



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

January 10, 2016

Theme: Epiphany



Our Covenant

We strive to be a joyful, welcoming
Christian Community.

We seek to be faithful in a world torn by suffering, injustice,
oppression, and war.

We are inspired by God, Christ's ministry, and the examples
of other faithful people.

We join together in worship and song, fellowship, study, and
mission, to embrace the risks and challenges of continuing
Christ's ministry.

We struggle to live out our faith in the world by furthering
justice and peace, witnessing to the truth, and proclaiming
God's love and mercy for all people.

As a covenant community we are committed to the belief that all people are created equal before God. In affirmation of the inclusive love of Christ Jesus, we welcome persons of any race, gender, age, sexual orientation, ability and economic circumstance to full participation in our community life and ministry. We strive to reflect these beliefs in the language and content of our worship and in our lives together.



Sunday, January 10, 2016

10:00am

*Children are always welcome in Worship with their parents/guardians.
Pre-K children are invited to the nursery throughout the service.
Students in grades K-8 will be dismissed to the Chapel. Students in grades 9-12 may stay in the Sanctuary with their parents.*

PRELUDE

Arietta con Variazioni
Leopold Mozart (1719 - 1787)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Peter Atallah

Leader: A new day has dawned, a new year begun

People: O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice

Leader: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future

People: O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path

Leader: We enter this new year with hope and excitement

People: O Lord remind us that You lead us. Guide us as we look to you, and worship you.

***OPENING HYMN # 157 (NCH)**

Brightest and Best

OPENING PRAYER

Call to Prayer

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us pray.

Unison Prayer

**Come, Holy Spirit,
Spirit of God, Spirit of the Living Christ,
be with us today and always
Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.
Be our Strength, our Courage,
and our Sanctifier.**

**May this new year be a time
of deep spiritual growth for us,
a time for welcoming Your graces and gifts,
a time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,
a time for growing in virtue and goodness.
Come, Holy Spirit, be with us today and always.
Hear us pray.....**

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response

4 fold Amen

Roland M. Carter (1942)

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Children leave for Bible Village after Time for Children.

CHILDREN'S HYMN #526 (NCH)

**We Are Marching In The
Light Of God**

ANTHEM

Simple Gifts
Aaron Copland (1900 - 1990) arr Adams

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 3: 15-22

NT, p. 57

SERMON

“Expectations”
Heike Werder

HYMN (seated) # 181 (NCH) You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

MORNING PRAYER

Concerns and Celebrations

Call to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Leader: O Lord, show your mercy upon us.

People: And grant us your salvation.

Leader: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

People: And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Response

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

OFFERTORY

Anthem

Zion's Walls
Aaron Copland (1900 - 1990)

**Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures here below,

Praise God above, ye heavenly host,

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING HYMN # 177 (NCH)**

God of Change and Glory

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Peace I Leave with You
William Wirges (1894 - 1971)

POSTLUDE

Fugue in F minor
Charles Burney (1726 - 1814)

****You are invited to stand.***

NCH stands for New Century Hymnal (Black Hymnal) and PH stands for Pilgrim Hymnal (Red Hymnal).

- Welcome to all who are here for the first time. Please fill out the blue “Welcome” card in the pews to receive weekly emails or newsletters.
- Please turn off your cell phone before attending the service.
- Please ask an usher if you would like a copy of the sermon, or need a hearing device. Copies of the sermons are also available on the sermon link at www.needhamucc.org, our church website.

Deacons: Joanne Seiden, Carol Oberle

Ushers: Alex Cullen, Frank Luppino, Nancy Lane, Eric Slosser

Altar Guild: Denice Koljonen

Flowers: Mary Lou Hughes

Flower Delivery: Joanne Seiden

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Tina Scharback by her family: Josh and Alecia, Noah, Flora and Eve Scharback, Jessa and Greg, Hailey and Mackenzie Huff.

