

Sudbury United Methodist Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024

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Welcome

Prelude: Prelude on “São Gan”

David Evan Thomas

***Call to Worship:** (*Psalm 98: 1, 4-6*)

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song,

Many: for he has done marvelous things.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

Many: break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,

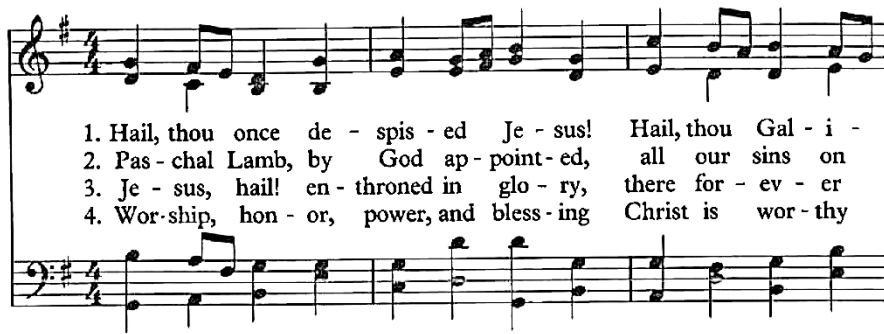
Many: with the lyre and the sound of melody.

Leader: With trumpets and the sound of the horn

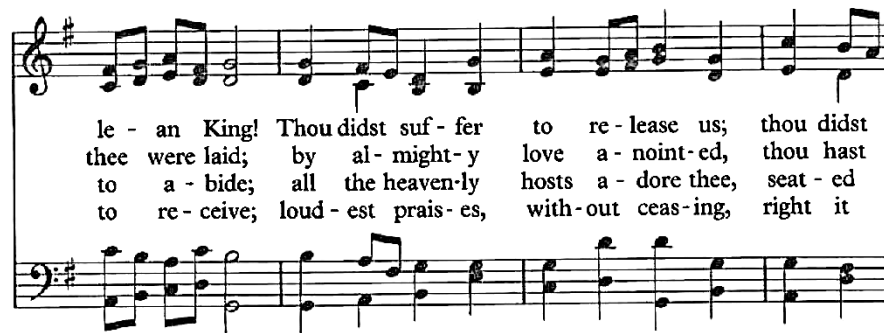
Many: make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Hymn of Praise: UMH # 325 – “Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”

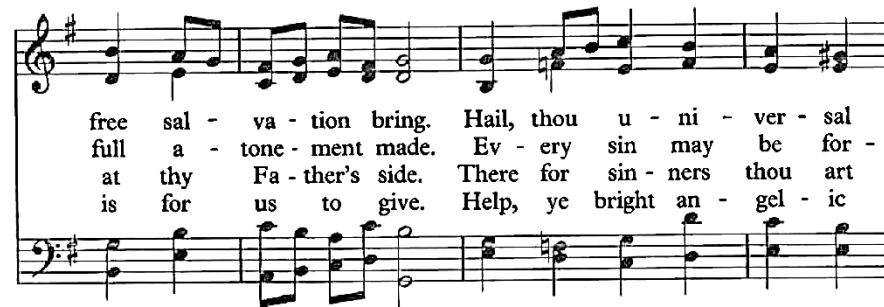
325 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus



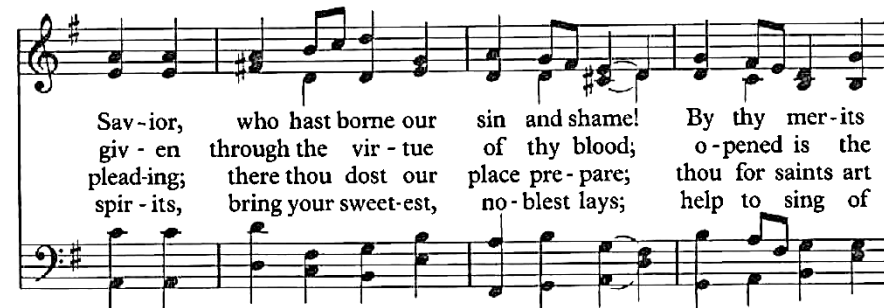
1. Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
 2. Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
 3. Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for - ev - er
 4. Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing Christ is wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; thou didst
 thee were laid; by al - might - y love a - noint - ed, thou hast
 to a - bide; all the heav - en - ly hosts a - dore thee, seat - ed
 to re - ceive; loud - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, right it

