



# CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

January 26, 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 26, 2014

10:00am

*Childcare is available downstairs in the crib/toddler room for infants and toddlers. Preschoolers, Grades 7-8, and 9-12 go directly downstairs to classes at 10am. Grades K-6 will start in the sanctuary, leave for the chapel after "Time for Children" and then proceed to their workshops downstairs in the main hallway. K-1<sup>st</sup> in Science, 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> in Cooking, and 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> in Story.*

**PRELUDE**

*O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß BWV 622*

*J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

*O mankind, mourn your great sin*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jane Brand

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 # 21(NCH) God Reigns o'er All the Earth**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Jane Brand

*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;**

**And for redeeming us.**

**We thank you too for challenges and blessings that shape us:**

**For hills to climb,**

**Burdens to carry,**

**Fears to overcome,**

**Mentors who walked this way before us;**

**Signs that we are not alone.**

**As we begin a New Year 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**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Exodus 32: 15-20

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**SERMON**

**"The Limits of Rage: A Sermon on Wrath"**  
Susan Cartmell

**HYMN (seated) #518 (NCH)**

**Father Almighty, Bless Us**

**MORNING PRAYER**

Heike Werder

*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**

*Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ BWV 639*

J.S. Bach

*I call unto you, Lord Jesus Christ*

*\*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 #451(NCH)**

**Be Now My Vision**

**BENEDICTION**

*\*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](http://www.needhamucc.org), our church website.

*Worship Leader:* Jane Brand

*Deacons:* Frank Arren, Lorri Lofvers

*Ushers:* Greg Rowan, Rob Blauvelt, Craig Morrison, Kevin Ward

*Altar Guild:* Denice Koljonen

*Flowers:* Mary Lou Hughes

*The flowers on the altar are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Theresa Cerame by Joanne Cerame, Don DeVeuve and granddaughter Maddie DeVeuve.*

## **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 was held following the worship service on Sunday, January 19, in Linden Hall. The hearing addressed the Annual Report and questions about articles to be addressed at the Annual Meeting.

Copies of the Annual Report are available in the Narthex. 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**

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| 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, 11:00am, Sanctuary** - Annual Reports are available in the Narthex. The Warrant is included on the back of this Bulletin

**TODAY! Winter Concert- January 26<sup>th</sup>, 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. Reception to follow. Free will offering.

### **Bible Study**

**Sunday Group:** We will not meet this week due to the Annual Meeting. Sunday Bible Study will resume February 2 at 11:30am. Newcomers are welcome! Contact Sunu Yeh for more information- [dormouse99@gmail.com](mailto:dormouse99@gmail.com).

**Thursday 10:30am group** is reading a new book on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm- The Lord is My Shepherd by Rabbi Harold Kushner. Contact Christine Weitzel for information [cweitzel@verizon.net](mailto: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](http://www.needhamucc.org/superbowl)

**LAST CALL-Guatemala Partner Family Letters.** The delegation leaves in 2 weeks. Please ensure your partner family doesn't miss out on getting a letter. Send ASAP to Dave Johnson: [davebjohnson@verizon.net](mailto:davebjohnson@verizon.net).

**Adult Ed - February 2nd – Ted talk on the “The Surprising Science of Happiness”**: Exploring the question: “What makes us happy?” through TedTalks. The New Year is still new and resolutions are still being discussed. Come and join Rev. Heike for lunch and a discussion on happiness.

**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](http://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](mailto:office@needhamucc.org). You can also have your picture taken at church during the month of February every Sunday after church.**

**Calendar January 26<sup>th</sup> – February 6<sup>th</sup> , 2014**

<b>Sunday January 26th</b>	9am 9:15am 10am 11am 11:30am Noon 2pm  <b>4pm</b> 5pm 7pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i> Annual Meeting, <i>Sanctuary</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Rm</i> Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Rm</i> Chancel Choir Winter Concert rehearsal call, <i>Sanctuary</i> <b>Winter Choral Concert, Sanctuary</b> Junior. High Youth Group Senior High Youth Group
<b>Mon. Jan. 27th</b>	9am	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Rm</i>
<b>Tues. Jan. 28th</b>	7pm	CE Committee Meeting
<b>Thurs. Jan. 30th</b>	7:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
<b>Sat. February 1st</b>	3:30pm	Voices Rising Concert, <i>Sanctuary</i>
<b>Sunday February 2nd</b>	9am 9:15am 9:30am 10am 11am 11:30am  11:45am  Noon	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Hallelujah Choir, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i> Super Bowl Subs Pick-up Adult Ed – Happiness, <i>Library</i> Guatemala Partnership Mtg, <i>Chapel</i> Friendly Chimers Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Rm</i>
<b>Mon. Feb. 3rd</b>	9am	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Rm</i>
<b>Tuesday February 4th</b>	10am 6pm  7pm	Prayer Shawl Knitter, <i>Conference Rm</i> Community Dinner for Baby Basics, <i>Linden Hall</i> EMT Meeting, <i>Chapel</i> Deacons Meeting, <i>Library</i>
<b>Thurs. Feb. 6th</b>	No on	Lunch with Rev. Heike, <i>Library</i>