



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

November 16, 2014

Theme: Stewardship



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 16, 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 go directly to classes downstairs at 10 am. Grades 6-8 are in Stevenson Hall at 10 am. Grades K-5 will start in the Sanctuary at 10 am, then leave for Bible Village.
K-1: Games; Grades 2-3: Art; Grades 4-5: Theater*

PRELUDE

Aria
George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship Moment

INTROIT

May the Light of Love Be With You Every Day
By Ann Hills & David Roth
Once in a While Choir
Cici Hunt, Director

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jane Brand

Leader: All that we have comes from God.

**People: The earth with its oceans, and seas; the sun and rain;
and our very lives.**

Leader: All that we are comes from God.

People: Our families, our homes, our work and our dreams.

Leader: All that we give comes from God.

People: We are stewards, returning what we have been given.

Leader: Let us enter God's house with gratitude and praise.

***OPENING HYMN #460** (Red Hymnal)

**We Plow the Fields
and Scatter**

Call to Prayer

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us pray.

Unison Prayer

**Disturb us, Lord, when we grow too well pleased with
ourselves;
when our dreams have come true because we have dreamed
too little;
when we arrived safely because we have sailed too close to
shore.
when we possessed so much that we lost our thirst for the
water of life.
Inspire us in this hour,
to venture onto wider seas, where storms will show your
mastery;
where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars.
Gracious God, push back the horizons of our hopes
And deepen our faith as we pray...**

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response

Take My Life and Let it Be
(Red Hymnal) Pilgrim Hymnal No. 404

ANTHEM

For the Autumn Sky
By Ruth Elaine Schram
Shepherd's Staff Choir
David Darmofal, piano

TIME FOR CHILDREN

(Children dismissed to Bible Village during hymn)

CHILDREN'S HYMN #526 (NCH)

**We Are Marching in the
Light of God**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 12: 13-34

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SERMON

“Treasure in Heaven”
Susan Cartmell

HYMN (seated) #520 (Black Hymnal)

**Eternal Spirit
of the Living Christ**

MORNING PRAYER

Barbara Livingston

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

Old Hundredth Psalm Tune
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

****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 #542 (Black Hymnal) Born of God, Eternal Savior**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go in Peace
tune: Ocean Park

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God
Samuel Scheidt (1587-1653)

****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: Jane Brand

Deacons: Sunu Yeh, Sally Fitzgerald

Ushers: Mike Normile, Janet Jankowiak, Bob Everts, Jim Conroy

Altar Guild: Denice Koljonen

Flowers: Janet Rubenstein

Flower Delivery: Joanne Seiden

The flowers on the altar are given today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Treen by his daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Adam Brand.

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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

Faith Circle Book Club: The Faith Circle Book Club meets **Thursdays at 10:30 am in the Reception Room**. The book club will run through the end of December and focus on books that explore spirituality. We are reading **Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth** by Reza Aslan from October thru December. Contact Christine Weitzel (cweitzel@verizon.net) or Reverend Susan Cartmell (revsusan@needhamucc.org) to join the group or for more information about the group.

Advent Workshop: Dec 6, 3-5pm: All families in the community are invited to our Annual Advent Workshop on **Saturday, December 6, from 3-5pm**. From 3-4:30pm several stations are available for families, including: Advent wreathes, Christmas cards, Christmas ornaments, Christmas origami, Christmas sand art, and Fun with Food (making gingerbread houses, marshmallow snowmen, ice cream cone Christmas trees, candy cane sleighs, and more). At 4:30pm, we gather together to sing Christmas Carols and enjoy Christmas treats. Cost is \$10 per family. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Rev. Jamie.

Friendly Society—Christmas Luncheon: Wednesday, December 17, 11:30am. Come enjoy Patty Stewart's famous holiday luncheon. Everyone is welcome to bring a favorite Christmas decoration to share. 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.

Lessons and Carols— Sunday, December 7th

The Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday, December 7, at 4:00 p.m. to be followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to contribute food or help with the reception, please call Doris Cook at (781) 444-5591.

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 7.

Adult Bible Study: Sunday 11:30 Conference Room: Everyone is welcome to join the Bible Study group that meets after church. This is a great opportunity to discuss your spiritual questions with other people of faith. Last year, we read through Luke and Isaiah by discussing just a few chapters a week. Currently we are reading about the early church in the book of Acts. If you have been wondering what Bible Study is like, check us out! For more information, contact Sunu Yeh at dormouse99@gmail.com

Gardening Team: The team is looking for some new members to keep the Confirmation and Memorial Gardens looking neat and welcoming. No prior gardening experience is needed. If interested, please give your email address to Debbie Wentworth at bmwfac@comcast.net or Danielle Jurdan at office@needhamucc.org. Email notices will alert team members to pending projects and any or all of us may participate. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow gardeners while making our church property look its best.

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.

CALENDAR November 16th — November 27th

Sunday, Nov. 16th	8:15 am 9:00 am 9:15 am 9:20 am 10:00am 11:30am 12:00pm 5:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Men's Breakfast, <i>Library</i> Chancel Choir, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Once in a While Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Friendly Chime Ringers Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Shepherd's Staff Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Junior High Youth Group Youth Leadership Team Meeting Senior High Youth Group
Monday, Nov. 17th	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i>
Wed., Nov. 19th	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Outreach Committee, <i>Library</i> Music Team Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
Thursday, Nov. 20th	10:30am 7:30 pm	Faith Circle Book Club, <i>Reception Room</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Saturday, Nov. 22nd	5:00 pm	Junior High Youth Group Lock-In
Sunday, Nov. 23th	9:00 am 10:00am 11:30am 12:00pm 5:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Chancel Choir, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Construction Update, <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 Youth Leadership Team Meeting Senior High Youth Group
Monday, Nov. 24th	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i>
Tuesday, Nov. 25th	7:00 pm	Christian Education Meeting
Thursday, Nov. 27th		Thanksgiving Offices Closed

Christmas Concert



**Sun.
Dec. 7
4pm**