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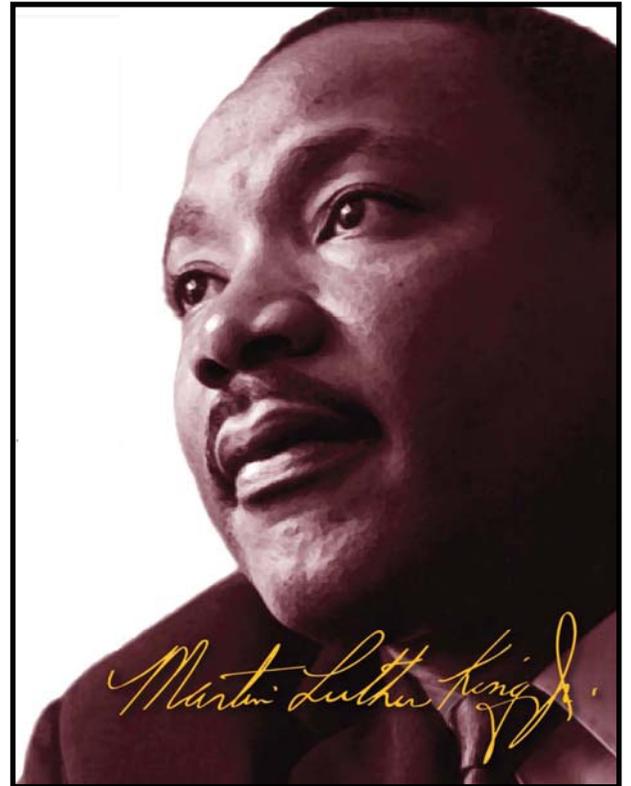
January 15, 2017
Commemorating The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Our lives begin to end the day we
become silent about things that matter.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

I Dream A World
Langston Hughes, 1902-1967

I dream a world where man
No other man will scorn,
Where love will bless the earth
And peace its paths adorn
I dream a world where all
Will know sweet freedom's way,
Where greed no longer saps the soul
Nor avarice blights our day.
A world I dream where black or white,
Whatever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth
And every man is free,
Where wretchedness will hang its head
And joy, like a pearl,
Attends the needs of all mankind-
Of such I dream, my world!



Dreams
Langston Hughes, 1902-1967

Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.

Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow.

*Childcare for infants, toddlers, & preschoolers is available in the preschool room downstairs during the service.
After Children's Time, students are dismissed to their classrooms for Bible Village.*

PRELUDE

Wondrous Cool, Thou Woodland Quiet
Johannes Brahms

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jim and Rev. Heike

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

from the Book of Common Prayer

Almighty God, who created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

***OPENING HYMN #593 (Black, New Century Hymnal)**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Children leave for Bible Village after Time for Children

CHILDREN'S HYMN #161 (Black, New Century Hymnal)

Amen, Amen
(Selected verses sung by choir)

ANTHEM

I Dream a World
Rollo Dilworth

SELECTION OF READINGS

The First Lesson Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! God called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb she named me. She made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of her hand she hid me; she made me a polished arrow, in her quiver she hid me away. And she said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with God, and my reward with my God." And now God says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Israel back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of God, and my God has become my strength— God says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and Rachel and Leah and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says God, the Redeemer of Israel and God's Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Monarchs shall see and stand up, princes and princesses, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of God, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Second Lesson John 1:29-42

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one of whom I said, 'After me comes someone who ranks ahead of me because they were before me.' I myself did not know this one; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that this one might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on this one. I myself did not know this one, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'The one on

whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Child of God.” The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

HYMN

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

HOPE AND EXPECTATION

171 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout
Canticle of the Turning

Unison

1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -

God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -

won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You
depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your
jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne. The
liv - er us from the con - queror's crush - ing grasp. This

fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
hun - gry poor shall weep no more for the
sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the

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MUSIC: Irish melody; arr. Rory Cooney (1952-)
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HOPE AND EXPECTATION

weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the

fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the

dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

SERMON

“Restorations and Blessings and Dreams”
 Jim Mitulski

HYMN #472 (Black, New Century Hymnal)

Precious Lord Take My Hand

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Concerns and Celebrations

Prayers for Our Friends and Families, Our Church, Our Community, and the World.

Lord's Prayer (please pray whatever form is familiar to you; many choose to pray Our Father, Our Mother, Our Father and Mother, Our Creator, or Our Maker, or Father/Mother God...debts/debtors or trespasses/those who trespass...)

