



CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH
OF NEEDHAM

January 19, 2014

Theme: Good & 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 19, 2014

10:00am

Childcare is available downstairs in the crib/toddler room for infants and toddlers. Preschoolers go directly downstairs to classes at 10am. Grades K-6 will start in the sanctuary, and leave for the chapel after "Time for Children" for a movie. Grades 7-8, and 9-12 will remain in Worship with their families.

PRELUDE

Gavotte
G.F. Handel (1685-1759)
Bruce Goody, *flute*
Jonathan Moretz, *guitar*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sharmon Priaulx

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 praise.

***OPENING HYMN # 13 (NCH)**

**O My Soul, Bless Your
Creator**

OPENING PRAYER

Sharmon Priaulx

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 strange logic and grace of service

**As we take up new journeys this year, we seek your star, and
so our hearts 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

Hide Not Thy Face From Us
Richard Farrant (1530-1580)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 18: 18-23

NT, p. 77

SERMON “Seven Deadly Sins: Sloth”

Heike Werder

HYMN(seated) #521(NCH)

In Solitude

*(This is the time to bring your prayer pebbles up to the jar in
the Chancel)*

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

Cantabile

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

Bruce Goody, *flute*

Jonathan Moretz, *guitar*

**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

Sweet Savior, Bless Us Ere We Go
Hymn 542 (PH)

POSTLUDE

Hornpipe from Watermusic

G. F. Handel

**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 Leader: Sharmon Priaulx

Deacons: Connie Kaufman, Diana Conroy

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

Altar Guild: Val Kistler

Flowers: Mary Lou Hughes

Flower Delivery: Joanne Seiden

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

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

- 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

Today – Annual Meeting Hearing, 11:15am, Linden Hall.

In preparation for our Annual Meeting we will hold this information session to discuss the Annual Report and to answer questions about the articles.

Bible Study Today-January 19th

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.

Thursday 10:30am group is reading a new book on the 23rd Psalm- The Lord is My Shepherd by Rabbi Harold Kushner. Contact Christine Weitzel for information 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

Winter Concert- January 26th, 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. 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

Guatemala Delegation Send-Off: Tuesday, February 11th, 7:00 pm Everyone is invited to gather at Dave and Caryl Johnson's (505 Great Plain Ave.) to send our delegation off with your good wishes. Travelers are: Brenda Metzler and Carol Miller, co-leaders; Jessa and Hailey Huff; Jerry Durbin; Susan McNeice; and Scott Pike; with interpreters Ali Durbin and Randall Shea. The delegation returns February 23rd. The Reportback will be Sunday, March 9, 11:30 am in Linden Hall.

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 .

Calendar January 19th – January 28th, 2014

<p>Sunday January 19th</p>	<p>8:15am Men's Breakfast, <i>Library</i> 9am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> 9:15am Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> 10am Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i> 11:15am Annual Meeting Hearing, <i>Linden Hall</i> 11:30am Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Rm</i> Chancel Choir Winter Concert 11:45pm Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Noon Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Rm</i></p>
<p>Monday January 20th</p>	<p>Church Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p>
<p>Thursday January 23rd</p>	<p>7pm Chancel Choir Dress Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i></p>
<p>Sunday January 26th</p>	<p>9am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> 9:15am Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> 10am Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i> 11:30am Annual Meeting, <i>Sanctuary</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Rm</i> Noon Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Rm</i> 2pm Chancel Choir Winter Concert rehearsal call, <i>Sanctuary</i> 4pm Winter Concert, <i>Sanctuary</i> 5pm Junior. High Youth Group 7pm Senior High Youth Group</p>
<p>Monday January 27th</p>	<p>9am Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Rm</i></p>
<p>Tuesday January 28th</p>	<p>7pm CE Committee Meeting</p>