



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

United Church of Christ

October 23, 2016

*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

In a Thousand Sweet Manners
G.F. Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jim and Rev. Heike

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*OPENING HYMN #476(NCH)

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

OPENING PRAYER

**We give you thanks
for all the ways that you bless our lives:
the beauty and abundance of nature,
the love of family and friends,
the joy of knowing you and hearing your word.
Send Your Spirit during this time of worship
so that we might dream your dreams
and see visions of the world as you created it to be.
Guide our thoughts and actions.
Bring us closer to you so that we might do your will
and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Hand me Down My Silver Trumpet
Joyful Noise and Hallelujah Choir
arr. Joy Webb
Pianist - Dave Darmofal
Trumpet - Jeff Hoefler

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Children leave for Bible Village after Time for Children

CHILDREN'S HYMN #524(NCH)

This Little Light / This Joy I Have

CONTEMPORARY WITNESS: Brendon Adams

Pray to whomever you kneel down to:
Jesus nailed to his wooden or plastic cross,
his suffering face bent to kiss you,
Buddha still under the bo tree in scorching heat,
Adonai, Allah. Raise your arms to Mary
that she may lay her palm on our brows,
to Shekhina, Queen of Heaven and Earth,
to Inanna in her stripped descent.

Then pray to the bus driver who takes you to work.
On the bus, pray for everyone riding that bus,
for everyone riding buses all over the world.
Drop some silver and pray.

Waiting in line for the movies, for the ATM,
for your latte and croissant, offer your plea.
Make your eating and drinking a supplication.
Make your slicing of carrots a holy act,
each translucent layer of the onion, a deeper prayer.

To Hawk or Wolf, or the Great Whale, pray.
Bow down to terriers and shepherds and Siamese cats.
Fields of artichokes and elegant strawberries.

Make the brushing of your hair
a prayer, every strand its own voice,
singing in the choir on your head.
As you wash your face, the water slipping
through your fingers, a prayer: Water,
softest thing on earth, gentleness
that wears away rock.

Making love, of course, is already prayer.
Skin, and open mouths worshipping that skin,
the fragile cases we are poured into.

If you're hungry, pray. If you're tired.
Pray to Gandhi and Dorothy Day.
Shakespeare. Sappho. Sojourner Truth.

When you walk to your car, to the mailbox,
to the video store, let each step
be a prayer that we all keep our legs,
that we do not blow off anyone else's legs.
Or crush their skulls.

And if you are riding on a bicycle
or a skateboard, in a wheelchair, each revolution
of the wheels a prayer as the earth revolves:
less harm, less harm, less harm.

And as you work, typing with a new manicure,
a tiny palm tree painted on one pearlescent nail
or delivering soda or drawing good blood
into rubber-capped vials, writing on a blackboard
with yellow chalk, twirling pizzas—

With each breath in, take in the faith of those
who have believed when belief seemed foolish,
who persevered. With each breath out, cherish.

Pull weeds for peace, turn over in your sleep for peace,
feed the birds, each shiny seed
that spills onto the earth, another second of peace.
Wash your dishes, call your mother, drink wine.

Shovel leaves or snow or trash from your sidewalk.
Make a path. Fold a photo of a dead child
around your VISA card. Scoop your holy water
from the gutter. Gnaw your crust.
Mumble along like a crazy person, stumbling
your prayer through the streets.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 19: 9-14

NT, p. 78

SERMON

“Pray for Peace”
Jim Mitulski

SONG

Imagine
by John Lennon
sung by Cici Hunt

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

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...)

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

Ezekial's Wheel
arr. Philip Kern

***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 #391(NCH)**

In the Midst of New Dimensions

BENEDICTION

Rev. Jim and Rev. Heike

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Peace I Leave with You
Shepherd Staff Choir
arr. Donald Moore

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in d minor
W. Herschel

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

Thank you to Jeff Hoefler, Dave Darmofal, and Cici Hunt for sharing their gift of music today.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory
of my parents and grandparents by Martha Lamb.*

- 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: Tom Mollerus

Deacons: Kirby Salerno, Sally Fitzgerald

Altar Guild: Denice Koljonen

Ushers: Rob Blauvelt, Craig Morrison, Valerie Kistler

Flowers: Nancy Fischer

Flower Delivery: Jean Veigas

EVENTS TODAY

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," Today, 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.

Upcoming Worship

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



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.

Attendance and Collection

10/16/2016 Worship Attendance = 113 people

Collection & Pledges* = \$3,066

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.*

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.

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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.

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 on Thursday, November 17: "Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption" by Bryan Stevenson. 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.

