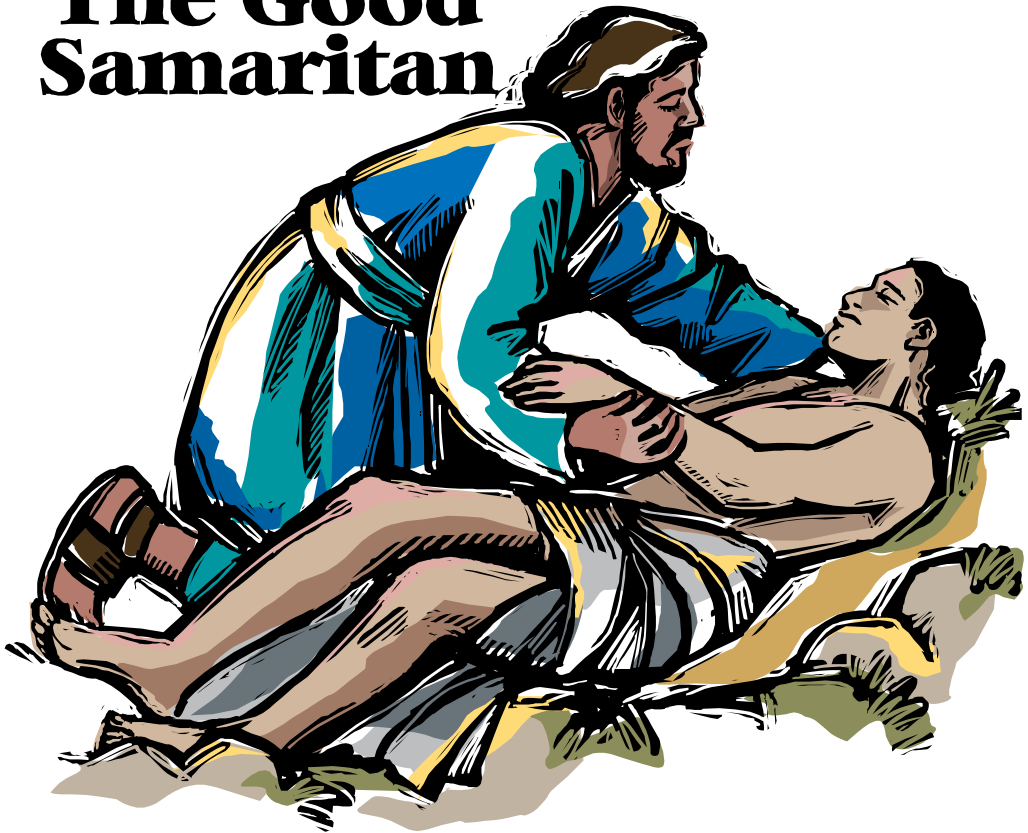


The Good Samaritan



Sudbury United Methodist Church

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 11, 2010

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. When the prelude begins, let us prepare to worship God.

**indicates worshippers may stand, as they are able.*

Prelude: "Vesper Voluntary #4"

E. Elgar

Welcome

***Call to Worship:** (*Abingdon Worship Annual 2010, alt.*)

Leader: Love the Lord your God.

People: We come with love and hope!

Leader: Love your neighbors too.

People: We come with loving hearts!

Leader: Love even yourself.

People: We come in humble trust!

All: We come to worship, that God's love might live in us.

***Hymn of Praise:** UMH #192 "There's a Spirit in the Air" (*verses 1-5*)

***Opening Prayer:** (*Abingdon Worship Annual 2010, alt.*)

**God of all who call the earth their home,
walk with us in this time of worship;
walk with us on this journey of life.**

**Help us see the humanity of the foreigner
lying injured by the side of the road.**

Help us to respond to the needs of all around us.

**Help us overcome our fear of strangers,
our hatred of enemies.**

**Encourage us, that we may be servants to all,
be they friend or foe,
stranger or family.**

In the name of Christ who walks with us, we pray. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Amos 7:7-9

This reading is on page 855 in the Old Testament.

