



*An open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ*

January 22, 2017  
**The Third Sunday After The Epiphany**

*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**

No Night There  
*H.P. Danks (1834 - 1903)*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Jim and Rev. Heike

**CONGREGATIONAL GREETING**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious and all loving God,  
you call to us across deep waters and dark places.  
Yours is the light which guides us  
and the voice which we follow.  
We pray that you would reveal yourself to us as we worship you.  
May those without hope be encouraged;  
those who are sad, cheered;  
those who are seeking, find you;  
and may all things be according to your will.  
In the name of your beloved Son we pray. Amen.

~ written by Rev. Richard J. Fairchild, and posted on Kir-Shalom.

**\*OPENING HYMN #177 (Black, New Century Hymnal)**

**God of Change and Glory**

**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

Lead me Lord, in Thy Righteousness  
*Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810 - 1876)*

## SELECTION OF READINGS

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Gospel Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the reign of heaven has come near."

As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the movement and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

**HYMN #504 (Black, New Century Hymnal)**

**You Walk Along Our Shoreline**

**SERMON**

"Creating Change"  
Jim Mitulski

**HYMN**

**The Summons "Will You Come and Follow Me"**

# 742 Will You Come and Follow Me

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. Chords are indicated above the vocal line.

**System 1:** Chords: F, C7, Dm, Gm7, Csus, C.  
 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.

**System 2:** Chords: F, C7, Dm, Gm7, Bb/C, F.  
 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.

**System 3:** Chords: Gm7, Bb, Gm7, Am7, Bb6, Csus, C.  
 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.

**System 4:** Chords: F, C7, Dm, Gm7, Bb/C, F.  
 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.

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## 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

Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake  
*Richard Farrant (circa 1530-1580)*

***\*Doxology for Epiphany Season***

**As they offered gifts most rare at that manger plain and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, 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 #172 (Black, New Century Hymnal)**

**Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult**

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jim and Rev. Heike

***Congregational Response***

**Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen!**

**POSTLUDE**

Postlude in C Major. Op 28 no. 8  
*Christian Cappelen (1845 - 1916)*

***\*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:* Nancy Fischer

*Deacons:* Charles Baker, Sunu Yeh

*Altar Guild:* Diana Conroy

*Ushers:* Rob Blauvelt, Craig Morrison, Valerie Kistler

*Flowers:* Mary Lou Hughes

*Flower Delivery:* Carol Brown

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Cara Eaton Herzog by her daughter Mi Herzog.*

- 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**

1/15/2017 Worship Attendance=100 People \*1/15/2017 Collection = \$3,532  
Please contact the church office 781-444-2510  
or [office@needhamucc.org](mailto: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.

#### **Staff**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Annual Hearing Today: Immediately after Worship in Linden Hall.

**Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 29 immediately following Worship service in the Sanctuary.**

#### **Worship Design Team**

Would you like to be part of a design team for lent worship services? **February 2 and 16 come meet with Rev. Jim at 6:30pm** at 1180 Great Plain Ave. to add input to these upcoming services.

#### **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](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!

#### **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.

#### **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 22—February 12

Sunday, January 22nd	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am 5:00 pm	Choir Practice, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Annual Meeting Hearing, <i>Linden Hall</i> Junior High Youth Group
Monday, January 23rd	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>1154 Reception Room</i>
Tuesday, January 24th	7:00 pm	Outreach Meeting
Saturday, January 28th		Youth Group—Laser Tag at Laser Quest
Sunday, January 29th	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Choir Practice, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Annual Meeting, <i>Sanctuary</i> Annual Meeting Luncheon, <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> Worship Design Team, <i>1180 GPA</i> Choir Practice, <i>Linden AB</i>
Sunday, February 5th	8:30 am  10:00 am 11:30 am	Parent Confirmation Meeting, <i>Library</i> Choir Practice, <i>Sanctuary</i> 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 7:00 pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>1154 Reception Room</i> Parent Confirmation Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Tuesday, February 7th	10:00 am 6:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Meeting, <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 9:00 am	Deacon's and Board Retreat, <i>1180 GPA</i> Senior High Snow Day
Sunday, February 12th	8:30 am  10:00 am 11:30 am  11:45 am	Mentor Confirmation Meeting, <i>Library</i> Choir Practice, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Guatemala Information Meeting, <i>Linden Hall</i> Friendly Chimers Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Parent Open House Youth Committee Meeting