



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

October 12, 2014

Theme: Vocation



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, October 12, 2014

10:00am

Children are always welcome in Worship with their parents / guardians. Childcare is available in the crib/toddler room on the lower level for infants and toddlers. Preschoolers go directly to classes downstairs at 10 am. Grades K-5 will start in the Sanctuary at 10 am, then leave for the Chapel for a movie showing after Time for Children . Grades 6-8, stay in the Sanctuary for Worship, there is no class today.

PRELUDE

My Faith Looks Up to Thee
arr. Dale Wood (1934-2003)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jackie Allen

Leader: In the sacredness of this hour, we meet to worship God.

People: God's love compels us to enter.

Leader: God calls us gently but persistently.

People: God calls us in our strength and in our weakness.

Leader: We ask to be more open to hearing God's call.

People: As we journey may God's Spirit encourage our faith.

***OPENING HYMN #1(NCH) Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

Call to Prayer

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us pray.

Unison Prayer

**O God, we thank you for the gift of life.
We praise you for giving us a desire to make a difference.
Quiet the fears and distractions of our hearts and minds long
enough for us to listen to the movement of your Holy Spirit.
Help us to hear your gentle invitation.
Help us to see how best to use our gifts.
Give us the faith to choose You, as You have chosen us....**

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response

TIME FOR CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S HYMN #526 (NCH)

**We Are Marching in the
Light of God**

(Children dismissed to Bible Village during hymn)

ANTHEM

O Lord, Increase My Faith
Henry Loosemore (1607-1670)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 9:1-19

p. 120-121

SERMON

“Starting Over: The Call to Begin Again”
Susan Cartmell

HYMN (seated) #172(NCH)

Jesus Calls Us

MORNING PRAYER

Barbara Livingston

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

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult
text by Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)
tune by William H. Jude (1851-1922)

**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 #42(NCH) O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing
Hymn 63 (PH)

POSTLUDE

Fugue in e minor
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

**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: Jackie Allen

Deacons: Connie Kaufman, Stephanie Oddleifson

Ushers: Alex Cullen, Frank Luppino, Nancy Lane, Eric Slosser

Altar Guild: Lee McNally

Flowers: Fabienne Madsen

*The flowers on the altar are given today to the Glory of God in loving
memory of Walter R. Van Hoek
given by Ruth Van Hoek and Deborah and K.M. Abraham.*

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The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Promise: Susan Kirk is sponsoring a table during coffee hour today, 10/12, for anyone with questions about Family Promise or who wants information about how to become involved. Family Promise training will be held on **Tuesday, October 14 from 7-8:30pm** at the church. Adults and children over 13 must attend a training to participate in our December 28-January 3 Support Week at First Congregational Church Natick. Training Sessions are also available the first Tuesday and third Thursday of each month at other local churches.

Green Walk Around Your Home: **Sunday, October 19, 11:30am-12:30pm,** The Environmental Ministries Team is presenting a Climate Change Café talk with Leslie Reichert. Leslie is a National Lecturer and author of “The Joy of Green Cleaning”. Join us for a room by room tour to discover the hidden dangers of toxic chemicals in your home.

Friendly Society—Christmas Stocking Workshop: **Thursday, November 6 at 1:15pm, Library.** The workshop led by Betty Peterson lends opportunity to chat while sewing stockings and filling them up with toys for City Mission. Look for more announcements about Friendly Society meetings weekly in the Bulletin and monthly in Focus. Questions can be directed to any of the Steering Committee members: Doris Cook, Margie Daganhardt, Joan Dimond, Barbara Lovely, Joanne Seiden or Patty Stewart.

Youth Choir: Do you know a child that likes to sing? We would love to have more students join our youth choirs.

FACT: One of the only activities that activates, stimulates, and uses the entire brain is Music.

FACT: Research shows that music is to the brain as physical exercise is to the human body. Music tones the brain for auditory fitness and allows it to decipher between tone and pitch.

Please consider this opportunity for your children!

Rehearsals are on Sundays throughout the year.

Joyful Noise—9:15-9:45 am

Hallelujah Choir—11:30-12:00 pm

Shepherd’s Staff—12:00-1:00pm

Each choir will sing for the congregation 4-5 times throughout the year, culminating with Youth Sunday on June 14.

Adult Bible Study: Sunday 11:30-12:30 Conference Room Everyone is welcome to drop by any Sunday after church to try out Bible Study. Those of us who have participated have found it a wonderful way to get to know each other and to increase our comfort level reading the Bible. Our goal is to support each

other in our journey of faith. Last year we read Luke and Isaiah by studying a few chapters at a time. We will be selecting another book of the Bible soon to read for the fall, so please join us! For more information, contact Sunu Yeh at dormouse99@gmail.com.