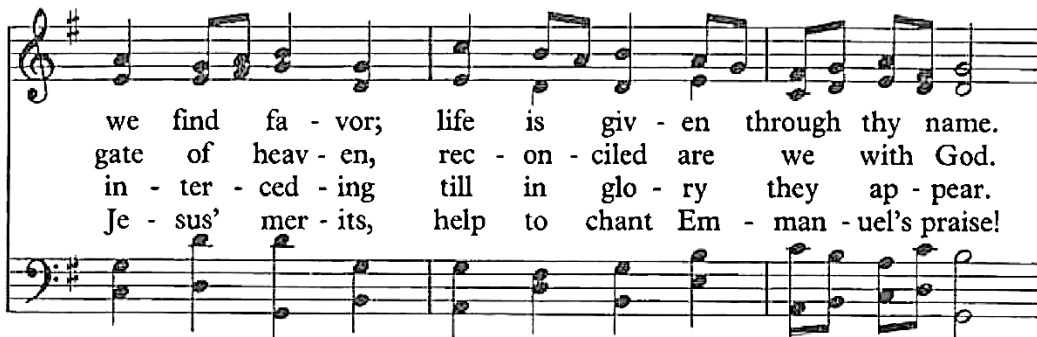


free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
 full a - tone - ment made. Ev - ery sin may be for -
 at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
 is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sav - ior, who hast borne our sin and shame! By thy mer - its
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood; o - pened is the
 plead - ing; there thou dost our place pre - pare; thou for saints art
 spir - its, bring your sweet - est, no - blest lays; help to sing of

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we find fa - vor; life is giv - en through thy name.
gate of heav - en, rec - on - ciled are we with God.
in - ter - ced - ing till in glo - ry they ap - pear.
Je - sus' mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

***Opening Prayer:** *(written by Heather Josselyn-Cranson)*

**We thank you for your great love, O God,
which calls us together in worship this morning.
We thank you for your Anointed One, Jesus, who called us friends and family.
We thank you for the new life you give us in baptism and
the opportunities you lay before us with each new dawn.
Give us ears to hear your Word, hearts to feel your presence,
and hands to extend your love to all around us this day. Amen.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Reading from the Scripture: Acts 10:44-48

This reading can be found on page 130 in the New Testament section of the pew Bibles.

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the gentiles, ⁴⁶ for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Children's Time

Special Music: "This Little Light of Mine" Kidbury Chorus Traditional

***A Reading from the Gospels:** John 15:9-17

This reading can be found on pages 109-110 in the New Testament section of the pew Bibles.

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and

abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Sermon: “Abide”

Heather Josselyn-Cranson

Hymn: UMH # 610 – “We Know That Christ Is Raised”

610 We Know That Christ Is Raised

Unison

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
 The un - i - verse re - stored and whole will sing:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: John Brownlow Geyer, 1969 (Rom. 6:3-11)
 MUSIC: Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904

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Prayer Joys and Concerns

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

Offertory Anthem: "Carry Me Home"

Jean Anne Shafferman

***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

Holy Communion

The Rev. Mark Fowler

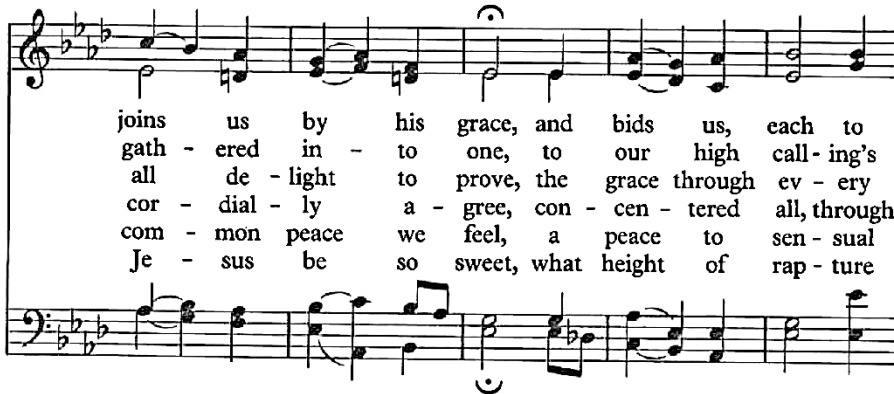
***The Great Thanksgiving:** UMH pages 17-18 – "Musical Setting A"

Hymn of Commitment: UMH # 554 – "All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord"

