



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

October 4, 2015

World Communion Sunday



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 4, 2015

10:00am

*Children are always welcome in Worship with their parents/guardians. Pre-K childcare begins in the nursery at 10 am. Grades 6-12 may stay in the Sanctuary with their parents. Grades K-5 will be dismissed to the chapel and will go to their classrooms from there.
Grades K-1: Art; 2-3 Theater; 4-5 Games*

PRELUDE

Aria
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Peter Atallah

Leader: Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of God's children

People: Where we find God's love,

Leader: Where we hear the tender voice of Jesus,

People: Where the Spirit teaches us new songs.

Leader: Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by our God

People: Where we bring our hunger, and find food;

Leader: Where we offer our brokenness, and find healing;

People: Where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.

***OPENING HYMN # 38** (*Black Hymnal*)

“Lift Up Your Hearts!”

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, as we gather in this place to worship you,
we know that all across the globe, men and women, children
and youths, gather as well to be your church in all times,
in all places, in all languages, in all cultures.**

**Pour out your Spirit upon your church universal,
that all who gather in your name and all who praise you
may feel your presence,
know your will,
and have the courage to do what you are calling us to do.
Hear us as we pray...**

Silent Prayer

Leader: In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**

Prayer Response

No. 814 Seven fold Amen
John Stainer - 1840 - 1901

ANTHEM

I Am with You Always
John Rutter (born 1945)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 9: 38-41

p. 43, NT

SERMON

“Not One of Us”
Heike Werder

OFFERTORY

Concerns and Celebrations

Anthem

It is Well with My Soul
setting by John Ness Beck (1930 - 1987)

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

ORDER FOR THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

Lord's prayer

In Japanese—Hiroko Hardebeck

In German—Heike Werder

In Armenian—Crosby Goshgarian

In Dutch—David Dirks

In Norwegian—Cici Hunt

In French—Janet Jankowiak

In Spanish—Brenda Metzler

In English (debt, debtors) - all together

Prayer Response

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you Lord!

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Music for the Bread and Cup:

349 (Black Hymnal) I Come with Joy

286 (Black Hymnal) Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us
at your table by granting us the presence of Christ.**

Strengthen our faith. Increase our love for one another. Send

us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN # 376** (*Black Hymnal*) **God, We Thank You
for Our People**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

A Blessing
James Chepponis

POSTLUDE

Eccosaies
Ludwig van Beethoven

**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.

Worship Leader: Peter Atallah

Deacons: Kirby Salerno, Sunu Yeh

Communion Servers: Frank Luppino, Lee McNally,
Carol Oberle, Peter Atallah

Altar Guild: Mary Barber, Carol Miller

Ushers: Jim Leighton, Phil Gotwals, Rich Weitzel, Robert Kennedy

Flowers: Debbie Wentworth

Flower Delivery: Amy Kennedy

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of
Frida Boyd's birthday, October 19th, from her family.*

COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is served on the first Sunday of every month in our church. Along with Baptism, it is one of two sacraments in the United Church of Christ.

At Holy Communion we remember that Jesus ate with his disciples on the last night before he died. In that upper room he transformed the Passover meal something new. As he broke the bread that night he reminded them that it was a symbol for his own body which was broken for all of us. As he lifted the cup of wine he told them that it was a symbol of the covenant- which had come from Abraham and Moses - between us and God.

So when we eat the bread and dip it into the cup we remember that God loved us so much that God sent Jesus. Through Christ we came to know God even better. At this table, through faith, we believe Christ joins us and comes to be our host.

Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey you are welcome at this table. We offer children instruction in the sacrament of Holy Communion in the second grade. We leave it to families to decide if their children will take the communion, but everyone is welcome at any age. If your child will not be taking communion but would like a short blessing, please tell one of the ministers.

When you come forward the minister will give you the bread and say – "The Bread of Heaven for you". Many people respond saying, "Amen" or "Thanks be to God". Dip the bread into the cup of grape juice. As you do, the Deacon will say, "The cup of salvation for you." Again you may respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." You are encouraged to eat the bread soaked in the juice right away, and then return to your seat down the side aisle.

