



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

October 19, 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 19, 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 6-8 are in Stevenson Hall at 10 am. Grades K-5 will start in the Sanctuary at 10 am, then leave for Bible Village.
K-1: Theater; Grades 2-3: Games; Grades 4-5: Art*

PRELUDE

Aria
G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scott Stewart
Stewardship Moment

CALL TO WORSHIP

Scott Stewart

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 #4 (NCH)**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

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

Sevenfold Amen
Sir John Stainer (1840-1901)

TIME FOR CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S HYMN #526 (NCH)

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

(Children dismissed to Bible Village during hymn)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptized today is Josiah McDonald Ladd, son of
Jonathan & Nancy McDonald Ladd.

Welcome and Questions

Congregational Response

**We promise to this child and to his parents our love, support
and prayers.**

Baptismal Prayer

Act of Baptism

Congregational Response

Give to this newly baptized child strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life, through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

Baptism Hymn #325 (NCH)

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me
Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 1:1-9

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SERMON

“Before you were born I knew you”
Susan Cartmell

HYMN (seated) #454 (NCH)

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

MORNING PRAYER

Peggy O'Connor

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

Lord, Here Am I
John Ness Beck (1930-1987)
Dave Darmofal, piano

**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 #419 (NCH)**

Now Thank We All Our God

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

May the Lord Watch Over You
Ruth Elaine Schram (b. 1956)
Eric Slosser, cello
Dave Darmofal, piano

POSTLUDE

C. Debussy
Arabesque No.1 (1888)
Soomi Lee Lowry, piano

**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.

Our liturgist today is the Rev. Peggy O’Connor, the Interim Minister of the Pilgrim Congregational Church in Harwich Port, MA.

Worship Leader: Scott Stewart

Deacons: Mary Lou Hughes, Peter Atallah

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

Altar Guild: Denice Koljonen

Flowers: Fabienne Madsen

Flower Delivery: Mary Lou Hughes

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

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The Rev. Jamie Klopotoski, Youth Minister

Bobby DeRegis, Director of Music Ministries
Valerie Becker, Director of Youth Music
The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: Green Walk Around Your Home: Sunday, October 19, 11:30am,
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.

Flower Committee : We are looking for two donors for the fourth and fifth Sundays in November, 11/23 and 30. This can be in memory of a loved one or in celebration of an important date or event. Please contact Janet Rubenstein, jrubens@wellesley.edu or 781-449-8061. We would be very grateful.

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

DATE CHANGE—Men’s Breakfast October 26, 8:15am in the Library:
On Sunday, 10/26, the Men’s Breakfast Group will welcome all church men to breakfast. At this month’s meeting we will discuss **vocation choice** in keeping with the October sermon theme. The Men’s Breakfast brings men of all ages together in the Library before worship for breakfast and discussion touching on faith and our lives today. Join us at 8:15 AM for fellowship and breakfast or by 9:00 AM for the discussion. **Contact:** John Baldwin (jsbaldwin@comcast.net) or Rob Dunlavey (rob@robd.com) for more information

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 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!!!

Gardening Team: The team is looking for some new members to keep the Confirmation and Memorial Gardens looking neat and welcoming. No prior gardening experience is needed. If interested, please give your email address to Debbie Wentworth at bmwfac@comcast.net or Danielle Jurdan at office@needhamucc.org. Email notices will alert team members to pending projects and any or all of us may participate. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow gardeners while making our church property look its best.

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

- *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)

The Church Fair— Kitchen Help: The Kitchen at the Village Fair is in need of volunteers to help on the day of the Fair – November 15th. Morning and afternoon shifts available. New faces are welcome and no experience is necessary! Stop by the table at coffee hour after worship or email Fabienne Madsen at fabienne@fabienmadsendesign.com

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. We are also looking for books to sell at the book stand and vintage jewelry. Please bring your items to the church office.

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 19—November 2nd

Sunday, Oct. 19th	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> 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	10:30am 7:30 pm	Faith Circle Book Club, <i>Reception Room</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Saturday, Oct. 25th	5:00 pm	Haunted House
Sunday, Oct. 26th	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> 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>
Monday, Oct. 27th	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i>
Tuesday, Oct. 28th	7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 30th	10:30am 7:30 pm	Faith Circle Book Club, <i>Reception Room</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Saturday, Nov. 1st		Outreach Volunteer Day, <i>Needham Comm. Farm</i>
Sunday, Nov. 2nd	9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00am 11:30am 12:00pm 2:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Chancel Choir, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Adult Ed—Alan Clayton-Matthews, <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> Senior High Youth Group Laser Tag ALPHA, <i>Linden Hall</i> Junior High Youth Group Grog Extravaganza Guatemala Partnership Meeting, <i>Library</i>