



CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH
OF NEEDHAM

November 10, 2013

Theme: Forgiveness

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, November 10, 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-1st in Story, 2nd-3rd in Science, and 4th-6th in Cooking. All workshops are downstairs in the main hallway.

PRELUDE

*Arioso
G.F. Handel- (1685-1759)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Diana Conroy

Leader: People of God, enter this hour of worship.

People: May God be with us, in us, beside us and over us.

Leader: May God's hand be upon us, to fashion us for shining.

People: May God be like warmth within us, and fire us for caring.

Leader: May God be like strength beside us to help us live with faith.

People: May God inspire our music as we sing.

***OPENING HYMN #401 (New Century) O God in Whom All Life Begins**

OPENING PRAYER

Diana Conroy

Call to Prayer

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us pray.

Unison Prayer

Almighty God,

Whose breath quickened us,

Whose tongue named us,

Whose language we are:

Grant us grace to be true to ourselves and to You –

**Not so self-involved that we miss the needs of
others,**

Not so self-important that we forget to be humble,

Not so frightened that we miss the gift of freedom,

**Not so worried about appearances that we fail to be
honest.**

**Bring us to our senses. Call us home again, as we
pray...**

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response

TIME FOR CHILDREN (Children to Bible Village during song.)

CHILDREN'S HYMN (#526)

We Are Marching In
The Light of God

ANTHEM

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake
Richard Farrant (1530-1580)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 15: 25-32

NT, p. 74

SERMON

“The Other Prodigal Son”

HYMN (seated) #202 (New Century) **O God, How We Have
Wandered**

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

**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 #23 (New Century) There's a Wideness
in God's Mercy**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*
Pilgrim Hymnal No. 62

POSTLUDE

Andante
G.F. Handel

**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: Diana Conroy

Deacons: Peter Atallah, Tom Mollesrus

Ushers: Alex Cullen, Eric Slosser, Nancy Lane, Frank Luppino

Altar Guild: Debbie Wentworth

Flowers: Janet Rubenstein

Flower Delivery: Heike Werder

*The flowers on the altar are given today to the glory of God and in
loving memory of Richard E. Noble by his wife and children*

THE VILLAGE FAIR & MARKETPLACE

SATURDAY

NOV. 16

9:30AM

TO 3:00PM

AT THE



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TODAY! November 10- GOD IN AMERICA: "A New Eden" – episode 2

Hour two considers the origins of America's experiment in religious liberty, examining how the unlikely alliance between evangelical Baptists and enlightenment figures such as Thomas Jefferson forged a new concept of religious freedom. In the competitive religious marketplace unleashed by this freedom, upstart denominations and a new wave of religious revivals swept thousands of converts into the evangelical fold and inspired a new gospel of social reform.

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 Conference 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.

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.

The Bake Sale Table needs your Baked Goods! Saturday November 16th! Bring your delicious pies, cakes, cookies and breads to the Village Fair the morning of Saturday November 16th for our Bake Sale Table. All donations appreciated!

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Sunday November 24th at the Congregational Church of Needham! All faith communities are invited to a Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, Nov. 24, 2013 at 4 p.m. This Interfaith Service will be held at our church this year with a reception to follow. Baked good contributions for the Reception can be dropped off at the church by 2pm on Sunday the 24th. Various members of the Needham Clergy Association are participating in the service.

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 conference room. Please contact Danielle Jurdan in the office to

volunteer or with any questions at office@needhamucc.org or 781-444-2510.

NOMINATIONS -- If you are interested in serving on the church Board or one of its standing committees (Deacons, Outreach, Christian Education and Youth), please let us know! The ad hoc nominations committee is putting together a slate of nominees for January's annual meeting. If you would like to serve please get in touch with either Martha Lamb (Martha_lamb@aol.com) or Jane Brand (ajbrand@comcast.net), and let us know in what capacity you would like to serve!

CALENDAR for November 10 – November 18

<p>Sunday November 10th</p>	<p>9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> 9:15 am Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> 10am Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i> 11:30am Bible Study <i>Reception.Room</i> God in America, 2nd Episode, <i>Linden Hall</i> Hallelujah Choir rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Friendly Chime Ringers Rehearsal, <i>Sanct.</i> 12pm Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> 4pm Junior High Youth Group-Bowling 7pm Senior High Youth Group, <i>Stevenson Hall</i></p>
<p>Monday November 11th</p>	<p><i>The Offices are Closed in Honor of our Veteran's</i></p>
<p>Thursday November 14th</p>	<p>10:30 Bible Study, <i>Reception Room</i></p>
<p>Saturday November 16th</p>	<p>Village Fair 9:30am – 3:00pm</p>