



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

United Church of Christ

October 16, 2016

Celebrating Environmental Ministry

*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

Soeur Monique
Francois Couperin

INVOCATION

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN (*See Insert*)

Earth Was Given as a Garden

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Heike and Rev. Jim

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

PRAYER

"Merger Poem"
By Judy Chicago

And then all that has divided us will merge
And then compassion will be wedded to power
And then softness will come to a world that is harsh and unkind
And then both men and women will be gentle
And then both women and men will be strong
And then no person will be subject to another's will
And then all will be rich and free and varied
And then the greed of some will give way to the needs of many
And then all will share equally in the Earth's abundance
And then all will care for the sick and the weak and the old
And then all will nourish the young
And then all will cherish life's creatures
And then all will live in harmony with one another and the Earth
And then everywhere will be called Eden once again.

Silent Prayer

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...)

Prayer Response

7 Fold Amen

Norton

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Children leave for Bible Village after Time for Children

CHILDREN'S HYMN # 524(NCH)

This Little Light / This Joy I Have

Environmental Ministry Presentation

ANTHEM

The Road Not Taken (text by Robert Frost)
Randall Thompson

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 18:1-8

HYMN (See Insert)

For the Earth Forever Turning

163 For the Earth Forever Turning

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1. For the
2. For the
3. For the
4. For the

earth for - ev - er turn - ing; for the
moun - tains, hills, and pas - tures in their
sun, for rain and thun - der, for the
world we raise our voic - es, for the

skies, for ev - 'ry sea; for our
si - lent maj - es - ty; for the
sea - sons' har - mo - ny, for our
home that gives us birth; in our

lives, for all we cher - ish, sing we our
stars, for all the heav - ens, sing we our
lives, for all cre - a - tion, sing we our
joy we sing re - turn - ing home to our

joy - ful song of peace.
joy - ful song of peace.
joy - ful praise to Thee.
blue - green hills of earth.

SERMON

“Praying for Our Lives”
Jim Mitulski

Prayer Chant

“Open My Heart”
By Ana Hernandez

Open my heart, open my heart, open my heart, open my heart (*repeat*)

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Call to Prayer

Leader: God is with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: O God, 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!

Concerns and Celebrations

Prayers for the mother of Debbie Brennan.

Prayers for Phil Hardebeck and his family on the sudden death of his stepfather, David Fleischaker.

Prayers for the family of Jo-Ann Donald who passed away on October 12, 2016.

Prayers for Our Friends and Families, Our Church, Our Community, and the World.

Congregational Response

“Open my Heart”
By Ana Hernandez

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

Alleluia to Jesus
Carl Schalk

**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 #28 (NCH)**

For the Beauty of the Earth

BENEDICTION

Rev. Jim and Rev. Heike

EVENTS TODAY

Invitation from the Board: For everyone who was unable to attend the June 26 Capital Campaign Forum, the Forum will be repeated on **Sunday, October 16, at 8:30 AM (before worship).**

EMT: The Environmental Ministry Team (EMT) presents a fall Climate Change Café: **Sunday, October 16th at 11:30 A.M. in Linden Hall.** Please join **Mary Lou Andre**, President of Organization by Design, a wardrobe management, fashion and image consulting firm, and editor of Dressing Well Online, as she discusses wardrobe essentials. She will help us decide what we should keep and what we should donate from our closets. A light lunch will be served.

Let's Talk...Let's Listen: You are invited to join Rev. Jim and a few lay leaders to a talking/listening opportunity to express thoughts, or feelings about the conflicts around the changes and staff departures of the senior minister, music minister and youth minister that took place in 2014 and 2015, and other difficulties or changes we have gone through in the recent past on **Wednesday, October 19 at 7 pm in the chapel, or Saturday, October 22 at 10 am in the living room at 1180.** You are welcome to come if you have come to previous meetings, or if this is your first time, whether or not you're a formal member, and we urge you to invite people you may know who have been away for a while as well. These are group meetings, and you may also request private or group appointments with Rev. Jim by calling the office or emailing Jim at RevJim@Needhamucc.org and leaving possible appointment times between Monday and Thursday.



