



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

October 5, 2014

Theme: Vocation



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 5, 2014

10:00am

Children are always welcome in Worship with their parents / guardians. Childcare is available in the crib/toddler room on the lower level for infants and toddlers. Preschoolers and Grades 6-8 go directly to classes downstairs at 10 am. Grades K-5 will start in the Chapel at 10 am, then will leave for Communion in the Sanctuary. Grades K-1st in Art, 2-3 in Theater, 4-5 in Games.

PRELUDE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tom Mollerus

Leader: In the sacredness of this hour, we meet to worship God.

People: God's love compels us to enter.

Leader: God calls us gently but persistently.

People: God calls us in our strength and in our weakness.

Leader: We ask to be more open to hearing God's call.

People: As we journey may God's Spirit encourage our faith.

***OPENING HYMN #277 (NCH)**

Holy Holy Holy

OPENING PRAYER

Call to Prayer

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us pray.

Unison Prayer

O God, we thank you for the gift of life.

We praise you for giving us a desire to make a difference.

Quiet the fears and distractions of our hearts and minds long enough for us to listen to the movement of your Holy Spirit.

Help us to hear your gentle invitation.

Help us to see how best to use our gifts.

Give us the faith to choose You, as You have chosen us....

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response

ANTHEM

Ose Shalom: Traditional Hebrew
arr. Michael Larkin (b. 1951)

tr: May the one who makes peace in the heavens
make peace for us and all Israel, and let us say: Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 5:1-11

p. 59

SERMON

“Hearing the Call: The Story of Peter”
Susan Cartmell

HYMN (seated) #451 (NCH)

Be Now My Vision

OFFERTORY

Barbara Livingston

Concerns and Celebrations

Anthem

Ave Verum Corpus
W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

**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

ORDER FOR THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

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 & Cup:

Ave Maria
J.S. Bach/ Charles Gounod (1818-1893)
Bruce Goody, flute
Jonathan Moretz, guitar

#448 (NCH) Take my Life, God, Let It Be

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 # 493 (NCH)**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Shalom Chaverim
Traditional Hebrew round

tr: Peace, my friends, until we meet again.

POSTLUDE

Gavotte
Francois Joseph Gossec (1734-1829)
Bruce Goody, flute
Jonathan Moretz, guitar

****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: Tom Mollerus

Deacons: Fred Moder, Carole Oberle

Communion Servers: Lee McNally, Joanne Seiden,
Tom Mollerus, Frank Luppino

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

Altar Guild: Val Kistler, Mary Barber

Flowers: Fabienne Madsen

Flower Delivery: Mary Lou Hughes

The flowers on the altar are given today to the Glory of God in loving memory of John and Merna Stanley by the church choir.

We welcome Rev. Dr. Barbara Livingston as our liturgist. She is a pastoral counselor at the Danielson Counseling Center at Boston University School of Theology. Ordained in the UCC, Barb is a member of our church.

Special thanks to Bruce Goody and Jonathan Moretz for sharing the gift of music with us this morning.

Today we welcome our new tenor section leader, Brandon Milardo. Brandon is a graduate of University of Massachusetts Amherst and Longy School of Music. We bid farewell to our former tenor section leader, Nate Ramsayer. Nate has accepted the tenor section leader position at St. John's Episcopal Church in Beverly Farms. We extend our best wishes to Nate and thank him for his time of making music with us.

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
The Rev. Heike Werder, Associate Minister
The Rev. Jamie Klopotoski, Youth Minister

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: Family Promise Metrowest Informational Luncheon: Are you and your family looking for a way to give back to the local community? If so, please join us for lunch today to learn more about Family Promise and our Church's commitment to their mission. Family Promise is a cooperative interfaith partnership offering hope to homeless families with children. Questions? Please contact coordinators Susan Kirk (susanckirk@comcast.net) or Heidi Wiesel (heidi.wiesel@gmail.com).

Friendly Society—Christmas Stocking Workshop: *Thursday, November 6 at 1:30pm.* The workshop led by Betty Peterson lends opportunity to chat while sewing stockings and filling them up with toys for City Mission. Look for more announcements about Friendly Society meetings weekly in the Bulletin and monthly in Focus. Questions can be directed to any of the Steering Committee members: Doris Cook, Margie Daganhardt, Joan Dimond, Barbara Lovely, Joanne Seiden or Patty Stewart.