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The Rev. Dr. Susan Cartmell, Senior Minister
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The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

The Rev. Heike Werder, Associate Minister
Madelyn Downer, Director of Children &
Youth Ministries

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Labyrinth Today!: If you plan to attend the Congregational meeting at 2 pm but do not want to go home in between or you would like to experience our new Labyrinth, you are welcome to stay at the church and “hang out.” We are planning to order in some lunch and the Labyrinth will be available in Fellowship Hall after coffee hour if you would like to walk.

Village Fair and Silent Auction: It is once again time to start thinking about the Village Fair, and Silent Auction. We are accepting donations for the Auction as of now. This can be items of value, donations of services, donations of area restaurant or store Gift Certificates, or a donation of lessons in your area of expertise. (Voice and music lessons, tutoring, and cooked or baked goods on schedule are always popular!) Please contact Diana Conroy (781-449-3350 or conroyjd@rcn.com) to arrange for your donation.

Ornaments and old Christmas cards wanted for Village Fair!: Garden Fence (Fall and Christmas decorations) and the Environmental Ministries Team are interested in receiving your no-longer-needed gently used silk flowers and greens (appropriate for fall & Christmas), holiday picks, and ornaments (especially sets) to repurpose into new holiday creations. We are also collecting old Christmas cards for the Elf Shop, so the kids can make gift tags out of them. Please leave your items during the week in the box in Danielle's office, and on Sundays in the box in the narthex. Questions? EMT@needhamucc.org or speak with a member of one of the groups. Thank you!

Adult Bible Study, Sunday's @ 11:30 Conference Room: Small group discussion based on reading a few chapters of the Bible at a time. We meet immediately after church, from 11:30 to 12:30 in the reception room. This fall we will continue our study of the minor prophets. Take a look at how God is still speaking to us, even in stories from thousands of years ago! This is a great opportunity to discuss your spiritual questions with other people of faith. Everyone is welcome to drop in and join us. For more information, contact Sunu Yeh at dormouse99@gmail.com.

The Faith Circles Book Group is Back! We will meet Thursday mornings from October 1st from 10:30-12:00. until November 19th (except for Oct., **22nd**). We will be reading **Mere Christianity** by C.S. Lewis . Please contact Christine Weitzel for more information at cweitzel@verizon.net .

Request for Altar Guild Volunteers: The Altar Guild is looking for volunteers. High school students are welcome to join. Please contact Carol Miller at millerc291@verizon.net for more information.

Monthly Luncheons: Please join us on the first Thursday of every month for soup, delicious bread, dessert, fellowship and conversation. Our next luncheon

will be served on November 5, 2015 at **12 noon at the 1180 Great Plain Ave.** dining room. All are welcome to attend!

Bible Village: The Sunday School program is looking for intergenerational volunteer teachers! Parents, high school and college students, sage church members, curious and fun people who can show our kids how much God loves them by leading a Bible Village workshop—all are invited to teach! We provide all of the materials and the lessons beforehand. Lessons are straightforward and easy to teach—and our kids are so much fun! Sign-up at: www.tinyurl.com/ChildrenYouthSignUp

LAST CALL: SIGN-UPS FOR FEBRUARY 2016 DELEGATION: Brenda Metzler and Fred Moder will co-lead the church's upcoming delegation to Guatemala (February 10-21, 2016). We are seeking adults and high school youth to join us on this transformative journey of cultural exchange, friendship, faith, and adventure. Total cost is approximately \$1,500. Sign-ups will close in late September, since airline tickets must be purchased early. Please speak with Brenda or Fred ASAP, or send e-mail with your interest/questions to: bmetzler7@verizon.net.

Family Promise Metrowest, From Judy Mongiardo, Network Coordinator- Thank you, Needham Congregational Church! This summer you opened your hearts to the guests of Family Promise Metrowest while they were housed at Fisk United Methodist and First Congregational Churches in Natick., For all who prepared a meal, hosted a dinner, stayed overnight, read to a child, set up rooms, did laundry and more we are ever grateful.
Our next support week is **Nov. 22-28 with First Congregational Church Natick.** Contact Heidi Wiesel heidi.wiesel@gmail.com or Susan Kirk susanckirk@comcast.net

KEEP THE PROMISE: AN EVENING OF FOOD TASTING TO BENEFIT FAMILIES WHO ARE HOMELESS: NOVEMBER 7, 2015

Hosted by: Temple Shir Tikva, 141 Boston Post Road, Wayland

7:00PM - 11:00PM: Tickets go on sale September 8. Last year's event was sold out. Visit our website to purchase tickets and to learn more about this event , www.familypromisemetrowest.org or call the office at 508-318-4820. Come join the fun and help raise funds and awareness for Family Promise Metrowest and our Day Center Shelter and Transitional Housing Program.

