



# CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

January 12, 2014

Theme: Good and Evil: The Seven Deadly Sins



## **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 12, 2014

10:00am

*Childcare is available downstairs in the crib/toddler room for infants and toddlers. Preschoolers, Grades 7-8, and 9-12 go directly downstairs to classes at 10am. Grades K-6 will start in the sanctuary, leave for the chapel after "Time for Children" and then proceed to their workshops downstairs in the main hallway. K-1<sup>st</sup> in Games, 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> in Art, and 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> in Theatre.*

**PRELUDE**

Amazing Grace  
*arr. Robert Hebble (b. 1934)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Frank Arren

Leader: Bells ring out to call us to worship.

**People: We hear the bells and arrive with joy.**

Leader: Bells ring out to signal a new season.

**People: We come together in anticipation.**

Leader: Bells ring out to remind us that the earth is full of God's glory.

**People: Let us join together to sing God's praises.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #8 (NCH)**

**Praise to the Living God**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Frank Arren

*Call to Prayer*

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us pray.

*Unison Prayer*

**Holy one, we thank you for creating us.**

**For loving us;**

**For redeeming us.**

**We thank you too –**

**For hills to climb**

**Burdens to carry,**

**Fears to overcome –**

**We are grateful for all those things that help us on our pilgrimage.**

**Those who walked this way before us;**

**Signs that we are not alone;**

**The ability to serve others.**

**As we take up new journeys this year, we reach out to you,  
as we pray...**

*Silent Prayer*

*Lord's Prayer*

*Prayer Response*

**TIME FOR CHILDREN** (Children to Bible Village during song.)

**CHILDREN'S HYMN (#526)**

We Are Marching In The  
Light Of God

**ANTHEM**

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake  
*Richard Farrant (1530-1580)*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

II Kings 5: 1-19

p. 328

**SERMON**

“Seven Deadly Sins: Pride”

Susan Cartmell

**HYMN(seated) #448(NCH)**

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

**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**

*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 #439(NCH)** A Mighty Fortress is Our God

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Go in Peace

*tune: Ocean Park*

**POSTLUDE**

Vivace from Concerto in G

*G. F. Handel (1685-1759)*

***\*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](http://www.needhamucc.org), our church website.

*Worship Leader:* Frank Arren

*Deacons:* Fabienne Madsen, Tom Mollerus

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

*Altar Guild:* Val Kistler

*Flowers:* Mary Lou Hughes

*Flower Delivery:* Heike Werder

*The flowers on the altar are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of sweet Tina Scharback. They are given in thanks for her great love by her children and grandchildren.  
The Scharback and Huff families.*

## **Warrant for Annual Meeting Sunday, January 26, 2014**

The Annual Meeting of The Congregational Church of Needham will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10am worship service on Sunday, January 26, 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 19, 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 19 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**

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| 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 2014.   |
| Article III | To adopt a budget for Fiscal Year 2014.  |
| Article IV  | To accept the report of the Design Team.   |

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Adult Education – January 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am**: Exploring the question: “What makes us happy?” through TedTalks. The New Year is still new and resolutions are still being discussed. Come and join Rev. Heike for lunch and a discussion on happiness.

### **Bible Study Today-January 12th**

**Sunday Group**: The Sunday Group meets in the Reception Room at 11:30 a.m.; Newcomers are welcome! Contact Sunu Yeh for more information- [dormouse99@gmail.com](mailto:dormouse99@gmail.com).

**Thursday 10:30am group** is reading a new book on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm- The Lord is My Shepherd by Rabbi Harold Kushner. Contact Christine Weitzel for information [cweitzel@verizon.net](mailto:cweitzel@verizon.net)

**Superbowl Subs - Order Now!!**The senior high youth group is collecting orders for their annual Superbowl subs (and new this year-Chili!) fundraiser throughout the month of January to be picked up on Superbowl Sunday, February 2. Pick up an order form at the church or order online at [www.needhamucc.org/superbowl](http://www.needhamucc.org/superbowl)

**Men's Breakfast - January 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:15am**. The Men's Breakfast brings men of all ages and persuasions together once a month before worship in honest and lively discussion touching our faith and our lives in today's complex world. On January 19th we will address the January worship theme of “Evil & Good” from the point of view of how to personally combat evil. Come prepared to discuss where we find evil and good in our lives.

Contact Keith McClelland ([kmmlkm@rcn.com](mailto:kmmlkm@rcn.com) ) for more information.

**Winter Concert- January 26<sup>th</sup>, 4pm** - Mark your calendars for this year's Winter Concert, Sunday, January 26th at 4pm, following the Annual Meeting. The chancel choir will perform Vivaldi's *Introduction* and *Gloria* and Anthems to celebrate the season. If you would like to support the concert or make a donation in memory of a loved one, please see music director Bobby DeRegis or Judi Stewart. You may also contact him via email at [drderegis@verizon.net](mailto:drderegis@verizon.net). Reception to follow.

**Valentines babysitting-Saturday, February 8, 2013** The senior high youth group will babysit your kids (ages 3 and up) at the church between 4 PM and 10 PM. Cost is \$20 for the first kid and \$10 for each additional kid. Dinner, snacks, activities, and a movie showing are included. Pick up a registration form at the church or register online at [www.needhamucc.org/babysitting](http://www.needhamucc.org/babysitting)

It is not too late to send us a picture for the Picture directory. Take a look at your photos from Christmas and send one along to [office@needhamucc.org](mailto:office@needhamucc.org) .

**Calendar January 12<sup>th</sup> – January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

<b>Sunday January 12th</b>	9am 9:15am 10am 11:30am  11:45am  Noon	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i> Adult Education class, <i>Library</i> Bible Study, <i>Reception Room</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Rm</i> Chancel Choir Winter Concert Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Rm</i>
<b>Monday January 13th</b>	9am 7:30pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Rm</i> Immigration Task Force, <i>Library</i>
<b>Wednesday January 15th</b>	7:30pm	Music Team Meeting, <i>Conference Rm.</i> Design Team, <i>Library</i>
<b>Thursday January 16th</b>	7:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
<b>Sunday January 19th</b>	8:15am 9am 9:15am 10am 11:15am 11:30am  11:45pm  Noon	Men's Breakfast, <i>Library</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i> Annual Meeting Hearing, <i>Linden Hall</i> Adult Education class, <i>Library</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Rm</i> Chancel Choir Winter Concert Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Rm</i>
<b>Monday January 20th</b>	Church Closed	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
<b>Sunday January 26th</b>	9am 9:15am 10am 11:30am  Noon 4pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i> Annual Meeting, <i>Fellowship Hall</i> Bible Study, <i>Reception Room</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Rm</i> Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Rm</i> Winter Concert, <i>Sanctuary</i>