



# 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](mailto:revmaddie@needhamucc.org)*

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### **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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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;  
but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere our high communion find;  
God's service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek and neither slave or free;  
for all are family in God and so are kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North,  
one joyous, true community throughout the whole wide earth.

## 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