



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

United Church of Christ

October 30, 2016

Reformation Day

*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

Fughetta
Alexander Boely

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jim and Rev. Heike

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

Litany for Unity and Reconciliation

Leader: As we celebrate the Reformation, let us also pray for reconciliation within the body of Christ.

One: For the church that in every age has taught the faith to children, shared the sacraments, and fed the poor,

All: O God, we give you thanks.

One: For the times when the church has let the human urge for power and self preservation prevail over the will of God,

All: O God, we ask forgiveness.

One: For those who work to create unity among all the churches and seek to find ways to walk together,

All: O God, we give you thanks.

One: For us, when we promote sectarianism above our Oneness as children of God and brothers and sisters in Christ,

All: O God, we ask forgiveness.

One: For those in every age who bring reformation and renewal to the church when it has become complacent,

All: O God, we give you thanks.

One: For those instances when we have driven out sisters and brothers who had a different vision of God's will for us,

All: O God, we ask forgiveness.

One: For the diversity of expression in our many churches and denominations and for the spirit of liberation that allows the church to continually renew itself,

All: O God, we give you thanks.

One: For the church, that we may be worthy and willing to work at healing divisions among all worshipping communities throughout the whole world, we pray in the name of the God who is Creator of all

All: Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Children leave for Bible Village after Time for Children

CHILDREN'S HYMN #524(NCH)

This Little Light / This Joy I Have

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
though its waters rage and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

**Response: The God of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob and Rachel and Leah is our stronghold.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be overthrown;
God shall help it when the morning dawns.

The nations make much ado, and earth's realms are shaken;
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

**Response: The God of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob and Rachel and Leah is our stronghold.**

Come now and look upon the works of the Most High,
who does awesome things on earth.

It is God who makes wars to cease in all the world,
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
who burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, then, and know that I am God!

I will be exalted among the nations;

I will be exalted in the earth.”

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the God of Jacob and Rachel and Leah is our stronghold.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 19:1-10

NT p. 78

Worship In Song

Bobby Jo Valentine

SERMON

“The Church Reformed, The Church Reforming”
Jim Mitulski

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

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

Let the People Praise You
John D. Hormann

***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 #311(NCH)**

Renew Your Church

BENEDICTION

Rev. Jim and Rev. Heike

CHORAL BENEDICTION

May the Lord Watch Over You
Ruth Elaine Schram

POSTLUDE

Postlude
Dimitri Kabalevsky

****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: Betty Blume

Deacons: Susan Lively, Joanne Seiden

Altar Guild: Jean Veigas

Ushers: Todd Barth, Dave Johnson, Jan Rubenstein

Flowers: Nancy Fischer

Flower Delivery: Martha Lamb

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in appreciation of the gift of music by the Chancel Choir.
They never fail to lift our spirits in joy and gratitude and comfort us when we are troubled.*

Attendance and Collection

10/16/2016 Worship Attendance = 120 people Collection & Pledges* = \$1,472

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.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

November 6 All Saints Day & Communion Sunday—New Member Orientation & Pledge Drive Begins

All Saints Day : Next Sunday, on **November 6th**, we are celebrating **All Saints Day**. During our communion celebration we remember and read the names of all the saints we have lost from our church community in the past year. This liturgical holiday invites us also to recognize and affirm our common bond and union with all Christians, past and present, women and men, rich and poor, all ethnicities and races, from all times and places. Today, we are called to be the body of Christ to witness to God's grace and love for all of God's creation.

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New Member Orientation Nov, 6, 2016: Anyone interested in finding out more about the church and who might be interested in joining our church community, is welcome to join Rev. Jim and Rev. Heike for an informal luncheon meeting in the library, starting at 11:30 am. Please rsvp to Rev. Heike at revheike@needhamucc.org and please let her know if you need childcare. We are planning to receive new members into our church on Nov. 20, 2016. If you would like to meet with a minister about joining the church, you can also contact them directly and set up an appointment.

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

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

Calendar October 30—November 20

Sunday, October 30th Reformation Day	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>Chapel</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 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Faith Circle Book Group, <i>1154 Reception Room</i> Lunch with Heike, <i>1180 GPA</i> Holy Homework, <i>Youth Room</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>
Monday, November 7th	9:00 am 7:15 pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>1154 Reception Room</i> EMT Meeting, <i>1154 Conference Room</i>
Thursday, November 10th	10:30am 7:30 pm	Faith Circle Book Group, <i>1154 Reception Room</i> Choir Practice, <i>Linden AB</i>
Friday, November 11th Veteran's Day		Office Closed
Saturday November 12th		Village Fair
Sunday, November 13th	10:00am 11:30am	Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Village Fair Bible Study, <i>1154 Reception Room</i> Friendly Chimers, <i>Sanctuary</i>
Monday, November 14th	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>1154 Reception Room</i>
Tuesday, November 15th	7:00 pm	Board Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>
Wednesday, November 16th	7:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>
Thursday, November 17th	10:30am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Faith Circle Book Group, <i>1154 Reception</i> Holy Homework, <i>Youth Room</i> Book Group w. Rev. Jim—Just Mercy Choir Practice, <i>Linden AB</i>
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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.