Once In a While Choir: Hello Ye Singers Young and Younger. The **Once In a While Choir** will sing at the beginning of the **10 AM service on Sunday, November 16th**. If you would like to participate, Cici Hunt would love to have you join for the 'once in a while' opportunity. All are welcome. Yes, bring your children to join in the fun, too. We will rehearse two times, Sunday, November 2nd, November 16th at 9:20am. We will sing at the beginning of the 10 am service on November 16th so folks can go off to Sunday School right after. The song to be sung will likely be "May The Light of Love Be With You Every Day" which has a Thanksgiving theme. We sang this several years ago, so perhaps you remember, "May the light of love be shining deep within your spirit. May the torch of mercy clear the path and show the way. May the horn of plenty sound so every one can hear it. May the light of love be with you every day." It's a great song!!!

I look forward to seeing you on Nov. 16th. If you have any questions, please call Cici, at 781-540-9113 or email cicihunt@gmail.com. Blessings!!!

Faith Circle Book Club: The Faith Circle Book Club will begin meeting this **Thursday, October 16th, 10:30 am in the Reception Room**. The book club will run through the end of December and focuses on books that explore spirituality. Please contact the office for more information. 781-444-2510 or office@needhamucc.org.

Men's Breakfast October 19, 8:15am in the Library: The Men's Breakfast brings men of all ages and persuasions together in the Library on the 3rd Sunday of the month before Worship in honest and lively discussion touching our faith and our lives in today's complex world. We welcome men of all ages and accommodate those with scheduling challenges. Arrive at 8:15am for fellowship and breakfast or by 9:00am for the discussion. Contact John Baldwin (jsbaldwin@comcast.net) or Rob Dunlavey (rob@robd.com) for more information.

Noah's Ark Preschool: Noah's Ark Preschool is in the process of enrolling children for the 2015 – 2016 school year! We offer priority enrollment to our returning students, siblings, and Congregational Church of Needham members, respectively, now through November 21st. If you would like to tour the school and to receive more information, please call Ann Lyons at 781-449-2439. Initial information can be gathered from our website at: www.noahsarkneedham.org.

Senior High Youth Group Annual Haunted House: Will be open to the public from **5pm-8pm on Saturday, October 25th** for kids of all ages. A game room and bouncy house will be available for fun without the scares. **\$5 per person**, all

proceeds help youth attend the Summer Mission Trip.

We are in need of these items for the Haunted House:

*Long curtains (any condition, any color, but white, tan, or other light color are best)

*Any kind of fabric in large amounts (any condition, any color but specifically need gold/shimmery, red, blue, burlap, blue-shimmery)

*Bed Sheets (any color, any condition)

*Large cardboard boxes (like refrigerator sized)

*Any decorations/props/costumes along the following themes (donate or borrow!): Ancient Egypt (mummies, hieroglyphics, statues, pyramids, Cleopatra, King Tut, temples), War/Trenches (lanterns, camo, soldier helmets/gear), Thanksgiving, Salem Witch Trials

* ***bags of individually wrapped candy*** !(PLEASE NO NUTS & NO PEANUT BUTTER- which means no Reese's, Butterfingers, Snickers, Baby Ruth, Almond Joy, etc)

*Please drop off donations in Rev. Jamie's office by **Friday, October 24th.***

The Church Fair—Attic Treasures is looking for your donations! If you are cleaning out clutter and want to find a good home for your no longer needed items, please bring your items to the church.

DONATIONS NEEDED!! The Village Fair will again include a silent auction, and your generous donation of crafts, services, gift cards, and other items (new or gently used) will be much appreciated. If you are interested in donating, please contact Auction Co-Chairs Jane Brand (ajbrand@comcast.net) or Diana Conroy (conroyjd@rcn.com). Also, if you are interested in helping out on the day of the auction, please let us know.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help at the **Village Fair, November 15.** We are looking for volunteers to help during the fair. Please contact Danielle Jurdan in the office to volunteer or with any questions at office@needhamucc.org or 781-444-2510.

CALENDAR October 12—October 26

Sunday, Oct. 12th	9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00am 11:30am 12:00pm	Chancel Choir, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Friendly Chime Ringers Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Shepherd's Staff Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Monday, Oct. 13th		<i>Columbus Day Church Office Closed</i>
Tuesday, Oct. 14th	7:00 pm	Family Promise, <i>Chapel</i>
Wednesday, Oct. 15th	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Outreach Committee Meeting, <i>Library</i> Music Team Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
Thursday, Oct. 16th	10:30am 7:30 pm	Faith Circle Book Club, <i>Reception Room</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Saturday, Oct. 18th	5:00 pm	Senior High Lock in
Sunday, Oct. 19th	8:15 am 9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00am 11:30am 12:00pm 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast, <i>Library</i> Chancel Choir, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Climate Change Café, Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Friendly Chime Ringers Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Shepherd's Staff Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> ALPHA, <i>Linden Hall</i>
Monday, Oct. 20th	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i>
Thursday, Oct. 23rd	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Saturday, Oct. 25th	5:00 pm	Haunted House
Sunday, Oct. 26th	9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00am 11:30am 12:00pm 5:00 pm	Chancel Choir, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Adult Ed—Brita Gill Austern, <i>Linden Hall</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Friendly Chime Ringers Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Shepherd's Staff Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> ALPHA, <i>Linden Hall</i>