Noah's Ark Preschool : Noah's Ark Preschool is in the process of enrolling children for the 2017—2018 school year! We are pleased to announce that we will offer a Transitional Kindergarten in addition to our preschool programming. The Transitional Kindergarten is for children who are 5 by September 1st but may not be ready for traditional kindergarten.

Noah's Ark offers priority enrollment to returning students, siblings, and Congregational Church of Needham members, respectively, now through November 18th. If you would like to tour the school and to receive more information, please call Ann Lyons or Laurie Davis at 781-449-2439. Additional information can be gathered from our website at: www.noahsarkneedham.org.

VILLAGE FAIR NEWS

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. Please consider donating. Thank you so much! Your Auction Team: Caryl Johnson 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 re-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.

CALENDAR October 23rd-November 6th

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>
Monday, October 24th	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>1154 Reception Room</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> Senior High Youth Group Halloween Party Junior High Youth Group 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 Bible Study, <i>1154 Reception Room</i> Friendly Chimers, <i>Sanctuary</i> 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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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

<u>Term Ends 2017</u>	<u>Term Ends 2018</u>	<u>Term Ends 2019</u>
Christine Weitzel	Blair Wentworth	Jim Conroy
Ken Allen	Sharmon Prialux	Diane Rees
Carl Madsen		Kristin Mollerus
Michael Normile		
Howard Sesso		

Our Congregational Bylaws provide for four (4) additional Committees elected by the congregation - Deacons, Outreach, Christian Education and Youth. In 2017, we will be electing new members for the members whose terms are expiring for all of these Committees and the Board.

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

Chair - Frank Luppino

Vice Chair - Susan Lively

<u>Term Ends 2017</u>	<u>Term Ends 2018</u>	<u>Term Ends 2019</u>
Frank Luppino	Charlie Baker	Rick Devereux
Stephanie Oddleifson	Claudia Darmofal	Carol Miller
Sunu Yeh	Susan Lively	Dibby Moder
Joanne Seiden	Kirby Salerno	Scott Stewart
Lee McNally		Jean Veigas
Sally Fitzgerald		

The Outreach Committee advocates to the church and it's members about important issues relating to social justice in our church, community, city state and the world. They provide opportunities to volunteer and guide us in financial giving. We aim to give 15% of our income from pledges to the church to Outreach financial giving. So far this year, they have distributed over \$40,000 to groups like Baby Basics, the Needham Community Council's Ride for Food, City Mission of Boston, OUT Metrowest, Family Promise of Needham, Step Up Needham and PFLAG. Their current emphasis has been on food insecurity and homelessness. In 2017 they will be addressing diversity and racial justice issues.

Up to nine (9) members may be elected to serve on the Outreach Committee. The remaining Outreach Committee meetings this year will be October 25 and December 6th.

Co Chair - Jen Cusack

Co Chair- Lynn Gotwals

<u>Term Ends 2017</u>	<u>Term Ends 2018</u>	<u>Term Ends 2019</u>
Mike Boyd	Heidi Wiesel	Bill Rees
Jenni Haynes		Fred Moder
Amy Massey		Hiroko Hardebeck

The Christian Education (CE) Committee, according to the current bylaws of the church, oversees the Christian education of the congregation. The current practice of our CE Committee is to administer the Christian education of our children and youth. Up to twelve (12) members may be elected to serve on this Committee.

<u>Term Ends 2017</u>	<u>Term Ends 2018</u>	<u>Term Ends 2019</u>
Laurie Davis	Elizabeth Meyi	Trish Marinilli
Sue Cotton	Molly Pretorius	Caryl Johnson
		Rob Dunlavey

The Youth Committee of the church is responsible for the ministry to the Junior and Senior High School age youth of the church. Up to six (6) members may be elected to serve on the Youth Committee.

Chair - Ray Suarez

<u>Term Ends 2017</u>	<u>Term Ends 2018</u>	<u>Term Ends 2019</u>
Nancy Tegeler	M.E. Sesso	Dave Johnson
Mark Oberle	Ray Suarez	Philip Hardebeck

The Board invites its current members to serve on Ministry Teams to assist in the work of the church. Those current teams are Finance, Stewardship, Nominating, Personnel/Human Resources and Property/Building and Grounds.

The Property/Buildings and Grounds Team is currently looking for interested people to join Rev. Jim, Danielle Jurdan, Blair Wentworth, Christine Weitzel, Rick Devereux, Paul Brown and Anne Hayek on this important team. Please contact the office at 781-444-2510 or office@needhamucc.org for more info or to join.