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Valerie Becker, Music Director
The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting Hearing—Sunday, January 24

11:30am in Linden Hall

Annual Meeting — Sunday, January 31

Immediately following Worship in the Sanctuary

All church members are invited to join together in Linden Hall on January 24th and in the Sanctuary January 31st for our Annual Meeting Hearing and our Annual Meeting. Annual Reports will be available the day of the Annual Meeting Hearing. If you have any questions please contact the office at office@needhamucc.org

Adult Bible Study, Sunday's @ 11:30, Conference Room: Small group discussion based on reading a few chapters of the Bible at a time. We meet immediately after church, from 11:30 to 12:30 in the conference room. Take a look at how God is still speaking to us, even in stories from thousands of years ago! This is a great opportunity to discuss your spiritual questions with other people of faith. Everyone is welcome to drop in and join us. For more information, contact Sunu Yeh at dormouse99@gmail.com.

Faith Circle Book Club: The Faith Circle Book group will begin on Thursday, January 21st and meet for a total of 8 sessions from 10:30-12:00. We will meet on **Jan 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 25, March 3, 17, & 24th** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Christine Weitzel at cweitzel@verizon.net

Bible Village: We are always in need of individuals to teach and shepherd our children in Bible Village, BV6:8, and the Noah's Ark nursery room. If Sunday mornings are not an option for you, you can volunteer a Thursday evening with Club 3-4-5 or a Sunday night with the JR or SR high youth group!

You don't have to be parent—all are invited to teach! We provide all of the materials and the lessons beforehand. Lessons are straightforward and easy to teach—and our kids are so much fun! Sign-up at: www.tinyurl.com/ChildrenYouthSignUp or contact Maddie at youth@needhamucc.org .

Request for Altar Guild Volunteers: The Altar Guild is looking for volunteers. High school students are welcome to join. Please contact Carol Miller at millerc291@verizon.net for more information.

Boiler Replacement Campaign: Make a tax deductible contribution towards the efforts for energy efficiency in our church at 1154 Great Plain Ave. With the addition of our 3 new boilers, we change our heat efficiency from 60% to 96%. With our other energy saving efforts, we hope to reduce our carbon footprint 25% by 2020! We have the potential to save \$10,000- \$15,000 each year! Any contributions may be earmarked for the “Boiler Replacement Campaign”. If your employer has a matching program, please consider requesting a contribution match from them. Send your contribution to Danielle in the church office.

The Furniture Team needs your help: The church has lots of wonderful new space to furnish and put to work for church programs. Monetary and in-kind donations are welcome: **MOST WANTED FURNITURE LIST:** Two large conference tables and chairs, Nichols & Stone college arm chairs, Pair of modern upholstered chairs, Pair of traditional upholstered chairs, Loveseat, FIVE 60" round folding tables. Items must be in condition. Upholstered pieces can be in need of slipcovers. Please contact Judi Stewart at jmgstewart@verizon.net with photos and dimensions or call 781-449-3999. The furniture team would like to look at all furniture prior to donation.

LED Bulb Donations to Continue: If you are out shopping for energy efficient LED bulbs for your home, please consider purchasing one or two for the church. Please leave bulbs in the donation box located near the mailboxes in the church office. Check out the EMT bulletin board for more information about LED bulbs.

CALENDAR January 10th—January 31st

Sunday, January 10th	10:00 am 11:30 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Junior High Youth Group Senior High Youth Group
Mon., January 11th	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>1154 Reception</i> Finance Team Meeting, <i>1154 Conference</i>
Tues., January 12th	7:00 pm	Board Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>
Thurs., January 14th	7:30 pm	Choir Practice, <i>Linden AB</i>
Sun., January 17th <i>Super Bowl Sub Sales Begin</i>	8:15 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Men's Breakfast, <i>Library</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i>
Mon., January 18th		MLK Jr. Day—Church Offices Closed
Wed., January 20th	7:30 pm	Music Team Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
Thurs., January 21st	7:30 pm	Choir Practice, <i>Linden AB</i>
Friday, January 22nd		SH Youth Group Ski Trip
Sat., January 23rd	8:00 am	Deacon's Retreat, <i>1180 GPA</i>
Sunday, January 24th	10:00 am 11:30 am	Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Annual Meeting Hearing, <i>Linden Hall</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i>
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Thurs., January 28th	7:30 pm	Choir Practice, <i>Linden AB</i>
Sunday, January 31st	10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Annual Meeting, <i>Sanctuary</i>

**SAVE THE
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**ANNUAL
MEETING**

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP