



The Congregational Church of Needham

An open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ

**January 21, 2018
Third Sunday after Epiphany**

*Childcare for infants, toddlers, & preschoolers is available in the
preschool room downstairs during the service.
Students in Kindergarten through 8th grade are dismissed to their
Sunday School classrooms after Time for Children.*

*Welcome to our worship service.
Please join us for refreshments and time for fellowship immediately following the service.*

PRELUDE

*“He Shall Feed His Flock” from *Messiah*
George Frideric Handel (1685 - 1759)*

GATHERING SONG *(see insert)*

Christ Be Our Light
Vs 1-3

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

Rev. Jim and Rev. Heike

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, God of all Creation,
you call us to be your people,
to carry your vision in this time and place,
to go where you send us

to help welcome your amazing good news.
As we gather in the presence of the risen Christ
to spread the news that your realm is near,
fill us with your Holy Spirit,
O God of all Creation.
Fill us with your glorious Spirit,
that we may share your good news
with a world in need. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #66 (*Black, New Century*)

O Day of Radiant Gladness

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Children leave for Sunday School after Time for Children

ANTHEM

With a Voice of Singing
Martin Shaw (b. 1945)

READING

Jonah 3: 1-5,10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

HYMN (*see insert*)

Christ Be Our Light
Vs 4-5

SERMON

“Following Jesus”

Heike Werder

HYMN (*see insert*)

Will You Come and Follow Me

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

Come, ye that love the Lord
Albion arr Alice Parker (b. 1925)

***Epiphany Doxology**

*As they offered gifts more rare
At that manger rude and bare
So may we with holy joy
Pure and free from sin’s alloy.
All our costliest treasures bring
Christ, to thee, and praises sing.*

Prayer of Dedication

CLOSING HYMN #177 (*Black, New Century*)

God of Change and Glory

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Recessional Marche Romaine
Charles Gounod (1818 - 1893)

Deacons: Jane Clayton-Matthews, Kirby Salerno

Altar Guild: Diana Conroy

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

Flowers: Mary Lou Hughes

Flower Delivery: Caryl Johnson

*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.*

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.

Open and Affirming Statement

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.

(This statement adopted in 2000, reflects the welcome of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender people and their friends and families.)

Warrant for Annual Meeting Sunday, January 28, 2018

The Annual Meeting of The Congregational Church of Needham will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10am worship service on Sunday, January 28, 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 21, 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 21 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 2018.

Article III - To adopt a budget for Fiscal Year 2018.

Article IV: To authorize the Board to re-finance the existing bridge loan prior to its maturation in June of 2019 and obtain a new loan, secured by church property, in an amount no greater than \$1,500,000, with proceeds of the new loan to pay off the existing bridge loan and pay any broker fees associated with the Lease of the 1180 Building; the remainder going to the Capital Campaign fund for improvements to the main church building at 1154 Great Plain Avenue

Article V: To amend the by-laws of the Church

Welcome to all who are new or here for the first time! If you are interested in learning more about our church, please email Rev. Jim at revjim@needhamucc.org, Rev Heike at revheike@needhamucc.org or call the office at 781-444-2510 to set up a conversation.

For updates on church life, our family ministries, Christian Education and Youth Ministries follow us at: **@NeedhamUCC on Instagram**

Congregational Church of Needham UCC on Facebook

@needhamucc on Twitter www.needhamucc.org

Please silence your cell phone before attending the service. You can Check In on Facebook and let people know you are here. Feel free to Tweet, Snapchat, or Instagram during the service. If you would like or need a hearing device an usher will be able to assist you. Children's Childcare is offered for infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers in the Nursery located downstairs during the service.

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 Evening hours are also available by appointment.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

January 21, 2018

The Transition Team wishes to acknowledge all who participated in the Small Group Focus Sessions. We have had a very strong turnout and are very grateful for the time and thoughtful feedback that people have provided. These guided discussions will provide critical input and feedback essential to the Transition Team in preparing an accurate Church Profile that will inform and support the Search Committee work. This is an important part of the process for selecting our next settled senior minister.

Now that the Focus meetings have concluded, we will be answering the question, “Who is our neighbor?” This will be done by interviewing leaders in our community, which will include the Housing Authority, Superintendent of Schools and a Selectman. These meetings will help us learn how our church is viewed in the community and more importantly how we can be more supportive and helpful.