Let's Pray...Let's Sing: You are invited to a healing prayer and candlelight communion service on Wednesday evening, **October 26 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel**, led by Rev. Jim and the deacons.

Upcoming Worship

October 23: Celebrating the Ministry of the Open and Affirming Ministry

Jim preaches on "Embracing and Engaging " using poem by Ellen Bass <http://www.ellenbass.com/books/the-human-line/pray-for-peace/> and Luke 18: 9-14 and Cici Hunt singing "Imagine".

October 30: Reformation Sunday

Celebrating our Protestant Heritage. Special Musical Guest Bobby Jo Valentine www.Bobbyjovalentine.com

October 30 3:00PM : The Ordination of Sandra Summers to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the United Church of Christ at Sudbury Memorial.

October 30 6:00PM Concert with Bobby Jo Valentine

November 6 : The Feast of All Saints and Communion Sunday. Pledge Drive Begins.

Plan to have pictures of departed loved ones and people you revere as saints for the altar.

November 20: Community Thanksgiving Service at First Baptist Church at 4:00pm

Attendance and Collection

10/9/2016 Worship Attendance = 96 people

Collection & Pledges* = \$3,607

Please contact the church office 781-444-2510 or office@needhamucc.org to find out how you can give electronically.

** Collection & Pledge amount does not include additional pledges received electronically.**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Alleluia
Randall Thompson

POSTLUDE

Cornet Solo
anon

****You are invited to stand***

- 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.

Worship Assistant: Jan Drake

Deacons: Joanne Seiden, Rick Devereux

Altar Guild: Diana Conroy

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

Flowers: Nancy Fischer

Flower Delivery: Caryl Johnson

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory
of loved ones by Carl and Fabienne Madsen.*

The Board is responsible for the overall administrative life of the church including buildings, finances, personnel and the overall health of the church.

Moderator - Jackie Allen

Clerk - Keith McClelland

Term Ends 2017

Christine Weitzel

Ken Allen

Carl Madsen

Michael Normile

Howard Sesso

Term Ends 2018

Blair Wentworth

Sharmon Priaulx

Term Ends 2019

Jim Conroy

Diane Rees

Kristin Mollerus

The Deacons are responsible for the spiritual life and well-being of the church.

Chair - Frank Luppino

Vice Chair - Susan Lively

Term Ends 2017

Stephanie Oddleifson

Sunu Yeh

Joanne Seiden

Lee McNally

Sally Fitzgerald

Term Ends 2018

Charlie Baker

Kirby Salerno

Claudia Darmofal

Term Ends 2019

Rick Devereux

Dibby Moder

Scott Stewart

Carol Miller

Jean Veigas

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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The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Breakfast Date Change: The date of the October 2016 Men's Breakfast Fellowship has changed because of several scheduling conflicts. Instead of meeting this Sunday Oct. 16th we will meet Sunday **October 30**.

Faith Exploration Book Group: Hello Everyone-- I wanted to invite you to join our Fall Faith Circles book discussion group. We will be meeting 8 Thursdays this Fall from 10:30-12:00 to discuss the book, [Not in God's Name: Confronting Religious Violence](#). I think it will be a great book for discussion and will foster some interesting conversations. The group starts Thursday, **October 6 and ends Dec. 1**. If you would like a copy of the book, please let me know and I can get you one for \$20. Please let me know if you are planning on attending for the duration or for only a few sessions, either is fine. Any questions, please let me know. Christine Weitzel.

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Breakfast with Rev. Jim October 23, 8:30-9:30am in the Church Library: Come have breakfast with our new Interim Minister, Rev. Jim Mitulski. No need to sign up – everyone is welcome. No need to bring anything but your questions, and your vision as we look ahead to the Interim Ministerial Period.

Being You: A Conversation about Gender Identity

Featuring a Panel of Diverse Looks at the Transgender Experience : The ONA Ministry Team will present a wonderful event titled "Being You: A Conversation about Gender Identity," next Sunday, October 23 at 11:30am. The program will feature diverse looks at the Transgender experience and is intended for youth and adults.