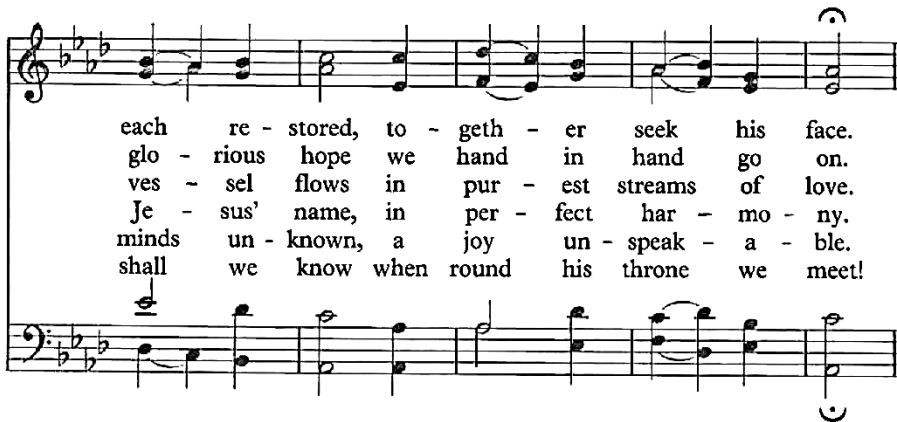
All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord 554



1. All praise to our re - deem - ing Lord, who
 2. He bids us build each oth - er up; and,
 3. The gift which he on one be - stows, we
 4. E'en now we think and speak the same, and
 5. We all par - take the joy of one; the
 6. And if our fel - low - ship be - low in



joins us by his grace, and bids us, each to
 gath - ered in - to one, to our high call - ing's
 all de - light to prove, the grace through ev - ery
 cor - dial - ly a - gree, con - cen - tered all, through
 com - mon peace we feel, a peace to sen - sual
 Je - sus be so sweet, what height of rap - ture



each re - stored, to - geth - er seek his face.
 glo - rious hope we hand in hand go on.
 ves - sel flows in pur - est streams of love.
 Je - sus' name, in per - fect har - mo - ny.
 minds un - known, a joy un - speak - a - ble.
 shall we know when round his throne we meet!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747

MUSIC: Sylvanus B. Pond, 1836; harm. by Austin C. Lovelace, 1963

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Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude: Improvisation

This morning's liturgist is Chantal Charles.

(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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We are a Reconciling and Welcoming Congregation



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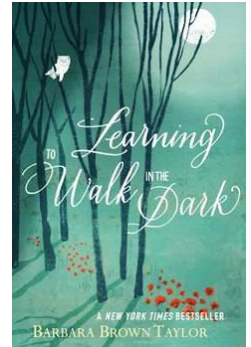
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Welcome, Guests!

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 9:00 am to 3:00 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.

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.



Magic Years

The next Magic Years luncheon will take place on Thursday, May 16, at noon in Davison Chapel. Bill Hoke will speak on his travels to Patagonia. **PLEASE** rsvp early by signing up after Sunday services today or May 12, (someone will be on the porch accepting RSVPs) or by Monday May 13, to kjdorlando@comcast.net or text/call 508-561-5382.

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). 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.

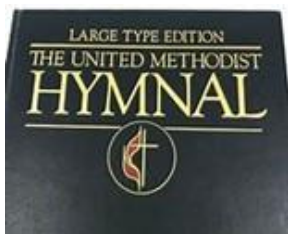
Do you love flowers? Would you like to join the team that creates the beautiful arrangements on the altar each Sunday? Please contact Kerry Healy to let her know of your interest and she'll be happy to fill you in about the process.

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.

Porch Party Follows Worship!

Coffee and conversation follow outside on the porch after worship today! Enjoy the sunshine while sipping coffee and the warmth of fellowship. We hope to have outdoor coffee hour while the weather is seasonable.

If you can help with the set-up or clean-up in the next few weeks, please speak to Kristin Murphy. Thanks.



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).

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!

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Upper Room Booklets

Lay and clergy writers who contribute to The Upper Room help 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! As always, the Kidbury Library, games station, and Tent of Meeting (prayer station) will be available for children to visit any time.

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.



Salkehatchie Fundraiser – Save the Date – Dinner and Silent Auction on May 12, FAQs:

- **What will dinner cost?** We suggest a \$15/person or \$25/family donation for the dinner. This is not mandatory.
- **When does dinner start?** 5:30pm.
- **What's for dinner?** Southern staples! Fried chicken, Charleston red rice, biscuits, salad, and banana pudding. (We might even throw in some sweet iced tea)
- **When is the auction?** The auction will be open for bids all day on May 12 until 5:30pm. Auction winners will be announced at 6:30.
- **What is Salkehatchie again?** It is our annual mission trip to impoverished areas of South Carolina, where we spend the week in service (doing really hard work fixing homes in bad condition), worship, and fellowship with other Methodist youth and adults.
- **RSVPs** for dinner are not required but they are appreciated so we have an idea of how many to expect. If you know that you are planning to come to the dinner, please let Zack Moser know or use the RSVP link from the weekly announcements.



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. The topics planned for the remainder of this program year are as follows:

May 12 - Paul and his letters

May 26 - No Class, Memorial Day Weekend

May 19 - Messianic passages of the OT

June 2 - The Lost Gospel Q

All are welcome to share in the discussion or to just listen. No preparation or homework required.

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.