you are cold. We're trying to prevent the spread of viruses and COVID. Please be mindful of the outdoor temperature and dress accordingly. Masks are available if you need one.



## Do You Prefer Large Print? Hearing Assistance?



Large print copies of the *Bible*, *The United Methodist Hymnal* and *The Faith We Sing* are available for worshipers who prefer them. They can be found on a pew bench in the narthex. For those who find it difficult to hear, especially with air-circulating equipment in use during our services, easy to use hearing devices can also be helpful. Like transistor radios, they're easy to adjust and safe to wear since the earpiece fits over the ear and not inside. Our ushers will happily assist you.

## Coffee Hour Follows Worship

Coffee and conversation follow Sunday worship services. To find Hawes Hall, exit the sanctuary by the door near the pulpit. Climb three steps, turn left and follow the corridor to the aroma of fresh coffee and the sound of fellowship!

## Can you help this vital ministry by making coffee on Sunday mornings?

Sherry and Ernie Stonebraker are happy to train those who are willing to join the team. It is a great way to get to know our congregation. To offer your help, contact Sherry at ([sstoneb@aol.com](mailto:sstoneb@aol.com)).



## Sunday Greeters Needed

The Church Growth Commission has resumed our custom of welcoming visitors and members to church each Sunday morning. Cindi Bockweg maintains a Sunday Greeters' calendar. If this is a way you want to contribute to our time together, Cindi would appreciate hearing from you! Her email address is ([cindijb@hotmail.com](mailto:cindijb@hotmail.com)).

## Food Pantry Needs

Donations made to the shopping cart near the O'Reilly Room are delivered to the Food Bank in Maynard. Canned tuna, fruit and vegetables are always popular. Pasta, spaghetti sauce in jars, raisins in boxes, dried beans in bags, breadcrumbs, condensed milk, rice pilaf, and instant coffee are also always welcome. Donations may be left at the church's O'Reilly Room entrance any Sunday morning or Monday through Friday during office hours. Thanks for your generosity.



## We Live-Stream on SUMC's YouTube Channel and Facebook Page!

Find us each Sunday morning as we live-stream on YouTube and Facebook. **You can click the links below the logos to connect in real time!** The Church Growth Commission invites you to follow us on Facebook, YouTube, Instagram and Twitter! By reaching out to the community through these social media platforms, the commission hopes to reach a larger audience as we move into the future. Please help our church to grow by following us on Facebook, YouTube, Instagram and Twitter.



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## Upper Room Booklets

Lay and clergy writers who contribute to The Upper Room helps laity and clergy readers around the world focus on God's loving presence in daily life. Free booklets are available in a clear rack outside the O'Reilly Room door. Or visit The Upper Room online at <http://devotional.upperroom.org/>.

Five minutes, fifteen, or thirty reading Scripture and sitting quietly in God's presence will set the tone for the whole day.

## Ron Smith Memorial Fund



The Ron Smith Memorial Fund award is given each year to remember a beloved member of our congregation. Ron was a member for many years and contributed much to the music program with his very talented trumpet playing.

The Fund was established in 2019 after Ron's passing and is given annually

(1) to a young person to encourage and to help pursue their musical goals.

(2) It can also be awarded to cancer patients and loved one who provide care for them.

The Fund awards a monetary gift in May. Please see Pastor Leigh or a member of the Worship and Music Commission for more information and to apply.

## Kidbury UMC

Kidbury UMC is open before and after worship! The theme for the month of April is "Throw Back." It's all about Jesus' teachings, and how, even though the world changes and looks different than it used to, Jesus' teachings are always meaningful and Jesus' love for us never changes. It is for all ages (there's even a toddler table!) and opens at 9:00 am each Sunday. Feel free to come by any time before 9:45 or after worship during Coffee Hour.



## Sunday Morning Youth Devo

Each Sunday through June 9, at 9:15 am, youth (grades 6-12) are invited to the youth room (below the sanctuary) for a morning devotion using the *d365* app or website. *d365* <https://d365.org/> is a daily devotion written for youth and adults. The devotion follows a five-step format – Pause, Listen, Think, Pray, Go – and the reading/discussion will usually take 15-20 minutes. The SUMC youth and the Christian Education Commission are thankful for our adult volunteers who will facilitate the morning devotion and discussion, and for the livestream team leaders for their leadership.

## Salkehatchie Fundraisers!

SUMC's members have been extremely supportive of Salkehatchie, our annual mission trip to South Carolina. We will be returning this summer, and we will have our third dinner and silent auction event on Sunday, May 12. That is Mother's Day, which makes it a great day to bring mom to see a show (the Connexions Concert), treat her to dinner (southern cuisine), and get her something nice at the auction. How many wins is that? So many wins.

There is another way to support the team *and* low-income families. Between now and early June, the Salkehatchie team will be collecting "soft goods" (clothing, blankets, curtains, etc.) that will be given to Savers at 20 cents/pound. We will give all the items to Savers on Saturday, June 8.

## Adult Formation Classes

The Adult Formation Classes meet on Sunday mornings from 9:15-9:45 am.

**Exploring Topics in Christianity** meets in Davison Chapel. During April, we will be exploring the early years of Christianity.

- April 21st - The Apostles - What Came Next?
- April 28th - Life as an Early Christian

**The Upper Room Group** meets each week in the O'Reilly Room. This group opens in prayer, then reflects on a scripture passage or devotional reading provided by individual volunteers from the group.

## SUMC Men's Group Event

Dan Cetrone is organizing an outing to Fenway Park on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 pm. There will be a thrilling clash between the Boston Red Sox and the Milwaukee Brewers. Dan has access to Box 93 on the first baseline complete with a variety of snacks ! Tickets are \$57.00 each and **time is of the essence!** Please contact him at 978-793-2012 or via email [italianpower1953@gmail.com](mailto:italianpower1953@gmail.com).

## Heritage Sunday, May 19, 2024

On May 19, 2024, Sudbury UMC will observe its second Heritage Sunday.

Technically, Heritage Sunday began as a day to honor the Church's heritage by committing itself to the continuing call of God. Moreover, we remember that on April 23, 1968, 56 years ago, The United Methodist Church was created by the union of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church. In turn, we at Sudbury UMC use this time as an opportunity for the church to thank all its volunteers.

On this second anniversary, we are offering you the chance to nominate two people who have made significant contributions to our church. One individual who has been here for a long period of time, and one who is relatively new. You may only nominate one person in each category. Staff members may **NOT** be nominated (no matter how much you appreciate them!)

1. \_\_\_\_\_(long term)

2. \_\_\_\_\_(short term)

Thank you!