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

In each of our pews today is a black friendship book which we encourage you to fill out and pass to the person next to you during the offering. If you have been with us before, just put down your name, but if you are new today, please let us know who you are. Thanks!

Offertory Anthem

Dreams
Rollo Dilworth

****Doxology for Epiphany Season***

**As they offered gifts most rare at that manger plain and bare,
So may we with holy, pure and free from sin's alloy.
All our costliest treasure's bring, Christ, to you, from whom they spring. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING HYMN #164 (Black, New Century Hymnal)**

Arise, Your Light Is Come

BENEDICTION

Rev. Jim and Rev. Heike

Congregational Response

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen!

POSTLUDE

In Dulci Jubilo
Dietrich Buxtehude

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

Notes on the Liturgy for Epiphany

During January we are using a stanza from William Dix's hymn based on the Epiphany gospel at the presentation of the offering. The entire text may be found at Hymn 159 in the New Century Hymnal.

Worship Assistant: Adele Chang

Deacons: Dibby Moder, Rick Devereux

Altar Guild: Diana Conroy

Ushers: Mike Normile, Janet Jankowiak, Bob Everts, Jim Conroy

Flowers: Mary Lou Hughes

Flower Delivery: Jean Veigas

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Patricia Wright Gworek by Amy and Jonathan Gworek.*

- Welcome to all who are here for the first time.
- Please silence your cell phone before attending the service.
- Please Check In on Facebook and let people know you are here.
- You can Tweet or Instagram during the service.
- Please ask an usher if you would like or need a hearing device.

Attendance and Offerings

1/8/2017 Worship Attendance= 88 People
*1/8/2017 Collection = \$2,745.92

Please contact the church office 781-444-2510
or office@needhamucc.org to find out how you can
give electronically.

* *Collection & Pledge amount does not include
additional pledges received electronically.*

**Warrant for Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 29, 2017**

The Annual Meeting of The Congregational Church of Needham will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10am worship service on Sunday, January 29, at 11:30am. 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 22, 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 22 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 2017.

Article III - To adopt a budget for Fiscal Year 2017.

Rev. Jim Mitulski's Office Hours

Please contact the church office to schedule an appointment during his office hours of Tuesday & Wednesday 2-6pm; Thursday 2-5pm

*If these times do not work for you please contact the office for alternate availability.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Needham's Celebration and Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Monday, January 16 10:00am at Needham High School—Rev. Heike is speaking at this community tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. Doors open at 9:30am and refreshments will be served.

Save the date for a film screening of: *Time to Choose* on Sunday, February 12 at 3:00 pm, First Parish in Needham It's the biggest challenge humanity has ever faced. It's also our greatest opportunity. It's *Time to Choose*. With footage from five continents, *Time to Choose* explores the scope of the climate change crisis and the power of solutions already available. The film will be followed by a discussion of concrete steps to address climate change, then appetizers will be served in Parish Hall, where local groups will have informational tables. Co-sponsored by LWV-Needham, Green Needham, First Parish, your CCoN Environmental Ministries Team and others.

February Diversity Book Group with First Baptist Church and First Unitarian Universalists:

February 28 at First Baptist Church MARCH: Book 1 - a graphic novel by Congressman John Lewis (suggested by John Kirk.) MARCH Book 3 just won the National Book Award https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/kidspost/graphic-novel-march-book-3-wins-national-book-award/2016/11/17/eeb497aa-ac7b-11e6-8b45-f8e493f06fcd_story.html?utm_term=.cb8289d0f36c. You have plenty of time to read it even if you have never read a graphic novel. Be adventurous! Take a risk!

Deacons' Worship Sub-Committee is developing a 40-day devotional for all of us to use during Lent (March 1 - April 14). We are asking for volunteers to provide a devotional for one day during Lent. This devotional should include the following elements: a reading (scripture or other meaningful passage); a brief reflection on the reading; a brief prayer for the day. There will be a calendar in the Narthex on Sunday for you to sign up for a day in Lent. You could select any random day that is unclaimed, or a day that perhaps is meaningful to you based on a particular experience. Since Lent begins on March 1, we will need all materials no later than February 19. Lee McNally will be consolidating the devotions, so please send your material to her: leemcnally@verizon.net. Please also include the date your devotional is for.

