



# CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

November 9, 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 9, 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: Cooking; Grades 2-3: Story; Grades 4-5: Science*

**PRELUDE**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee  
*arr. Lloyd Larson (b. 1954)*  
The Friendly Chime Ringers

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Stewardship Moment—Charlie Baker

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Peter Atallah

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 #15 (Pilgrim) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

*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*

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God  
*Pilgrim Hymnal No. 528*

**ANTHEM**

Stars are for Those Who Lift Their Eyes  
*Pauline Delmonte (1913-2011)*  
Hallelujah Choir  
Dave 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**

John 6: 1-15

p. 92

**SERMON**

“From Scarcity to Abundance “  
Susan Cartmell

**HYMN (seated) #562 (NCH)**

**Take My Gifts**

**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*

O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem  
*Sir John Goss (1800-1880)*

***\*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 #21 (NCH) God Reigns o'er All the Earth**

**BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE** Dialogue sur les grand Jeux  
*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](http://www.needhamucc.org), our church website.

*Worship Leader:* Peter Atallah

*Deacons:* Peter Atallah, Stephanie Oddleifson

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

*Altar Guild:* Val Kistler

*Flowers:* Janet Rubenstein

*Flower Delivery:* Martha Lamb

*The flowers on the altar are given today to the Glory of God and in thankfulness for our dear family and friends by the Darmofal family.*

# THE VILLAGE FAIR & MARKETPLACE

SATURDAY  
NOV. 15

9:30<sup>AM</sup>  
TO 3:00<sup>PM</sup>

AT THE



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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**

**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.

**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.

**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 wondering what Bible Study is like, check us out! For more information, contact Sunu Yeh at [dormouse99@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bmwfac@comcast.net) or Danielle Jurdan at [office@needhamucc.org](mailto: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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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 9th — November 22nd

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>Choir Room</i> Friendly Chime Ringers Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Adult Ed—Mindful Meditation, <i>Linden Hall</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Chancel Choir Concert 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 7:00 pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i> Finance Committee Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
Tuesday, Nov. 11th		<i>Veteran's Day—Office Closed</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	9:30 am	Village Fair
Sunday, Nov. 16th	8:15 am 9:00 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>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>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. 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

# SUMMER

# WORSHIP SURVEY

*The deacons are soliciting your opinion of this past summer's worship service in Fellowship Hall while the experience is still fresh in your mind. Please take a moment to respond, then drop this sheet into the offering plate or leave it in the church office. Our goal is to see how we might improve our worship experience for next summer. Thanks!*

Were you comfortable with the set up of the worship space?      **Yes**                      **No**  
*(Chairs, Candle Table, Etc.)*

*Comments:* \_\_\_\_\_  
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Were the acoustics in the room good, could you easily hear?      **Yes**                      **No**

*Comments:* \_\_\_\_\_  
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Was the temperature comfortable in the space?                      **Yes**                      **No**

*Comments:* \_\_\_\_\_  
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Did you like the order and format of the service?

**Yes**

**No**

*Comments:* \_\_\_\_\_

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Did you like the music played at the service?

**Yes**

**No**

*Comments:* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Other Comments / Suggestions:*

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