Panelists include a male high school student who is transgender and a teen who identifies as genderqueer. The other panelists are a transgender adult who is a United Church of Christ minister and trans educator, and a public school educator who trains others in sensitive and culturally appropriate practices with trans teens.

Lunch is available at the end of the program and child care is available. We encourage everyone to attend and experience this honest and informative look at gender identity and the trans experience. It will inform how we can state more clearly and inclusively our ONA welcome.

Let's Pray...Let's Sing: You are invited to a healing prayer and candlelight communion service on Wednesday evening, **October 26 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel**, led by Rev. Jim and the deacons.

Church Read and Discussion: "Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption" by Bryan Stevenson Date TBD

We will be joining with the First Baptists Church in Needham to discuss the book and have not yet finalized a date. See Jim Mitulski or email with questions RevJim@needhamucc.org.

Bible Study: Interested in joining a small group which will support your own faith journey? Join us for weekly Bible Study immediately after church from 11:30-12:30 in the Reception Room. Each week we meet to discuss a few chapters of the Bible. This fall we will be reading the gospel of Matthew together. Everyone is welcome to drop in and try us out! For more information or to be on the mailing list to receive weekly summaries, please contact Sunu Yeh at dormouse99@gmail.com.

Santa's Workshop: Something new is in the works! We are looking for someone who loves to take pictures to volunteer their time during the **Village Fair** to take photos of kids visiting with our special guest... **Santa Claus!** (A good camera is a bonus but we can provide a point and shoot camera.) Photos will be emailed to parents after the Fair.

Garden Fence: The Fair is coming! You're familiar with the festive fall and Christmas decorations at the **Garden Fence**. We welcome gently used Christmas ornaments, wreaths and decorations that might be recycled into brand new decorations others will appreciate and buy! Please leave your donation in the small kitchen and label it **Garden Fence**. Contact Joanne Seiden (781-449-6535, jseiden@basiclink.com.) Thanks very much.

Attic Treasures and Used Books/CD's/DVD's: Now is the time to sort through books, CD's, DVD's, old favorites and white elephant gifts that have never been used. The **Attic Treasures** will be back at the **Village Fair** this year. To donate your gently used items or to help out on the day of the fair contact Diana Conroy (781-449-3350) or conroyid@rcn.com.

The Auction is going UPSCALE! We are looking for high-end donations valued at \$100.00 or more.. for example, garden center gift certificates, restaurant gift certificates, spa days, massages or vacation homes. Items valued between \$50.00 and \$100.00 will go in our raffle. Please consider donating. Thank you so much! Your Auction Team: Caryl Johson and Fabienne Madsen Contact us via email: caryljohnson@gmail.com or fabienne@fabienmadsendesign.com.

Rustic Chic Table : Run by the Environmental Ministry Team, will be offering items that have been re-purposed and/or used to give items a second life and hopefully find a new home and new use. We have re-purposed picture frames, containers with plants, trays, many glass items, re-purposed corks items and much more. If you like to re-purpose and would like to donate items that you have created, please contact Isabell Wells at 781-449-8907 or allnorder2@yahoo.com.

The **Bake Table** will be looking for donations of baked goods. We, as a church, now have a reputation of being wonderful pie makers. There will be aluminum pie pans available at our sign-up table during the Sunday coffee hours. Please plan to take one home and fill it for the **Bake Table**. Of course, all donations of any baked item will be gratefully accepted and appreciated. Carol Miller has agreed to take this on in addition to her candy. Please support her in any way you can.

Please save plastic and paper bags at home and bring them to the fair on Friday, Nov 11th. Also, we may need some shipping cartons to provide a stage for our displays.

Starting October 23rd, there will be opportunities to sign up in Fellowship Hall at coffee hour following church to help. We are looking for people to help at various tables during the Fair and before to set up and price. In addition, we will need helpers to set up tables and chairs starting Wednesday morning. **Garden Fence** is looking for helpers on Friday morning to bring their goods from their workroom to their sales area. We will also be looking for people to help take down our tables after the fair is over on Sunday. Plenty of opportunities for our members to feel good about their contribution to this event. This is the best season for fellowship which will energize us for the whole holiday season.