INTERESTED IN CHIMING but unsure if it's for you? Right after church today you can try chiming and see how easy and fun it is. Some chimers will be there to also answer any questions you may have. There's no obligation, just an invitation. Look for our FRIENDLY CHIMERS sign/location in the corridor leading to Fellowship Hall.

The Community Dinner

The Community Dinner team thanks everyone for their contributions of re-usable containers. They have been much appreciated by our guests. Please continue to bring your surplus containers in- they can be left in a bag labelled "Community Dinner Take-Out" or something like that, and left in the kitchen. Please make sure they are SUPER CLEAN (like run through the dishwasher) and intact. If you have questions about anything to do with the Community Dinners, please don't hesitate to call or email Diana Conroy (781-449-3350) (conroyjd@rcn.com)

Village Fair 2017 Planning ahead... The **Garden Fence** and **Rustic Chic** people hope you will be thinking of them over the next few weeks in particular. As you put away your Christmas decorations you may find that some of the items may lend themselves to the magic and inspiration of the **Garden Fence** people as they look ahead to making their creations for next year's Fair. The **Rustic Chic** people are hoping you will save your wine corks as you celebrate the season. Any of these items may be labeled (GF and/or RC) and put in the kitchenette. All of us at the **Village Fair** are thinking and planning for next year and we look forward to your support.

Noah's Ark Preschool Informational Open House January 18, 7-8pm Please Join Us on **January 18th, 7-8 pm** to learn more about the process of deciding whether your child is ready for kindergarten, and to hear about our kindergarten as an option. This is a great program for children who would benefit from a small class size and a 5 hour school day. Visit www.noahsarkneedham.org or call 781-449-2439 to learn more.

Chancel Choir Please come sing with us! Chancel choir rehearsals for the month of January and February will be at 8:30 on Sunday morning in the sanctuary. We would love to have you be part of our choir!

Stay Connected Follow @NeedhamUCC on Instagram for updates on church life, particularly from our family ministries including Christian Education and Youth Ministries!

Junior High Youth Group: Most Sundays from 5:00 - 6:30 PM. We meet for discussion, activities, and group games. Our regular meetings are on hiatus until after the pageant - join us at the all youth events and Christmas pageant!

Christian Education/Sunday School : Volunteer teachers needed. It takes a village! We need teachers for all of our classes! Sign up to teach at: <http://www.tinyurl.com/SignUp2Teach>

CALENDAR January 8—February 12

Sunday, January 15th Martin Luther King Day Service	8:15 am 8:30 am 10:00am 11:30am	Men's Breakfast, <i>Library</i> Choir Practice, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Planning Meeting for March Retreat Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i>
Monday, January 16th Martin Luther King Day	10:00am	Office Closed Needham's Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, <i>Needham High School</i>
Thursday, January 19th	6:00 pm	Holy Homework, <i>Youth Room</i>
Sunday, January 22nd	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Choir Practice, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Annual Meeting Hearing, <i>Linden Hall</i>
Monday, January 23rd	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>1154 Reception Room</i>
Tuesday, January 24th	7:00 pm	Outreach Meeting
Sunday, January 29th	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Choir Practice, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Annual Meeting, <i>Sanctuary</i> Annual Meeting Luncheon Following Annual Meeting, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
Monday, January 30th	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>1154 Reception</i>
Thursday, February 2nd	12:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Lunch with Heike, <i>1180 GPA</i> Holy Homework, <i>Youth Room</i> Music Team Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i> Choir Practice, <i>Linden AB</i>
Sunday, February 5th	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Choir Practice, <i>Sanctuary</i> Parent Confirmation Meeting Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Guatemala Partnership Meeting, <i>Library</i> Super Bowl Subs Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i>
Monday, February 6th	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>1154 Reception Room</i>
Tuesday, February 7th	10:00 am 6:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters, <i>1180 GPA</i> Community Dinner, <i>Linden Hall</i>
Wednesday, February 8th	7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Deacon's Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i> EMT Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Thursday, February 9th	7:00 pm	CE Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>
Saturday, February 11th	8:30 am	Deacon's Retreat, <i>1180 GPA</i>
Sunday, February 12th	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am 11:45 am 3:00 pm	Choir Practice, <i>Sanctuary</i> Mentor Confirmation Meeting Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Guatemala Information Meeting, <i>Linden Hall</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Youth Committee Meeting <i>Time to Choose</i> Film Screening, <i>First Parish Needham</i>