



# CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

January 5, 2013

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 5, 2013

10:00am

*Childcare for infants and toddlers is available downstairs.*

*Preschoolers meet for class downstairs at 10am. Grades K-6 go directly to chapel at 10am and will join their families in worship for communion, 7th–8th graders to Stevenson Hall at 10am, 9th-12th graders go to worship in sanctuary at 10am.*

**PRELUDE**

*We Three Kings*

Albin Whitworth

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Heike Werder

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 #157 (NCH)**

**Brightest and Best**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Heike Werder

*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*

*O Come Let Us Adore Him*  
refrain from Hymn #132 (PH)

**ANTHEM**

*Walk in the Light*  
arr. André Thomas (b. 1952)

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 2: 1

**SERMON**

“Your Search for Something More”  
A Dialogue Sermon – Susan Cartmell & Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd

**HYMN(seated) # 159 (NCH)**

“As with Gladness Those of Old”

**OFFERTORY**

*Concerns and Celebrations*

*Anthem*

*Goin' to Bethlehem*  
Jay Althouse (b. 1951)

*\*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*

**ORDER FOR THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Invitation to the Table*

*Communion Prayer*

*Prayer Response*

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you Lord!

*Distribution of the Bread and Cup*

Hymn for the Bread & Cup:

# 138(NCH) *Jesus, our Brother*

# 154(NCH) *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith. Increase our love for one another. Send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #160 (Black) Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*A Christmas Blessing*  
Philip Stopford (b. 1977)

**POSTLUDE**

*Noel*  
Louis-Nicholas Clèrambault (1676-1749)

***\*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:* Heike Werder

*Deacons:* Mary Lou Hughes, Rich Weitzel

*Communion:* Robert Kennedy, Connie Kaufman, Frank Arren, Tim Barber

*Ushers:* Jim Leighton, Phil Gotwals, Rich Weitzel, Robert Kennedy

*Altar Guild:* Sherrill Salisbury, Mary Barber

*Flowers:* Mary Lou Hughes

*Flower Delivery:* Jane Clayton-Matthews

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Martin and Gladys Edman on their wedding anniversary by Bill and Mary Lou Edman Hughes.*

Today we welcome Rev. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd, who is a graduate of Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago. She is currently serving as the Youth Minister of the First Church UU in Muncie, IN. Liz grew up in this church, where she was renowned for her bible trivia, a lot of which she learned in car trips with her mom, Rev. Susan.

## Communion

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is served on the first Sunday of every month in our church. Along with Baptism, it is one of two sacraments in the United Church of Christ.

At Holy Communion we remember that Jesus ate with his disciples on the last night before he died. In that upper room he transformed the Passover meal something new. As he broke the bread that night he reminded them that it was a symbol for his own body which was broken for all of us. As he lifted the cup of wine he told them that it was a symbol of the covenant- which had come from Abraham and Moses - between us and God.

So when we eat the bread and dip it into the cup we remember that God loved us so much that God sent Jesus. Through Christ we came to know God even better. At this table, through faith, we believe Christ joins us and comes to be our host.

Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey you are welcome at this table. We offer children instruction in the sacrament of Holy Communion in the second grade. We leave it to families to decide if their children will take the communion, but everyone is welcome at any age. If your child will not be taking communion but would like a short blessing, please tell one of the ministers.

When you come forward the minister will give you the bread and say – “The Bread of Heaven for you”. Many people respond saying, “Amen” or “Thanks be to God”. Dip the bread into the cup of grape juice. As you do, the Deacon will say, “The cup of salvation for you.” Again you may respond with “Amen” or “Thanks be to God.” You are encouraged to eat the bread soaked in the juice right away, and then return to your seat down the side aisle.

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The Rev. Susan Cartmell, Senior Minister  
The Rev. Heike Werder, Associate Minister  
The Rev. Jamie Green, Youth Minister

Bobby DeRegis, Director of Music Ministries  
Jannatha Coffin-Malia, Dir of Youth Music  
The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Superbowl Subs:** During the month of January, the Senior High Youth Group will be taking orders for Superbowl Subs and NEW this year... Superbowl Chili!

Subs are \$7 each, Chili is \$5 a bowl.

Please email or drop off your order by Jan 31st.

Find order forms at [www.needhamucc.org/superbowl](http://www.needhamucc.org/superbowl)

Pick up on Sunday, Feb. 4th after worship.

**Newcomers Breakfast – January 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am:** Everyone who is somewhat new to the church- i.e. you started coming in 2012 or 2013 but have not yet joined the church is invited to the Newcomers Breakfast.

When – Sunday morning – January 12 – 8:30 a.m.

Where – the Church Library

What – Rev. Susan will introduce herself, provide some information about our programs, and answer questions.

You will have a chance to meet other families who are also newcomers. Children are always welcome to stay with the group or play with a sitter.

Join us for a chance to learn more, and make some new friends.

RSVP - [revsusan@needhamucc.org](mailto:revsusan@needhamucc.org) ; or 781-444-2510 – to tell Danielle you will be attending.

**Bible Study – Sunday Group:** The Sunday Group meets in the Reception Room at 11:30 a.m.; Newcomers are welcome – next meeting is January 12<sup>th</sup>. Contact Sunu Yeh for more information- [dormouse99@gmail.com](mailto:dormouse99@gmail.com).

Thursday 10:30am group will next meet January 9<sup>th</sup> with a new book on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm- The Lord is My Shepherd by Rabbi Harold Kushner. Contact Christine Weitzel for information [crweitz@verizon.net](mailto:crweitz@verizon.net)

**NOMINATIONS** -- If you are interested in serving on the church Board or one of its standing committees (Deacons, Outreach, Christian Education and Youth), please let us know! The ad hoc nominations committee is putting together a slate for January's annual meeting. If you would like to serve please get in touch with Martha Lamb ([Martha\\_lamb@aol.com](mailto:Martha_lamb@aol.com)) or Jane Brand ([ajbrand@comcast.net](mailto:ajbrand@comcast.net))!

**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) .**

## **Calendar January 5<sup>th</sup> – January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

<b>Sunday January 5th</b>	9am 9:15am 10am  11:30am Noon 7pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship –Dialogue Sermon with Rev. Susan, her daughter Rev. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd  Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Rm</i> Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Rm</i> Guatemala Partnership Mtg, <i>Library</i>
<b>Monday January 6th</b>	9am 7:30pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Rm</i> Design Team Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
<b>Tuesday January 7th</b>	10am  6pm 7pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters, <i>Conference Room</i>  Community Dinner, <i>Linden Hall</i> EMT Meeting, <i>Chapel</i> Deacon's Meeting, <i>Library</i>
<b>Wed. Jan. 8th</b>	7pm	Board Meeting, <i>Library</i>
<b>Thurs. Jan. 9th</b>	10:30am Noon 7:30pm	Bible Study, <i>Reception Room</i> Lunch with Rev. Heike, <i>Library</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
<b>Sunday January 12th</b>	9am 9:15am 10am 11:30am Noon	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Rm</i> Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Rm</i>
<b>Monday January 13th</b>	9am 7:30pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Rm</i> Immigration Task Force, <i>Library</i>
<b>Wednesday January 15th</b>	7:30pm	Music Team Meeting, <i>Conference Rm.</i>