Children's Time: "Being Plumb"

Special Music: "Bedeck thyself, O my Soul"

J. Crüger, arr. K. F. Murphy

***Gospel Reading:** Luke 10:25-37

This reading is on pages 71-72 in the New Testament.

Sermon: “No Fences”

***Hymn of Response:** TFWS #2172 “We Are Called”

A Time of Fellowship

Greeting Our Guests

Concerns and Celebrations

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: “Beecher”

J. Zundel, arr. K. F. Murphy

***The 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!

***Hymn of Commitment:** TFWS #2223 “They’ll Know We are Christians by Our Love”

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude: “Siciliano” from BWV 1031

J. S. Bach

In consideration for those who wish to listen quietly to the postlude, worshipers who must exit the sanctuary immediately are asked to save conversations until they have left the room. Thanks!

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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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation



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“Rejoice in the Lord Always!”

In Philippians 4: 4-7, Paul suggests that rejoicing in God’s nearness leads to less worry, and that less worry leads to experiencing the peace of Christ. If that’s true, and we Christians believe it is, then one of the best ways to minimize worry and to find God’s peace within is going to church to “rejoice in the Lord.” If you are new to our church, we thank you for sharing in our rejoicing. We also thank you for helping us to get to know you by writing your name, address and phone number in your pew’s attendance folder. To help us even more, tell us your name and where you’re from midway through worship when we greet our guests. And finally, if time permits, join us after worship for coffee and fellowship. Just exit the sanctuary by the door near the pulpit, climb three stairs, turn left and follow the corridor all the way to the end. Or to learn more about Sudbury UMC, visit the “Welcome and Information Station” near the front door.

Pastor Joel on Sabbatical

Senior Pastor Joel Guillemette began a three-month sabbatical and study leave on June 1 during which he will explore emerging patterns in 21st century worship by reading widely and attending conferences in Albuquerque, NM, and Minneapolis, MN. In September, Joel will share the results of his studies with the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, the Church Council, and the congregation during an after-worship presentation.

Directions to the Family Room

Infants and toddlers are welcome in worship. Parents who wish to visit our Family Room with visual and aural access to the sanctuary will find steps leading to it in both front stair wells. Parents may stay in the Family Room or entrust children to the attendants on duty.

Large Print Worship Books

For those who prefer large print materials, special copies of *The United Methodist Hymnal* and *The Faith We Sing* are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Register for Disciple I Bible Study

Starting September 13, Pastor Joel will lead Sudbury UMC’s next Disciple I Bible Study for adults who would like to read most of the Bible, get to know a group of committed Christian friends, and grow closer to God. Requirements include at least 30 minutes of daily Bible reading, attending a 2 ½ hour class on 32 Monday nights, and taking part in a 24-hour closing retreat in May 2011. Email drelizabeth@sudbury-umc.org to register.

Dominica Support

SUMC now has sponsors in place for the 23 individuals recommended by Pastor Dodds from the Marigot and Wesley Village Methodist Churches. Money pledged to support the preschool teacher salaries is now at \$2,200.00, more than half way to our goal of \$4,000.00. A contribution in any amount will help. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please speak with Nancy Sweeney today or e-mail her at NSweeneyJ@aol.com.

Back by Popular Demand!

For more than 40 years, Sudbury UMC's fall retreat has been a valued tradition. Last September, it was not possible to offer an overnight option at Grotonwood, our retreat's new venue in Groton, MA. But this year's planning team is pleased to announce that an overnight option is back by popular demand! On Saturday, September 11, participants may choose to spend the night at the conference center. Or those who prefer the one-day option may join the retreat after worshipping at Sudbury UMC on Sunday, September 12. Look for your copy of this year's retreat brochure and registration form in the narthex or church office and remember to register no later than August 31.

