



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

January 11, 2015

Theme: Justice



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 11, 2015

10:00am

*Children are always welcome in Worship with their parents/guardians. Childcare is available in the crib/toddler room on the lower level for infants and toddlers. Preschoolers go directly to classes downstairs at 10 am. Grades 6-8 are in Stevenson Hall at 10 am. Grades K-5 will start in the Sanctuary at 10 am, then leave for Bible Village.
K-1: Science; Grades 2-3: Cooking; Grades 4-5: Story*

PRELUDE

Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ
J.S. Bach (1685-1750) BWV 639

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Frank Arren

Leader: God is present in good times and in bad.

People: in warm days and in cold;

Leader: in laughter and in pain;

People: in work and play;

Leader: in joy and in despair;

People: in moments of pride and also in shame.

Leader: Let us gather to worship the one who knows us well, and loves us so.

***OPENING HYMN #573 (Black Hymnal) Lead on Eternal Sovereign**

OPENING PRAYER

Call to Prayer

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us pray.

Unison Prayer

Holy one, you have set before us in words of unmistakable clarity the marks of a disciple:

To preach good news to the poor,

To bring release to the captive,

To visit the imprisoned,

To welcome the stranger,

To share food with the hungry.

We understand what you would have us do but we confess that our agenda often takes all of our energy. We promise ourselves we will get around to the work of justice, and to loving our neighbors as ourselves. As we bow our heads, we pray and ask for yet another chance...

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response

TIME FOR CHILDREN

(Children dismissed to Bible Village during hymn)

CHILDREN'S HYMN #526 *(Black Hymnal)* **We Are Marching in the Light of God**

ANTHEM

First Movement from Gloria
Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Kings 21: 1-7

O.T. p. 321

SERMON

“Principles of Justice”
Susan Cartmell

HYMN (seated) #588 (Black Hymnal) Let Justice Flow like Streams

MORNING PRAYER

Heike Werder

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.

Leader: Let us pray.

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

Concerns and Celebrations

Anthem

Offertory
John Ness Beck (1930-1987)

***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 #426 (Red Hymnal) The Voice of God Is Calling**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Peter C. Lutkin (1858-1931)

POSTLUDE

In dir ist Freude
J.S. Bach BWV 615

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

- 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.

Worship Assistant: Frank Arren

Deacons: Sunu Yeh, Fred Moder

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

Altar Guild: Val Kistler

Flowers: Mary Lou Hughes

Flower Delivery: Martha Lamb

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.

Warrant for Annual Meeting Sunday, January 25, 2015

The Annual Meeting of The Congregational Church of Needham will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10am worship service on Sunday, January 25, at 11:15am. Childcare will be provided while the meeting is held.

As is customary in preparation for the Annual Meeting, an informational hearing will be held following the worship service on Sunday, January 18, in Linden Hall. Please attend the hearing to learn more about the Annual Report and to ask questions about articles to be addressed at the Annual Meeting.

Copies of the Annual Report will be available in the Narthex on January 18 at the 10am worship service. Please help yourself to a copy of these documents in preparation for the meeting. The warrant of articles for the meeting is as follows:

Warrant

- Article I To receive and act on reports of the Standing Committees, Special Committees and Officers of the Church.
- Article II To elect Officers and Committees for the Church Year 2015.
- Article III To adopt a budget for Fiscal Year 2015.

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Bobby DeRegis, Director of Music Ministries
Valerie Becker, Director of Youth Music
The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Education Event, January 11, 2015 at 11:30am: Come and join Rev. Heike for a discussion on "**The Ten Commandments and Social Justice**". For Jews, Christians, and Muslims the Ten Commandments are the foundation for ethical behavior. Their application to life is rooted in a knowledge of who God is and what God has done which then leads to an understanding of what justice, and in particular social justice is. The Ten Commandments are meant to help us create a better world, where social justice would be the norm. So, what would it take to make this norm a reality? Lunch will be served at 11: 30 am in the Library.

Guatemala Partner-Family Letters DUE TODAY! : Please e-mail your letter to: DaveBJohnson@verizon.net, as our volunteer translators will have to work hard to get more than 100 of them ready in time for the February delegation. Your family will love hearing from you. Thanks and happy writing.

Faith Circle Book Club: The Faith Circle Book Club meets **Thursdays at 10:30 am in the Reception Room**. Contact Christine Weitzel (cweitzel@verizon.net) or Reverend Susan Cartmell (revsusan@needhamucc.org) to join the group or for more information about the group.

Friendly Society February 5th, 1:15pm: Join Friendly Society members for an information session on **How Are Tours at the MFA Put Together**. This is coupled with a sample of how works of art are presented with you as the visitor. Joanne Seiden will be your guide for the discussion. Questions can be directed to any of the steering committee members; Doris Cook, Margie Dagenhardt, Joan Dimond, Barbara Lovely, Joanne Seiden or Patty Stewart.

Field Trip to Mayan Exhibit at Museum of Science - Sunday, February 8, after church: Please reserve your spot to see: "Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed", the largest exhibit of its kind in the U.S. Tickets: Members (\$5); non-members \$29; Children \$25. Two tickets available free of charge. For more information contact Brenda Metzler: bmetzler7@verizon.net. Exhibit info: www.mos.org/exhibits/maya

Youth Choir: Do you know a child that likes to sing? We would love to have more students join our youth choirs.