Registration for the 2015/2016 school year at The Center is now open: The Center is an after school drop-in program for 6th (and returning 7th/8th) graders. With staff supervision, we hope that youth grow in confidence and respect for themselves and others, develop lasting friendships, learn to make positive choices, and pursue new interests. For more information, visit www.myyouthcenter.org or call 781-453-4078 or email info@myyouthcenter.org

Friendly Chimers: Friendly Chimers invites anyone interested in a fun, hands-on musical experience to join them in their rehearsals, in the sanctuary. Prerequisites: be able to keep time, enjoy being in a group. For information, contact Joanne Seiden 781-449-6535; jseiden@basiclink.com.

Boiler Replacement Campaign: Make a tax deductible contribution towards the efforts for energy efficiency in our church at 1154 Great Plain Ave. With the addition of our 3 new boilers, we change our heat efficiency from 60% to 96%. With our other energy saving efforts, we hope to reduce our carbon footprint 25% by 2020! We have the potential to save \$10,000- \$15,000 each year! Any contributions may be earmarked for the "Boiler Replacement Campaign". If your employer has a matching program, please consider requesting a contribution match from them. Send your contribution to Danielle in the church office.

The Furniture Team needs your help. The church has lots of wonderful new space to furnish and put to work for church programs. Monetary and in-kind donations are welcome: **MOST WANTED FURNITURE LIST:** Two large conference tables and chairs, Nichols & Stone college arm chairs, Pair of modern upholstered chairs, Pair of traditional upholstered chairs, Loveseat, FIVE 60" round folding tables. Items must be in very good condition. Upholstered pieces can be in need of slipcovers. Please contact Judi Stewart at jmgstewart@verizon.net with photos and dimensions or call 781-449-3999. The furniture team would like to look at all furniture prior to donation.

LED Bulb Donations to Continue: If you are out shopping for energy efficient LED bulbs for your home, please consider purchasing one or two for the church. Please leave bulbs in the donation box located near the mailboxes in the church office. Check out the EMT bulletin board for more information about LED bulbs.

Chairs! Chairs! Chairs!: Now that the chapel renovation is completed, we need to give everyone a lovely place to sit. Twelve chairs have already been purchased through the generosity of the Chapel Committee and twelve more are on order. Now we need your help to reach the goal of sixty more chairs. You may purchase one for \$175 which can include a plaque denoting a memorial or tribute. This is a fine way to honor a family member, celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion. Other monetary donations are welcome and will be applied to additional chairs. Checks and inscriptions can be sent to the church office. Thank you, The Chapel Committee

CALENDAR October 4th—October 17th

Sunday, October 4th	10:00 am 12:00 pm 2:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Labyrinth, <i>Fellowship Hall</i> All Church Meeting Junior High Youth Group Youth Group Dinner Senior High Youth Group Guatemala Partnership Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Monday, October 5th	8:45 am 7:15 pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i> EMT Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
Tuesday, October 6th	10:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer Shawl, 1180 GPA Community Dinner, <i>Linden Hall</i> Deacon's Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Thurs., October 8th	10:30 am 7:00 pm	Faith Circle Book Group, 1180 GPA Chancel Choir Practice, <i>Linden AB</i>
Sunday, Oct. 11th	10:00 am 11:30 am 11:40 am 5:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Friendly Chime Ringers Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Junior High Youth Group Youth Group Dinner Senior High Youth Group
Monday, Oct. 12th Columbus Day		Offices Closed
Tuesday, Oct. 13th	7:00 pm	Board Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Thursday, Oct. 15th	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Faith Circle Book Group, 1180 GPA Chancel Choir Practice, <i>Linden AB</i>
Saturday, Oct. 17th	5:00 pm	Senior High Youth Group Lock-In

Nominations

The Nominating Committee will be meeting to fill the upcoming open positions for the Board, the 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 a the form below. Any questions, please contact Christine Weitzel at cweitzel@verizon.net or Martha Lamb at Martha_Lamb@aol.com.

Name of Nominee: _____

Committee Name: _____

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