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. See Jim Mitulski or email with questions RevJim@needhamucc.org.

Advent Book Discussion: Wed Nov 30th, 7pm in the Chapel: We are headed into the darkest time of the year and Advent season, preparing ourselves for Christmas, when light plays a large physical and spiritual role. It's the perfect time of the year to read a book about darkness...but what does darkness mean to us with all the artificial light in our age? Purchase **The End of Night** by creative nonfiction writer Paul Bogard from the book sale shelf near the Chapel, or order a copy from the library system. Prepare to read your favorite passage and explain why it is, joining in the discussion on the first Wednesday in Advent. Led by Revs. Jim and Heike, sponsored by the Environmental Ministries Team.

Once in a While Choir: The choir will sing on **Sunday, December 4th at the 10 AM service**. We will give the Senior Choir that Sunday morning to rest their voices for the concert later that day.

We will have two rehearsals prior to **Dec. 4th, Sundays, November 20th and 27th at 9:15 AM in fellowship hall**. One of these Sundays, some of the youth may be rehearsing with Valerie, so you can drop them off and come in and sing with the rest of us. We will have our final rehearsal at 9 AM on the morning of December 4th, when we sing during the service.

We will focus on two songs, one that we know, "Raise Your Voices," and we will learn a new one, "Joseph and Mary's Boy," by the group, Alabama.

This is an intergenerational choir, and open to the young and the younger, 4 to 94. You can sit with your families in church, and come up to sing the two times during the service.

The Once in a While Choir is, as you might imagine, a group of people who love to sing, but are unable to participate every week. Even if you can't read music, come! If you can only make it to one of the two rehearsals, come! If you want to have an uplifting and fun musical experience, we'll see you at rehearsals!

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

Garden Fence: The Fair is almost here!! 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. To donate your gently used items or to help out on the day of the Fair contact Diana Conroy (781-449-3350) or conroyjd@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: The Environmental Ministry Team will be offering items that have been re-purposed and/or reused to give 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 cork 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 the **sign-up table** during the Sunday coffee hours. Please plan to take one home and fill it for the **Bake Table**. All donations of any baked item will be gratefully accepted and appreciated. Carol Miller has agreed to take this on in addition to her **Sweet Shop**. Please support her in any way you can.

Santa's Workshop is looking for people to help with the children's portion of the Fair. We will need help with crafts, to staff the payment table, to give out reindeer food, fill out "Finding LEO" forms for the drawing, etc. If you like to work with children, this is your golden opportunity.

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

General Help: There will be opportunities to sign up in Fellowship Hall at coffee hour following the church service to help. Various tables are looking for help during the Fair and before to set up and price. We will also need people to set up tables and chairs starting Wednesday morning. **Garden Fence** is looking for helpers on Thursday morning to bring their goods from their workroom to their sales area. We will be looking for people to help take down our tables after the Fair is over on Sunday afternoon. 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.

Leo, the lion, is looking forward to seeing all children with their grown-ups at the Fair. He will be there. Maybe you will find him.....

“Leo, the Lion”

Attention all children; come to the Fair,
For Leo, the Lion, is sure to be there!

He’s a small stuffed animal with a little red hat;
He is frightened and quiet – just think of that.

He is cute; he is cuddly; only ten inches tall,
And he will be hiding in Fellowship Hall.

Although he can’t roar or make any noise,
He likes to be hugged by both girls and boys.

As you hunt for Leo, who wants to be found,
Walk quietly and don’t make even a sound.

So come and find out what you need to do
To win Leo, the Lion, to take home with you.

Courtesy of Doris Cook



The Church Bylaws identify the officers of the church. They are a Moderator, a Clerk, a Treasurer, and a Collector. Officers are elected for one-year terms at each Annual Meeting.

Church Moderator– Jacqueline Allen
Clerk– Keith McClelland
Treasurer– Jennifer Connors
Collector– Carla Verschoor-Kirss
(assisted by Connie Kaufman and Debbie Wentworth)

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 Priaulx	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 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.

