



CONGREGATIONAL  
**CHURCH**  
OF NEEDHAM

October 20, 2013

Theme: Faith

### **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 20, 2013

10:00am

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

**PRELUDE**

Awake My Soul to Love and Work  
*arr. Wilbur Held (b. 1914)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come together in a spirit of love and truth

**People: Let us gather to seek God's guidance us as we sing and pray.**

Leader: Come together with honesty about your doubts.

**People: We come to learn how to trust God with our questions as well as our answers.**

Leader: Come with your curiosity, to learn about the stages of faith.

**People: We gather in faith that God will journey with us, in this hour, and all week long.**

**\*OPENING HYMN # 1** (New Century)

**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

## OPENING PRAYER

### *Call to Prayer*

Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Leader: Let us pray.

### *Unison Prayer*

**Gracious God we enter this sanctuary seeking faith.  
Grant us Your wisdom to inspire us,  
Your eyes to watch over us;  
Your ears to hear us.  
Your imagination as we consider the stories of faith.  
Grant us Your hand to guard us,  
Your path to give us direction,  
And Your power to shield and protect us.  
Open our souls to your truth as we pray.....**

### *Silent Prayer*

### *Lord's Prayer*

### *Prayer Response*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptized today is Carter Christian Nyland, son of Abbey Van Deusen and Chris Nyland.

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)** Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

*(Children leave for Bible Village after the Baptism Hymn)*

**ANTHEM**

O Lord, Increase Our Faith  
*Henry Loosemore (d. 1670)*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Numbers 11:1-15 Hebrew Scrip.p.127

**SERMON** *Faith When the Going Gets Tough* Susan Cartmell

**\*UCC Statement of Faith** New Century Hymnal #885

**MORNING PRAYER**

*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*

Eternal God  
*John Rutter (b. 1945)*

*\*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 # 423** (New Century)  
Great is Your Faithfulness

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** The Lord Bless You and Keep You  
*Peter C. Lutkin (1858-1931)*

**POSTLUDE** Psalm 130  
*Suzanne von Soldt MS (c. 1570)*

***\*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:* Frank Arren

*Deacons:* Connie Kaufman, Cici Hunt

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

*Altar Guild:* Debbie Wentworth

*Flowers:* Fabienne Madsen

*Flower Delivery:* Martha Lamb

*The flowers are placed in honor and celebration of today's baptism  
of Carter Christian Nyland,  
given by his parents Chris and Abbey Nyland.*



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The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **TODAY!!! MINOR PROPHETS OF THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES:**

We are welcoming back Andover Newton Professor Greg Mobley for a lecture. October 20, 2013 at 11:30 am in Linden Hall.

**Bible Study** - Sunu Yeh and Christine Weitzel will lead discussions of the book Saving Jesus from the Church. Sunu's group meets on Sundays in the Reception Room at 11:30 a.m. Christine leads a group on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Reception Room. Bring your questions of faith and join us. Newcomers are always welcome.

**GET YOUR TICKETS:** Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)! Limited Engagement! Sunday, October 20th and Monday October 21st at 7 pm. See a light-hearted adaptation of all the bard's classics in a two-act tour-de-force (Farce?), starring our own Joshua Scharback. Tickets are available in Coffee Hour today (prices: \$40/person or \$25/student). A Silent Auction will offer Guatemalan handicrafts and donated items, including vacation homes. Sponsored by the Guatemala Partnership Committee.

**Dine Out on October 22nd!** The Guatemala Partnership has been named the 'Not Your Average Joe's Worthy Cause' for Tuesday, October 22nd! This entitles the partnership to 15% of your total purchase that day (lunch or dinner, including Take-Out) at this popular Needham restaurant. You just need to present the NYAJ Worthy Cause Certificate (available in Coffee Hour) to your server. The certificate is also available at: [www.guatemalapartners.org](http://www.guatemalapartners.org). Thanks to NYAJ for its support of local non-profits.

**The Senior High Youth Group Haunted House** are in the midst of planning their annual **Haunted House**, which will be open to the public from **5pm-8pm on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** 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.

***Bags of individually wrapped candy (NO NUTS PLEASE) are needed! Please drop off donations in Rev. Jamie's office by Fri., Oct. 25th.***

**Newcomers Breakfast –Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.** Join Rev. Susan in the Library to learn more about the church, how to get involved and meet other newcomers! RSVP to the church office at [office@needhamucc.org](mailto:office@needhamucc.org)

**Used Book Sale-** Please donate gently used books, CDs and DVDs to the Village Fair Used Book Sale. Donations can be left in the church library. We will also be looking for help with sorting books and working on the day of the sale. Please contact Danielle Jurdan in the office to volunteer or with any questions at [office@needhamucc.org](mailto:office@needhamucc.org) or 781-444-2510.

**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](mailto:ajbrand@comcast.net)) or Diana Conroy ([conroyjd@rcn.com](mailto:conroyjd@rcn.com)). Also, if you are interested in helping out on the day of the auction, please let us know.

**CALENDAR for October 20<sup>th</sup> – October 28<sup>th</sup>**

<p><b>Sunday October 20th</b></p>	<p>8:15am 9am 10am  11:30am</p>	<p>Men's Breakfast, <i>Library</i> Chancel Choir rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i> Baptism, Carter Nyland, <i>Sanctuary</i> Greg Mobley Lecture, <i>Linden Hall</i> Meet and Greet with Valerie Becker, Youth Music Director, <i>Chapel</i> Friendly Chime Ringers meeting, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Study with Sunu Yeh, <i>Recept. Room</i></p>
<p><b>Monday October 21st</b></p>	<p>9am 7pm</p>	<p>Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i> Shakespeare Play, <i>Fellowship Hall</i></p>
<p><b>Tuesday Oct. 22nd</b></p>	<p>7pm</p>	<p>CE Committee Meeting</p>
<p><b>Thursday Oct. 24th</b></p>	<p>7:30pm</p>	<p>Chancel Choir rehearsal, <i>Choir room</i></p>
<p><b>Saturday Oct. 26th</b></p>	<p>5pm</p>	<p>Haunted House</p>
<p><b>Sunday October 27th</b></p>	<p>8:30am 10am 11:30am</p>	<p>Newcomers Breakfast, <i>Library</i> Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i> Climate Change Café, <i>Linden Hall</i> Bible Study with Sunu Yeh, <i>Recept. Room</i></p>
<p><b>Monday Oct. 28th</b></p>	<p>9am</p>	<p>Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i></p>