



GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP



GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP LAY PREACHING
4/14 @ 10AM, LIVE ON-SITE & ONLINE
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April 14, 2024: Third Sunday in Eastertide

This is the fourth sermon in our Lay Preaching series exploring the “Why’s” of our ministry together. Today we will hear from members of the Guatemala Partnership Ministries team. The Guatemala Partnership Ministries Leadership Team is: Alan Clayton-Matthews, Jeff Clausen, Ali Durbin, Bill Garrett, Brenda Metzler

GATHERING

Marimba music

WELCOME

Rev. Maddie Foster

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Garrett

This morning’s call to worship will be one voice and a video offering.

HYMN

In Christ There is no East or West (see below)

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Maddie Foster

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

from the Gospels, Luke 24: 36-48

REFLECTIONS

Alan Clayton-Matthews
Jeff Clausen
Brenda Metzler

ANTHEM

Peace is Flowing Like a River

traditional, arr. Julie Gaulke

*Peace is flowing like a river, flowing out of you and me.
Flowing out into the desert, setting all the captives free.*

*Joy is flowing like a river, flowing out of you and me.
Flowing out into the desert, setting all the captives free.*

*Love is flowing like a river, flowing out of you and me,
Flowing out into the desert, setting all the captives free.*

Peace is flowing like a river.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS (“O God, hear our prayer”)

Order of Farewell for Judith & Scott Stewart

CHORAL RESPONSE

Padre Nuestro (The Lord’s Prayer)

PARTNERING IN THE GOOD NEWS

SINGING OUR THANKS AND PRAISE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts—Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Would you like to make this congregation your church home?

Would you like to know more about what it means to be a member here?

Reach out to Rev. Maddie at revmaddie@needhamucc.org



Kids'N'Church

Children of all ages are always welcome in worship! Quiet books and pew pals (soft toys) are available in our **family room**, just outside the sanctuary, where you'll also find a cozy couch, big toy box, and a speaker that broadcasts the service. All bathrooms have **changing tables**. Our **Nursery** is available for infants & toddlers when volunteers are available. **Sunday School** (for children in older Pre-K through Grade 5) and **Youth Group** (grades 6-12) are both offered during our 10am worship service on the 2nd & 4th Sundays.

All children and youth remain in the sanctuary with their families to share **communion** (as parents decide), usually on the first Sunday of the month.

Have questions about our Children's and Youth Ministries?

Check in with Rev. Maddie after the service or email RevMaddie@NeedhamUCC.org



Your support makes a difference.

You may notice we do not collect an offering during our worship service but there are multiple ways to give financially. You can leave a cash or check offering in the collection plate in the foyer outside the sanctuary. Paypal, credit, or debit card donations can be made online at: www.NeedhamUCC.org/giving

Thank you for your generous contributions to support the work of our congregation and our ministry partners in our community and around the world.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS: April 14, 2024



We Need YOU to Teach Sunday School!

Both our Sunday School and Youth Group programs rely on the help of volunteers to teach and lead! All of the material prep is done in advance by Rev. Maddie and lesson plans are available online to make teaching as straightforward as possible for our volunteers. When you arrive to teach you simply grab the box marked for that Sunday, give everything a once-over, and prepare to welcome kids to the classroom! **Sign up at this link:** <https://tinyurl.com/CEYouth2324>



Sabbatical Project: Lay Preachers Series

While Rev. John is on sabbatical (until May 19), we'll be reconnecting to our ministry as a congregation through a series of sermons delivered by church members serving on our ministry teams. **Upcoming dates: Open & Affirming (4/28), and Outreach (5/12).** These preaching teams will be working with our consulting pastor, Rev. Chris Mereschuk, to share with us not just what they do, but why, and how it connects to their faith and our shared faith. Please make plans to attend those Sundays to support your fellow members and learn more about who we are as a congregation and who God is calling us to become.



EXPLORING CONFIRMATION (grades 9&10): This year's confirmation offering will be partially self-led, with podcast-style lectures from Rev. Maddie and Thursday night Zoom checks in to discuss the lecture and reflection questions. Class dates are April 11(recorded), 18, 25, and May 9 via Zoom at 7 pm. If your student is interested in participating, email RevMaddie@NeedhamUCC.org



Women's Retreat @ Craigville Conference Center on Cape Cod

3 PM Friday, May 10 - 3 PM Saturday, May 11, 2024

Join us at Craigville on Cape Cod to reflect on this year's theme, "Choosing Hope." The cost is \$150/person.

To register: please mail or drop off a check made out to Congregational Church of Needham, with "Women's Retreat" in the memo section, as well as a note listing your email address, phone number, and any food allergies or dietary restrictions. Space is limited to 23 participants, reserve your spot now! ***If you have any questions, contact a member of the Women's Retreat planning team:***

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Needham UCC & Me: Our Local Church & Denomination

Sunday, May 5 @ 11:11, Reception room

Learn about the ministry of our church and our participation in our denomination, the United Church of Christ. This program is open to anyone but can be particularly useful for folks who have recently become members or who are considering making Needham UCC their spiritual home through membership.

In Christ There is No East or West

In_ Christ there is no_ East or West, in Christ no South or_ North;
 In_ Christ shall true hearts. ev' - ry - where our high com - mu - nion. find;
 In_ Christ is nei - ther_ Jew nor Greek and nei - ther slave_ or_ free;
 In_ Christ now meet both_ East and West, in Christ meet South and_ North,

but_ one com - mu - ni - ty of love through out_ the whole wide earth.
 God's ser - vice is the gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu_ man - kind.
 for_ all are fam - i - ly in God and_ so_ are kin_ to me.
 one_ joy - ous, true com - mu - ni - ty through out_ the whole wide earth.

Text: J. Oxenham (1908, atl.) v3: L.H. Stookey (1987); Tune: MCKEE

Lyrics to Padre Nuestro, Tú que Estás

Spanish

Padre nuestro, tú que estás

En los que aman la verdad

Haz que el reino que nos prometió

Llegue pronto a nuestro corazón

Que el amor que tu hijo nos dejó

Este amor

Habite en nosotros

En el pan de la unidad

Cristo, danos Tú la paz

Y olvídate de nuestro mal

Si olvidamos el de los demás

No permitas que caigamos en tentación

Oh, Señor

Y ten piedad

Del mundo

English

Our Father, who art found

In those who love truth

May the kingdom you promised us

Fill our hearts soon

That the love that your son left us

May this love

Live within us

In the bread of unity,

Christ, give us peace

And forgive our sins

As we forgive those of others

Do not let us fall into temptation,

Oh Lord,

And have mercy

On the world