The Finance Team supports the Board in overseeing the Church's financial affairs. The Team oversees the investment of the endowment fund. It develops annual budgets for review and approval by the Board and the Congregation, and tracks expenses against the budget.

Chair– Carl Madsen
Treasurer- Jennifer Connors
Members
Jim Conroy, Paul Garby, Trish Marinelli,
David Nydam, Carol Oberle

The Altar Guild's purpose is to prepare the Sanctuary for Sunday morning worship, i.e., by hanging the antependium, lighting the candles, and preparing communion.

Members– Jane Clayton-Matthews, Diana Conroy, Laura Cullen,
Denice Koljonen, Carol Miller, Diane Myers,
Sherrill Salisbury, Jean Veigas

The Ushers help ensure a smoothly running church service. As the churchgoers arrive, the ushers will act as doorkeepers, greeting each person with a smile, shaking hands, and handing out bulletins. They are also available to answer visitors' questions and extend extra help in seating those who need the assistance. The ushers also help the ministers prepare for the service, collect the offering and assist with emergencies.

Contact– Eric Slosser

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 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 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.

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

The Parish Care Ministry Team makes visits and phone calls to those who are ill or need assistance, and send monthly birthday cards.

Contacts: Rev. Heike and Martha Lamb

The Environmental Ministry Team leads efforts to help members strive to be stewards of God's creation by informing, transforming and living the "green" way. The team offers educational opportunities, and promotes ideas that encourage people to live on God's earth in harmony with all creatures. The team also works on the implementation of "Green Congregation" action steps as defined by the Mass Conference in our church community and building.

Co Chair - Anne Hayek

Co Chair- Isabel Wells

The Guatemala Partnership Team oversees the Church's relationship with its Guatemalan partner village, Santa Maria Tzeja.

Co Chair- Brenda Metzler

Co Chair- Alan Clayton-Matthews

Co-Chair- Bill Garrett

Co-Chair- Caryl Johnson

The ONA (Open and Affirming) Ministry Team assists the church to live its promise of full inclusion of all people in all aspects of church life and ministry – people of every race, gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, ability and economic circumstance. The Team creates programming and communication on all aspects of the ONA covenant. The church adopted its ONA covenant in February 2000.

Chair- Kathie Carpenter

The Music Team works together with the Director of Music Ministries and the Director of Youth Music to enable, grow, and develop the Church's music programs.

Chair- Lynn McClelland

The Prayer Shawl Ministry comprises of a group of knitters and crocheters who create beautiful shawls to symbolize the warmth of God's love during difficult times. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month from 10am-noon to knit shawls to be given to members of the congregation and community. Ministers bless the shawls when they are completed.

Contact—Debbie Wentworth

The Gardening Team makes our church grounds look attractive and welcoming. Notices go out when a project is coming up and anyone who is available and interested is most welcome to join. There are no demands, just time for fellowship.

Contact—Debbie Wentworth

The Flower Team enhances our Sunday services by coordinating the weekly flower arrangements on our altar and by decorating our church for both the Christmas and Easter seasons. Each member is assigned one month per year for contacting existing donors of altar flowers or recruiting new ones. These flowers can be in remembrance of a loved one or in celebration of a group or occasion.

Contact- Debbie Wentworth

The Friendly Society membership is open to all women of the church. Program meetings are held monthly from September—December and April-May as occasions to enjoy each other's fellowship. In addition it supports Walker School students at Easter and City Mission youngsters at Christmas in various ways.

Contact- Joanne Seiden

The Friendly Chimer Ringers are a group who enjoy making music together. Additional requirements are: ability to count and keep time, learn to read your notes and attend rehearsals after church service. Contact Valerie Becker if interested in joining.

The Cancer Support Group is a group of people living with cancer and those who support them. Meetings are with Minister Rev. Heike Werder weekly on Mondays from 9-10:30am. Prayer, meditation, moral support and inspirational discussion are all part of the program.

The Men's Breakfast group meets monthly before Sunday worship. Join this diverse group of men from all walks of life and age ranges at 8:15am for fellowship and breakfast and at 9am for a discussion on a myriad of topics of interest to the group. This is an open group for anyone to attend.

Contacts– John Baldwin and Rob Dunlavey

The Faith Circle Book Group chooses an inspirational book to read and discuss together. They pick one book in the fall and one in the spring. It is a great way to meet people in the congregation, strengthen your spiritual connection to God and spend some time doing something positive for yourself.

Contact: Christine Weitzel

The Sunday Bible Study group is a small discussion group who reads a few chapters of the Bible at a time. They meet immediately after church from 11:30-12:30. They take a look at how God is still speaking through stories from a thousand years ago. Everyone is welcome to drop in and join.

Contact: Sunu Yeh