HAUNTED HOUSE DONATIONS NEEDED

Thank you to the youth group families who have donated Home Depot funds!! We are still looking for donations of old formal dresses (we could really use an old wedding or poufy prom dress!), fairy-tale themed costumes and accessories, or gift cards to Party City, Target, or any other place that sells costumes/accessories at this time of year.

CANDY DONATIONS

We are in need of ***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 to Maddie Downer in the office by ***Friday, October 21st.***

CALENDAR October 16th-November 6th

Sunday, October 16th	8:30 am 10:00am 11:30am 1:00 pm	Capital Campaign Forum, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Climate Change Café, <i>Linden Hall</i> Friendly Chimers, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Study, <i>1154 Reception Room</i> Newton Harvest Fair Junior & Senior High Youth Group
Monday, October 17th	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>1154 Reception Room</i>
Wednesday, October 19th	7:00 pm	Talk and Listen with Rev. Jim, <i>Chapel</i>
Thursday, October 20th	10:30am 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Faith Book Group, <i>1154 Reception Room</i> Holy Homework, <i>Youth Room</i> Choir Practice, <i>Linden AB</i>
Friday, October 21st	5:00 pm	Haunted House Preparation
Saturday, October 22nd	10:00am 5:00 pm	Talk and Listen with Rev. Jim, <i>1180 GPA</i> Haunted House
Sunday, October 23rd	8:30 am 10:00am 11:30am	Breakfast with Rev. Jim, <i>Library</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Friendly Chimers, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Study, <i>1154 Reception Room</i> Being You: A Conversation about Gender Identity, <i>Linden Hall</i>
Tuesday, October 25th	7:00 pm	Outreach Meeting, <i>1154 Conference Room</i>
Wednesday, October 26th	7:00 pm	Let's Pray..Let's Sing, <i>Chapel</i>
Thursday, October 27th	10:30am 7:30 pm	Faith Book Group, <i>1154 Reception Room</i> Choir Practice, <i>Linden AB</i>
Sunday, October 30th	8:15 am 10:00am 11:30am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Men's Breakfast, <i>Library</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Friendly Chimers, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Study, <i>1154 Reception Room</i> Halloween Party Youth Halloween Party Bobby Jo Valentine Concert, <i>Sanctuary</i>
Monday, October 31st	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>1154 Reception Room</i>
Tuesday, November 1st	6:00 pm	Community Dinner, <i>Linden Hall</i>
Thursday, November 3rd	10:30am 12:00pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Faith Circle Book Group, <i>1154 Reception Room</i> Lunch with Heike, <i>1180 GPA</i> Music Team Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i> Choir Practice, <i>Linden AB</i>
Sunday, November 6th Feast of All Saints Communion Sunday Daylight Savings	10:00am 11:30am 7:00 pm	Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> New Member Orientation Guatemala Partnership Meeting, <i>Library</i>

NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee will be meeting to fill the upcoming open positions for the Board, Moderator of the Board, Board of Deacons, the Christian Education Committee, Outreach, and the Youth Boards. If you are interested in any of these committees or would like to nominate someone, please fill out the form below. For any questions, please contact Sunu Yeh at dormouse99@gmail.com.

Name of Nominee: _____

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1. Earth was giv - en as a gar - den, cra - dle
 2. Show to us a - gain the gar - den where all
 3. Bless the earth and all your chil - dren, one cre -

for hu - man - i - ty; tree of life and tree of
 life flows fresh and free. Gent - ly guide your sons and
 a - tion: make us whole, in - ter - wo - ven, all con -

knowl - edge placed for our dis - cov - er - y.
 daugh - ters in - to full ma - tu - ri - ty.
 nect - ed, plan - et wide and in - most soul.

Here was home for all your crea - tures born of
 Teach us how to trust each oth - er, how to
 Ho - ly moth - er, life be - stow - ing, bid our

⊕ Words: Roberta Bard, 1940- , © 1992 Roberta Bard Ruby
 Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1811-1887

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land and sky and sea; all cre - at - ed
use for good our power, how to touch the
waste and war - fare cease. Fill us all with

in your im - age, all to live in har - mo - ny.
earth with rev - 'rence. Then once more will E - den flower.
grace o'er - flow - ing. Teach us how to live in peace.