



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

November 2, 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 2, 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 Chapel at 10 am, then leave for Communion in the Sanctuary.

K-1: Art; Grades 2-3: Theater; Grades 4-5: Games

PRELUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together
arr. Dale Wood (1934-2003)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kristin and Tom Mollerus

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tom Mollerus

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 #28 (NCH)**

For the Beauty of the Earth

OPENING PRAYER

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

O Taste and See
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
Beth Sterling, soprano

ANTHEM

Sing a Little Song
Wagner
Joyful Noise Choir
Dave Darmofal, piano

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 25:1-13

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SERMON

“Stress Relief: The Gift of Time”
Susan Cartmell

HYMN (seated) #564 (NCH) verses 1-4 We Are Not Our Own

OFFERTORY

Concerns and Celebrations

Anthem

The Lord is My Shepherd
Howard Goodall (b. 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

ORDER FOR THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

All Saints Remembrance

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:

All Are Welcome (insert)
#393 (NCH) Blessed Be the Tie that Binds

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 #21 (NCH)**

God Reigns o'er All the Earth

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go in Peace
tune: Ocean Park

POSTLUDE

Deo Gratias
François Couperin (1668-1733)

****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.

Liturgist: Dr. Barbara Livingston

Worship Leader: Tom Mollerus

Deacons: Tom Mollerus, Fred Moder

Communion Servers: Lee McNally, Sunu Yeh,

Craig Morrison, Frank Luppino

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

Altar Guild: Carol Miller, Diana Conroy

Flowers: Janet Rubenstein

Flower Delivery: Amy Kennedy

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

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. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

ALL ARE WELCOME

TWO OAKS
Marty Haugen



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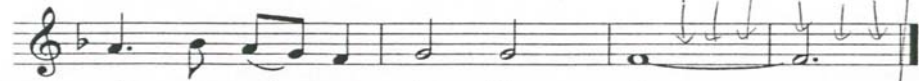
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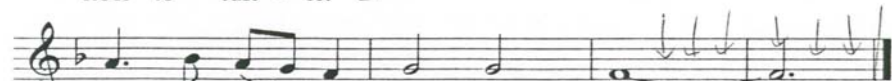
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLING ALL BAKERS: Donations of baked goods are needed for the bake sale at the church fair on November 15th. If you would like to kindly contribute a baked good for the table, please drop off your donations to the church either Friday (November 14) or Saturday (November 15) before the fair.

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 (revsusana@needhamucc.org) to join the group or for more information about the group.

Friendly Society—Christmas Stocking Workshop: **Thursday, November 6 at 1:15pm, Library**. 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 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 wonder-

ing what Bible Study is like, check us out! For more information, contact Sunu Yeh at dormouse99@gmail.com

Once In a While Choir: Hello Ye Singers Young and Younger. The **Once In a While Choir** will sing at the beginning of the **10 AM service on Sunday, November 16th**. If you would like to participate, Cici Hunt would love to have you join for the 'once in a while' opportunity. All are welcome. Yes, bring your children to join in the fun, too. We will rehearse two times, Sunday, November 2nd, November 16th at 9:20am. We will sing at the beginning of the 10 am service on November 16th so folks can go off to Sunday School right after. The song to be sung will likely be "May The Light of Love Be With You Every Day" which has a Thanksgiving theme. We sang this several years ago, so perhaps you remember, "May the light of love be shining deep within your spirit. May the torch of mercy clear the path and show the way. May the horn of plenty sound so every one can hear it. May the light of love be with you every day." It's a great song!!!

I look forward to seeing you on Nov. 16th. If you have any questions, please call Cici, at 781-540-9113 or email cicihunt@gmail.com. Blessings!!!

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.

The Church Fair— Kitchen Help: The Kitchen at the Village Fair is in need of volunteers to help on the day of the Fair – November 15th. Morning and afternoon shifts available. New faces are welcome and no experience is necessary! Stop by the table at coffee hour after worship or email Fabienne Madsen at fabienne@fabienmadsendesign.com

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. We are also looking for books to sell at the book stand and vintage jewelry. Please bring your items to the church office.

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. Please contact Danielle Jurdan in the office to volunteer or with any questions at office@needhamucc.org or 781-444-2510.

CALENDAR November 2nd — November 15th

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| Sunday, Nov. 2nd <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i> | 9:00 am 9:15 am 9:20 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>Sanctuary</i> Once in a While Choir Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Adult Ed—Alan Clayton-Matthews, <i>Linden Hall</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Friendly Chime Ringers Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Shepherd's Staff Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Senior High Youth Group Laser Tag ALPHA, <i>Linden Hall</i> Junior High Youth Group Grog Extravaganza Guatemala Partnership Meeting, <i>Library</i> |
| Monday, Nov. 3rd | 9:00 am 7:15 pm | Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i> EMT Meeting, <i>Chapel</i> |
| Tuesday, Nov. 4th | 10:00am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm | Prayer Shawl Knitters, <i>Reception Room</i> Community Dinner, <i>Linden Hall</i> Deacon's Meeting, <i>Library</i> |
| Wed., Nov.5th | 7:00 pm | Youth Committee Meeting |
| Thursday, Nov. 6th | 10:30am 12:00pm 1:15 pm 7:30 pm | Faith Circle Book Club, <i>Reception Room</i> Thursday Lunch, <i>Library</i> Friendly Society Meeting, <i>Library</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> |
| Sunday, Nov. 9th | 9:00 am 9:15 am 9:30 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> Friendly Chime Ringers Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Adult Ed—Mindful Meditation, <i>Linden Hall</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Shepherd's Staff Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Junior High Youth Group Cookie Baking Party ALPHA, <i>Linden Hall</i> Senior High Youth Group Cookie Baking Party |
| Monday, Nov. 10th | 9:00 am | Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i> |
| Wed., Nov. 12th | 7:00 pm | Board Meeting, <i>Library</i> |
| Thursday, Nov. 13th | 10:30am 7:30 pm | Faith Circle Book Club, <i>Reception Room</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> |
| Saturday, Nov. 15th | 9:00 am | Village Fair |