



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

January 18, 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 18, 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.

PRELUDE

Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling
arr. Dale Wood (1934-2003)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sharmon Priaulx

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 # 556 (Black Hymnal) God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens**

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

Bruce Goody, flute

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

Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling

arr. David Cherwien

Brandon Milardo, tenor

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 42: 1-9

OT, p. 636

SERMON

“The Prophet’s Paths to Justice”
Heike Werder

HYMN (seated) # 510 (*Black Hymnal*)

**Grant Us Wisdom to
Perceive You**

MORNING PRAYER

Susan Cartmell

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

The Call from Five Mystical Songs
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

**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 # 593** (*Black Hymnal*) **Lift Every Voice and Sing**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

Amazing Grace
arr. Jay Althouse (b. 1951)

****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.

A special thanks to Bruce Goody for sharing his talents with us this morning.

Worship Assistant: Sharmon Priaux

Deacons: Fabienne Madsen, Joanne Seiden

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

Altar Guild: Sherrill Salisbury

Flowers: Mary Lou Hughes

Flower Delivery: Chris Arren

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.

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

Flower Committee: The Flower Committee is looking for some new members to coordinate altar flower arrangements throughout the year and decorate the church for both Christmas and Easter. Each of us is responsible for one month per year for altar flowers as well as a Saturday morning during the Christmas season and before Easter to enhance the festive spirit of the occasion. If interested, please contact Chris Arren (781-449-4228) or Debbie Wentworth (781-444-8382). The commitment is small but the rewards are large and important to the whole church family.

Faith Circle Book Club: The Faith Circle Book group will begin on Thursday, Jan. 22. The group will run from 10:30-12:00 for 9 weeks (not including Feb. school break). I will send out a syllabus in a couple of days. We will be reading, The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World by Reverend Desmond Tutu. Looking forward to the book and our discussions. If you would a copy of the book, Christine Weitzel can order them and the cost is \$15.00. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Christine Weitzel at cweitzel@verizon.net

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

Friendly Chimers: Friendly Chimers invites anyone interested in a fun, hands-on musical experience to join them in their rehearsals, starting Sunday, Feb 8, at 11:30 am in the sanctuary. Prerequisites: be able to keep time, enjoy being in a group. For information, contact Joanne Seiden 781-449-6535; jseiden@basiclink.com.

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.

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 18th — January 29th

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> Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Monday, Jan. 19th		Offices Closed Martin Luther King Day
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
Monday, Jan. 26th	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i>
Tuesday, Jan. 27th	7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee Meeting
Wed., Jan. 28th	6:00 pm	Wednesday Connect, <i>Linden Hall</i>
Thursday, Jan.29th	10:30am 7:30 pm	Faith Circle Book Club, <i>Reception Room</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>