As always, please e-mail us at transitionteam@needhamucc.org if you have questions. The Transition Team: Deb Abraham, Alan Clayton-Matthews, Diana Conroy, Claudia Darmofal, Frank Lupino, Carl Madsen, Barbra Morton, Heather Salerno, Reverend Jim Mitulski

NEEDHAM UCC FAMILY COOKBOOK: Submit Your Recipes Now! Our Youth Groups will be compiling recipes through January for a new Congregational Church of Needham cookbook! You are invited to contribute your favorite recipe to be included. You can email the recipe to youth@needhamucc.org or bring a printed copy and put it in Maddie’s mailbox in the copy room! Additionally, if you’d like to share one or two sentences on a memory related to your recipe we will include that as well! Recipes will be collected through January 31. The cookbooks will be released in time for preparing your Easter dinner!

JUSTICE AND WITNESS: We are invited to join friends from Old Cambridge Baptist Church and other faith communities at this. Please join us in the upcoming Prayer Vigil at the ICE Detention Center in Boston. At these vigils we gather to show our support of and solidarity with those detained by ICE in Boston, to remind them that they are not forgotten. At the same time, we bear witness to the violence that ICE perpetuates: separating families, removing parents in from of their children’s eyes, detaining people without access to the basic legal services they need to support themselves, and countless other atrocities. And we recommit ourselves to taking meaningful action for justice.

Interfaith Prayer Vigil in solidarity with people detained by ICE in Boston

Sunday, January 21 - 2-3pm South Bay Correctional Facility

20 Bradston St., Boston, MA 02118 I went to one of these last year- and the sight and sound of the women and children singing and waving and chanting to us through the windows while we

gathered on the freeway bridge in sight of each other made an indelible imprint on my heart and soul- if you are looking for a way to deepen spiritually- I especially urge you to join me. - Jim Mitulski

Let's Talk, Let's Listen- About Race in Boston. In December the Boston Globe did a 7 part series SPOTLIGHT serials called **BOSTON. RACISM. IMAGE. REALITY.**

The Three Downtown Protestant Churches (First Parish UU, First Baptist and The Congregational Church UCC) are hosting a once a month - last Tuesday of each month- series of conversations of the articles. The first one takes place on Tuesday, January 30, at 7 p.m. at First Parish Unitarian 23 Dedham Ave, right across from the Common. ALL are welcome. Read the first three articles in the series <https://apps.bostonglobe.com/spotlight/boston-racism-image-reality/series/image/> 'Not **everything** that is faced **can be changed**, but nothing **can be changed** until it is faced.'-James Baldwin.

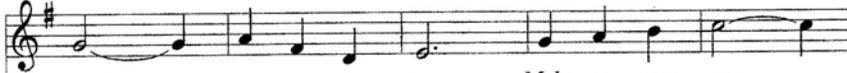
Sunday January 21st	8:15 am 8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am 4:00 pm 6:30 pm	Men's Breakfast, <i>Library</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i> Annual Meeting Hearing, <i>Linden Hall</i> Junior High Youth Group Senior High Youth Group
Monday January 22nd	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i>
Wednesday January 24th	7:00 pm	Outreach Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Thursday January 25th	7:00 pm	Meditation w/ Sue Findlay, <i>Chapel</i>
Sunday January 28th	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm 6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i> Annual Meeting & Luncheon, <i>Sanctuary</i> Junior High Youth Group Senior High Youth Group
Monday January 29th	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i>
Thursday February 1st	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Lunch with Heike, <i>Linden Hall</i> Choir Practice, <i>Linden AB</i>
Saturday February 3rd	8:30 am	Board and Deacon Retreat

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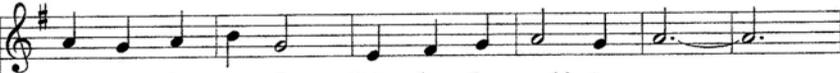
Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man-y the gifts, man-y the peo-ple, man-y the



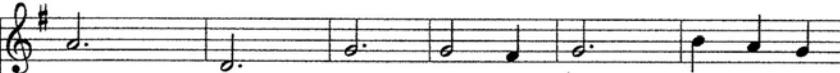
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone
 wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing,
 hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants



your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice.
 bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed.
 shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv-ing stone.
 to one an-oth-er, signs of your king-dom come.

Refrain


Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark-ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath-ered to-day.

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Will You Come and Follow Me

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Unison

1. Will you come and fol - low Me if I but call your name?
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when You but call my name.

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low You and nev - er be the same.

Will you let My love be shown, will you let My name be known,
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In Your com - pa - ny I'll go where Your love and foot - steps show.

will you let My life be grown in you and you in Me?
 Will you let Me an - swer prayer in you and you in Me?
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
 through My sight and touch and sound in you and you in Me?
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.

WORDS: John L. Bell and Graham A. Maule, 1987

MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987

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