



CONGREGATIONAL  
**CHURCH**  
OF NEEDHAM

October 27, 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 27, 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 Theatre, 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> in Games, and 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> in Art. All workshops are downstairs in the main hallway.*

**PRELUDE**

Canon in D  
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Kevin Ward

Leader: Come together in a spirit of love and truth

**People: Let us gather to seek God's guidance 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 # 276** (New Century)

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

## OPENING PRAYER

Kevin Ward

### *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*

**TIME FOR CHILDREN** (Children to Bible Village afterwards.)  
Bible Village Song Presentation Jamie Green

**CHILDREN'S HYMN (#526)** We Are Marching In  
The Light of God

**ANTHEM** From the End of the Earth  
*Alan Hovhaness (1911-2000)*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Deuteronomy 34 OT p. 189

**SERMON** *Letting Go: Faith's Ultimate Test* 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*

All My Hope on God is Founded  
*Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

\**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 #439** (New Century)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

## BENEDICTION

## CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go in Peace  
*tune: Ocean Park*

## POSTLUDE

Fugue in C  
*Johann Pachelbel*

*\*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:* Kevin Ward

*Deacons:* Rich Weitzel, Mary Lou Hughes

*Ushers:* Greg Rowan, Rob Blauvelt, Craig Morrison, Kevin Ward

*Altar Guild:* Mary Barber

*Flowers:* Fabienne Madsen

*Flower Delivery:* Jane Clayton-Matthews

*The flowers on the altar are given today to the glory of God, in loving memory and in honor of our Loved Ones from the Lamb Family.*

CLIMATE  
CHANGE  
CAFE



# *It's not Waste until it's WASTED!*

Join us

**Sunday October 27th**

**11:30am - 12:30pm**

Linden Hall

***Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Compost  
our resources, don't throw them away.  
Congregational Church of Needham  
Climate Change Cafe***

A conversation with

**Ann Dorfman**

Superintendent, Recycling and Solid Waste Division  
Department of Public Works, Needham, MA

Ever wonder what happens to materials you bring to the RTS? What becomes of containers sorted for recycling? What percent of materials do Needham residents recycle? What condition do cloths need to be in to be donated to Goodwill?

What more could you be recycling and why should you care? Learn the answer to these questions and have the opportunity to ask your own. join us for an afternoon with Ann Dorfman, the town's new

Superintendent of Recycling and Solid waste department.



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The Rev. Jamie Green, Youth Minister

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY Climate Change Café** – 11:30am, Linden Hall. Anne Dorfman, the Needham RTS director speaking to us about our transfer station, their recycling efforts and what their future plans are to continue to help make Needham a greener community. Sponsored by the Environmental Ministry Team.

**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.

**Starting next week: God in America!** 11:30am, Linden Hall. Join Rev. Heike on a journey into American Church History. Together we will explore 400 tumultuous years of history from the first European settlements to the 2008 presidential election by watching and discussing the highly acclaimed PBS series **"God in America"**. We will start the series on November 3, 2013 with the first episode: **"A New Adam."**

**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 call Chris Arren at 781-449-4228. Leave me a message and I will arrange for pickup of your saleable, useful/giftable/collectable items. No clothing please.

**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.

**TOUCH SOMEONE WITH FLOWERS** The Christmas season is just around the corner, and the FLOWER TEAM has already made its plans. Its 12 members, coming in during quiet times, transforms the church inside and out, to delight and inspire adults and children alike as we celebrate this holy season. We are busy before Easter as well. The

FLOWER TEAM is also responsible for coordinating donations of altar flower arrangements for every month of the year. This is an especially important responsibility since the arrangements represent special times of remembrance and celebration of our church family. After each service, the arrangement flowers are divided into mini-arrangements for the donor and for delivery to those whose spirit we want to lift up. If you are interested in providing an altar arrangement, please call the church office at 781-444-2510.

### **CALENDAR for October 27 – November 5th**

<b>Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30am 9:00 am 9:15 am 10am 11:30am    12:00 pm	Newcomers Breakfast, <i>Library</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i> Climate Change Café, <i>Linden Hall</i> Bible Study with Sunu Yeh, <i>Recept. Room</i> Hallelujah Choir rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Friendly Chime Ringers Rehearsal, <i>Sanct.</i> Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
<b>Monday October 28<sup>th</sup></b>	9am	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i>
<b>Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup></b>	10:30am 7:30pm	Bible Study, <i>Reception Room</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
<b>Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	9:00 am 9:15 am 10am 11:30am    12:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i> God in America, A New Adam, <i>Linden Hall</i> Bible Study with Sunu Yeh, <i>Recept. Room</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Friendly Chime Ringers Rehearsal, <i>Sanc</i> Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
<b>Monday November 4<sup>th</sup></b>	9am 11:30am	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i> Friendly Society Meeting, <i>Library</i>
<b>Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup></b>	10am 6pm 7pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters, <i>Conference Room</i> Community Dinner, <i>Linden Hall</i> Environ. Ministry Team Meeting, <i>Chapel</i> Deacons Meeting, <i>Library</i>