



*Sudbury United Methodist Church*

**Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**July 18, 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:** "Meditation"

A. Foote

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship:** *(adapted from Psalm 52)*

Leader: Trust in the steadfast love of God forever.

**People: We will thank God forever, because of what God has done.**

**All: We will proclaim God's name to all the worlds, for it is good.**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** UMH #162 "Alleluia, Alleluia"

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

**We come to your house**

**seeking your presence, O God.**

**For in the mystery of our universe,**

**you created all things in heaven and on earth**

**and reconciled all things to you,**

**by and in Jesus Christ.**

**So we stand before you, steadfast in hope**

**promised by our brother, Jesus. Amen.**

**Epistle Reading:** Colossians 1:15-28

*This reading is on page 200 in the New Testament.*

**Children's Time:** "Focus on Jesus"

**Special Music:** "Come and Behold Him"

Chisum/Searcy arr. Hammerton

**\*Gospel Reading:** Luke 10:38- 42

*This reading is on page 72 in the New Testament.*

**Sermon:** "A Tale of Two Sisters"

**\*Hymn of Response:** UMH #384 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

## **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:** "In the Sweet Bye and Bye" Bennett/Webster/Westley

**\*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!**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn of Commitment:** UMH #399 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**Postlude:** "Prelude and Fugue in e" BWV 533 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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**Pastor:** *Rev. John W. Nash*

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## **July 18, 2010**

### **“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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **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.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## **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](mailto:tickets@sudburysavoyards.org) or through their website [www.sudburysavoyards.org](http://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 [maryleeam@gmail.com](mailto:maryleeam@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. The deadline for registration is July 24.

## **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](mailto:sumc@sudbury-umc.org), or by phoning 978-443-4351.

## **Greenwood Picnic – Save the Date**

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 signup sheet for bus transportation in Hawes Hall beginning July 25. For those who would like to go after Sudbury UMC's service, a signup 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!

## **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](mailto:drelizabeth@sudbury-umc.org). Thanks for your support.

## **Vacation Bible School Registration**

As Starship *Galactic Blast* prepares for lift off on July 26th, Mission Command Staff is busy gathering supplies and putting materials together. If you have not registered your children, PLEASE register them as soon as you can so that we can have accurate numbers of materials and the necessary number of adults present for safety. You can register on line at <http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/galactic-blast/VBS-SUMC> or contact [drelizabeth@sudbury-umc.org](mailto:drelizabeth@sudbury-umc.org).

## **Vacation Bible School Volunteers**

Spaceship *Galactic Blast* is in its launch countdown for our Vacation Bible School July 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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.

## 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 18**

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#### **Amos 8:1-12 (NRSV)**

This is what the Lord GOD showed me—a basket of summer fruit. He said, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A basket of summer fruit.’ Then the LORD said to me, ‘The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,’ says the Lord GOD; ‘the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!’ Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, ‘When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.’ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord GOD, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

## **Psalm 52 (NRSV)**

### ***Judgment on the Deceitful***

Why do you boast, O mighty one, of mischief done against the godly? All day long you are plotting destruction. Your tongue is like a sharp razor, you worker of treachery. You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking the truth. You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue. But God will break you down for ever; he will snatch and tear you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living. The righteous will see, and fear, and will laugh at the evildoer, saying, 'See the one who would not take refuge in God, but trusted in abundant riches, and sought refuge in wealth!' But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever. I will thank you for ever, because of what you have done. In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name, for it is good.

## **Colossians 1:15-28 (NRSV)**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

## **Luke 10:38-42 (NRSV)**

### ***Jesus Visits Martha and Mary***

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

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## **Daily Scripture Passages**

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### **Monday, July 19**

Psalm 119:17-32  
Amos 7:1-6  
Colossians 1:27 – 2:7

### **Wednesday, July 21**

Psalm 119:17-32  
Amos 9:5-15  
John 6:41-51

### **Friday, July 23**

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19  
Isaiah 3:1-17  
Hebrews 10:32-39

### **Tuesday, July 20**

Psalm 119:17-32  
Amos 8:13 – 9:4  
1 John 2:1-6

### **Thursday, July 22**

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19  
Isaiah 2:5-11  
Hebrews 10:26-31

### **Saturday, July 24**

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19  
Isaiah 3:18 – 4:6  
Matthew 24:15-27

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](http://www.biblegateway.com). If there is interest, we may begin a daily email or post on the church's website the full text for each day. If interested, please speak to Pastor John.

"A Tale of Two Sisters"  
Dr. Elizabeth Windsor  
Luke 10:38-42

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

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People to Pray For This Week:

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**Prayer for the week:**

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ and make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our daily lives, make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else. Amen.

**Next Week:**

The readings for Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> are Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; and Luke 12:49-56. Rev Martin McLee, District Superintendent for the Metro-Boston area, will be the guest preacher. His sermon, "Faith Rules the Day", will be on the epistle reading.