Food Cart Waits to Be Refilled

Since the contents of the shopping cart in the narthex have recently been delivered to an area food bank, Sudbury UMC's Local Outreach Focus Team urges you to bring non-perishable food items whenever you come to worship. Please help refill the cart!

Rosie's Place

Volunteers are needed to provide meals for Rosie's Place on August 5 and September 2. Pasta salad and dessert are needed for these two dates. If you can volunteer please contact Cindy Simon at 978-443-4373 or sudburysimons@verizon.net. Remember, if you will be out of town on these dates, the dessert items can be placed in the freezer. Just label them as being for Rosie's and the month to be used.

Chronicle Deadlines

The next Chronicle will be sent out on July 15. The deadline for submission of materials is Monday, July 12.

Bulletin Deadlines

If you need anything included in the Sunday bulletin insert, please get it to Pastor John by 10 am on Tuesday.

Savoyards To Present “On Golden Pond”

The Sudbury Savoyards will present Ernest Thompson’s classic love story “On Golden Pond” at Curtis Middle School July 23, 24, 30 and 31 at 7:30 with matinees at 1:30 on July 25 and 31. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$16 for seniors, students and children under 12, and may be purchased by phoning 978-443-8811, email to tickets@sudburysavoyards.org or through their website www.sudburysavoyards.org. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. Ethel and Norman Thayer know that time is against them, but the years together have been good and, just perhaps, another summer awaits them on Golden Pond. Curtis Middle School is located at 22 Pratts Mill Road in Sudbury, and is air-conditioned, handicapped accessible, and surrounded by ample parking.

Volunteers Needed for House Staff and Baked Items

The Sudbury Savoyards are recruiting volunteers to serve as ushers for performances and to provide home-baked items for their performance of “On Golden Pond” July 23-31. Ushers can enjoy seeing the performance without purchasing tickets, and the selling of baked goods during intermission adds to funds raised for world hunger relief. If you can help with either task, please contact the house manager at maryleam@gmail.com or call 978-443-8811 and leave a message.

Assembly of the Laity Retreat

Does your spiritual life need to be rekindled? Each summer, the New England Annual Conference offers a spiritual life retreat for laity from all over New England. The weekend includes guest speakers, singing, worship, small group discussions and fellowship. This year’s theme is Fueling the Flame of Faith, and one of the speakers will be the Rev. Dr. Wanda Stahl, director of Christian formation for the conference. The retreat will take place at the Marist House in Framingham August 6-8. The cost is \$100 for commuters or \$140 with lodging. Registrations forms are available in the church office or at <http://www.assemblyofthelaity.com>. Nancy Sweeney and John Fraize have both attended in the past and can answer any questions you may have.

Save the Date – Greenwood Picnic

Greenwood Memorial United Memorial Church will host our annual picnic on Sunday, August 15. This year’s summer get together will be held on Castle Island with Pastor Garvin Warden holding a worship service on the shore at 10AM. Pastor Garvin’s theme will be “Jesus on the Shore.” Food will follow at 11AM. SUMC will provide desserts. There will be a sign-up sheet for bus transportation in Hawes Hall beginning July 13. For those who would like to go after Sudbury UMC’s service, a sign-up sheet will also be available for carpooling. Visit <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/metroboston/castle.htm> to learn about the many recreational opportunities on Castle Island – swimming, places to stroll, playgrounds, restrooms and other amenities. Come and enjoy a wonderful day!

Greeters, Liturgists and More Needed to Assist With Worship

The ministry teams that enhance worship and music at Sudbury UMC are in need of new volunteers. Ushers, acolytes, communion stewards, flower arrangers, liturgists, and choir guild helpers strengthen the worship we give to God every Sunday. The Worship and Music Commission is setting into motion plans to replace some of the paraments that adorn the lectern, altar, and communion table. We are looking for persons with quilting experience, and quilt-art design skills. To help, please contact Steve Perkins by leaving a message through the church office e-mail address: sumc@sudbury-umc.org, or by phoning 978-443-4351.

Volunteers Needed for Summer Sunday School

On Sunday mornings through September 5, children from Pre-K through Grade 5 will participate in a one-room summer Sunday School class to be led by teams of two or three volunteers. Teachers are still needed for August. To reserve the one or two Sundays when you prefer to lead this class, please sign up at the Christian Education bulletin board or by contacting Elizabeth Windsor at drelizabeth@sudbury-umc.org. Thanks for your support.

Vacation Bible School Registration

"Galactic Blast," Sudbury UMC's July 26 through 30 Vacation Bible School, will be here before you know it. From 9:00 till 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, students and volunteers will enjoy space age excursions, fun, and learning. To register online, please go to <http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/galactic-blast/VBS-SUMC>.

Vacation Bible School Volunteers

Spaceship *Galactic Blast* is in its launch countdown for our Vacation Bible School July 26th – 30th. Mission Control is still looking for command staff – particularly Bible Storytellers and Recreation Leaders! Please see Elizabeth Windsor after service or send her an email at drelizabeth@sudbury-umc.org if you would like to join the Mission Team as we blast off for a GREAT week of VBS!!

Summer Office Hours

The church office will be open from 8:30-12:30 Monday through Friday. If you need to be in contact with the church office, please do so during these hours. The office will return to normal hours starting August 30.

Thanks for Recycling

The Worship and Music Commission thanks everyone who participates in keeping this sanctuary neat and orderly by using the blue recycle bins at the entrances to this room.

Daily Bible Readings

At Sudbury UMC, our Sunday scripture readings are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL). Each week, the lectionary typically gives one reading from the Hebrew scriptures, the psalms, one of the New Testament epistles (letters) and the gospels. The RCL was published in 1992 by the Consultation on Common Texts, a group comprising 21 North American denominations including the UMC. They also worked in collaboration with the Roman Catholic Church to coordinate readings. What this means is that on most Sundays, if you go into one of the churches using the lectionary you will hear the same scripture readings.

To help facilitate daily Bible reading, the Consultation on Common Texts has also created a daily reading cycle to supplement the Sunday scriptures. The scriptures from Monday through Wednesday reference the readings for the prior Sunday, and Thursday through Saturday reference the scriptures for the following Sunday.

Sunday, July 11

Amos 7:7-17 (NRSV)

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.' Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."' And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel." Now therefore hear the word of the LORD. You say, "Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac." Therefore, thus says the LORD: "Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land."'

Luke 10:25-37 (NRSV)

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Psalm 82 (NRSV)

God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment: 'How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.' They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. I say, 'You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.' Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!

Colossians 1:1-14 (NRSV)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly

comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Daily Scripture Passages

Monday, July 12

Psalm 7
Amos 3:9 – 4:5
James 2:1-7

Tuesday, July 13

Psalm 7
Amos 4:6-13
1 John 3:11-17

Wednesday, July 14

Psalm 7
Amos 5:1-9
Matthew 25:31-46

Thursday, July 15

Psalm 52
Amos 5:10-17
Hebrews 5:1-6

Friday, July 16

Psalm 52
Amos 5:18-27
Ephesians 3:14-21

Saturday, July 17

Psalm 52
Amos 6:1-14
Luke 8:4-10

To access the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) of the Bible online, go to <http://bible.oremus.org>. Other translations may also be found at www.biblegateway.com. If there is interest, we may begin a daily email or posting on the church's website the full text for each day. If interested, please speak to Pastor John.

"No Fences"
Rev. John W. Nash
Luke 10:25-37

Things I'd like to remember from today's sermon:

People to Pray For This Week:

Prayer for the week:

Almighty God, you have taught us through Christ, that love fulfills the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbor as ourselves. Amen.

Next Week:

The readings for Sunday, July 18th are Amos 8: 1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1: 15-28; and Luke 10: 38-42. Elizabeth Windsor, Director of Christian Education, will be the preacher. Her message, "A Tale of Two Sisters," is on the Gospel text.