Youth Choir: Do you know a child that likes to sing? We would love to have more students join our youth choirs.

FACT: One of the only activities that activates, stimulates, and uses the entire brain is Music.

FACT: Research shows that music is to the brain as physical exercise is to the human body. Music tones the brain for auditory fitness and allows it to decipher between tone and pitch.

Please consider this opportunity for your children!

Rehearsals are on Sundays throughout the year.

Joyful Noise—9:15-9:45 am

Hallelujah Choir—11:30-12:00 pm

Shepherd's Staff—12:00-1:00pm

Each choir will sing for the congregation 4-5 times throughout the year, culminating with Youth Sunday on June 14.

Adult Bible Study: Sunday 11:30-12:30 Conference Room Everyone is welcome to drop by any Sunday after church to try out Bible Study. Those of us who have participated have found it a wonderful way to get to know each other and to increase our comfort level reading the Bible. Our goal is to support each other in our journey of faith. Last year we read Luke and Isaiah by studying a few chapters at a time. We will be selecting another book of the Bible soon to read for the fall, so please join us! For more information, contact Sunu Yeh at dormouse99@gmail.com.

Senior High Youth Group Annual Haunted House: Will be open to the public from **5pm-8pm on Saturday, October 25th** 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.

We are in need of ***bags of individually wrapped candy***!(PLEASE NO NUTS & NO PEANUT BUTTER- which means no Reese's, Butterfingers, Snickers, Baby Ruth, Almond Joy, etc) Please drop off donations in Rev. Jamie's office by ***Friday, October 24th.***

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 bring your items to the church.

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) or Diana Conroy (conroyjd@rcn.com). Also, if you are interested in helping out on the day of the auction, please let us know.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help at the **Village Fair, November 15**. We are looking for volunteers to help during the fair. We are also looking for someone to help coordinate the Used Book Sale as well as volunteers to help with the sorting of books and working on the day of the sale. Please contact Danielle Jurdan in the office to volunteer or with any questions at office@needham.ucc.org or 781-444-2510.

Noah's Ark Preschool: Noah's Ark Preschool is in the process of enrolling children for the 2015 – 2016 school year! We offer priority enrollment to our returning students, siblings, and Congregational Church of Needham members, respectively, now through November 21st. If you would like to tour the school and to receive more information, please call Ann Lyons at 781-449-2439. Initial information can be gathered from our website at: www.noahsarkneedham.org.

The Environmental Ministries Team at The Congregational Church of Needham is presenting a Climate Change Café talk on

A Green Walk Around Your Home

with Leslie Reichert the
"Martha Stewart of Green Cleaning"

Sunday, Oct 19th
11:30am to 12:30pm

at the Congregational Church of Needham



Toxic chemicals are everywhere in your home. We'll take a room by room tour and discover those hidden dangers.

Leslie is a National Lecturer and author of "The Joy of Green Cleaning" (a handbook for the DIY cleaner).



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CALENDAR October 5—October 18

Sunday, October 5th	9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00am 11:30am 12:00pm 2:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Chancel Choir, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Family Promise, <i>Linden Hall</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Friendly Chime Ringers Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Shepherd's Staff Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Junior High Youth Group Tie Dye Party ALPHA Meeting, <i>Linden Hall</i> Guatemala Partnership Meeting, <i>Library</i> Senior High Youth Group Haunted House Prep
Monday, October 6th	9:00 am 7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i> Finance Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i> EMT Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Tuesday, October 7th	10:00pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters Community Dinner Deacon's Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Wednesday, October 8th	7:00 pm	Board Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Thursday, October 9th	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Sunday, October 12th	9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00am 11:30am 12:00pm	Chancel Choir, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Friendly Chime Ringers Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Shepherd's Staff Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Monday, October 13th		<i>Columbus Day Church Office Closed</i>
Tuesday, October 14th	7:00 pm	Family Promise, <i>Chapel</i>
Wednesday, October 15th	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Outreach Committee Meeting, Music Team Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
Thursday, October 16th	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Saturday, October 18th	5:00 pm	Senior High Lockin