FACT: One of the only activities that activates, stimulates, and uses the entire brain is Music.

FACT: Research shows that music is to the brain as physical exercise is to the human body. Music tones the brain for auditory fitness and allows it to decipher between tone and pitch.

Please consider this opportunity for your children!

Rehearsals are on Sundays throughout the year.

Joyful Noise—9:15-9:45 am
Hallelujah Choir—11:30-12:00 pm
Shepherd's Staff—12:00-1:00pm

Each choir will sing for the congregation 4-5 times throughout the year, culminating with Youth Sunday on June 7.

CHIMING OPPORTUNITY :If you've ever wanted to play a musical instrument in a congenial small group, now is your chance to do so. The Friendly Chimers are looking for a few more women or men who'd like to chime. You need to be able to keep time, have patience and know how to have fun! If you can read music, that's great, but our director Bobby DeRegis and the rest of the chimers will help you learn the two notes you need to know. Our first rehearsal of the new year is on Jan. 11. Rehearsals are usually held after church from 11:30-12:45. For information, contact Joanne Seiden jseiden@basiclink.com, 781-449-6535 or any other chimer.

Adult Bible Study: Sunday 11:30 Conference Room: Everyone is welcome to join the Bible Study group that meets after church. This is a great opportunity to discuss your spiritual questions with other people of faith. Last year, we read through Luke and Isaiah by discussing just a few chapters a week. Currently we are reading about the early church in the book of Acts. If you have been wondering what Bible Study is like, check us out! For more information, contact Sunu Yeh at dormouse99@gmail.com.

Super Bowl Subs: During the month of January, the Senior High Youth Group will be taking orders for Super Bowl Subs & Chili! All proceeds go to the Senior High Youth Group Summer Mission Trip. The youth will make your sub with fresh ingredients on Super Bowl Sunday for you to enjoy during the Super Bowl Game! Subs are \$8 each, Chili is \$8 for large, \$4 for small. Order ONLINE at: www.needhamucc.org/superbowl Or you can email or drop off your order form by Jan 31st to Rev. Jamie (revjamie@needhamucc.org). Pick up on Sunday, Feb. 1st after worship.

Valentine's Babysitting: NEED A BABYSITTER FOR A VALENTINE'S DATE? YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER OFFERS BABYSITTING ON VALENTINE'S DAY, FEBRUARY 14, 4pm-10pm. Dinner and Snacks included \$20 for one child, \$10 for additional child. The Senior High Youth Group at The Congregational Church of Needham is hosting a Babysitting Night on Saturday, February 14th. Potty-trained children ages 3 and older can be dropped off and picked up any time between 4pm-10pm at the church for just \$20 for the first child and \$10 for additional children. All proceeds will go to the Senior High Summer Mission Trip. Families must pre-register by February 13th. Dinner, snacks, a movie, and several fun activity stations will be offered. For more information or to register, visit www.needhamucc.org/babysitting or contact Rev. Jamie.



Connect

Worship on Wednesday's

at the Congregational Church of Needham

Join us for the opportunity to come together
to Connect mid-week.
Recharge, Renew and Rediscover.

Every Wednesday from 6pm - 8pm

6:00pm - Dinner

6:30pm - Junior Youth Group

Adult Program

Childcare

7:30pm - Worship

Visit the website at [http://needhamucc.org/
connect-worship-on-wednesdays/](http://needhamucc.org/connect-worship-on-wednesdays/)

CALENDAR January 11th — January 25th

Sunday, Jan. 11th	9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00am 11:30am 12:00pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Adult Education, <i>Library</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Friendly Chimer Ringers Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Junior High Youth Group Silly Olympics Senior High Youth Group
Monday, Jan. 12th	9:00 am 7:00 pm 7:15 pm 7:30 pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i> Finance Committee Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i> EMT Meeting, <i>Reception Room</i> Immigration Justice Task Force, <i>Library</i>
Tuesday., Jan. 13th	7:00 pm	Board Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Wed., Jan. 14th	6:00 pm	Wednesday Connect, <i>Linden Hall</i>
Thursday, Jan. 15th	10:30am 7:30 pm	Faith Circle Book Club, <i>Reception Room</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Sunday, Jan. 18th	8:15 am 9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00am 11:30am 12:00pm	Men's Breakfast, <i>Library</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Annual Meeting Hearing, <i>Linden Hall</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Friendly Chimer Ringers Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Monday, Jan. 19th	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i>
Wed., Jan. 21st	6:00 pm 7:30 pm	Wednesday Connect, <i>Linden Hall</i> Music Team Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
Thursday, Jan.22nd	10:30am 7:30 pm	Faith Circle Book Club, <i>Reception Room</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Saturday, Jan. 24th	9:00 am	Deacon's Retreat
Sunday, Jan. 25th	9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00am 11:00am 11:30am 12:00pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Annual Meeting, <i>Sanctuary</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Junior High Youth Group Board Game Night Senior High Youth Group Board Game Night