



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

February 1, 2015

Theme: God



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, February 1, 2015

10:00am

Childcare is available downstairs in the crib/toddler room for infants and toddlers. Preschoolers, Grades 6-8 go directly to classes at 10 am. Grades K-5 will start in Fellowship Hall at 10 am for workshops, then leave for Communion in the Sanctuary.

PRELUDE

Sweet Hour of Prayer
arr. Dale Wood (1934- 2003)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Frank Arren

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God all the earth,

People: Sing out your praises to the Lord of all life.

Leader: Come all you people and know the joy of remembering you are a child of God.

People: The love of God is greater than the tongue can tell!

Leader: Bless the Lord everyone bless God's Holy Name!

People: We praise, and worship, and honor, and glorify Your name O Lord!

***OPENING HYMN #21** (*Black Hymnal*)

**God Reigns o'er
All 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

**Creator God you have fashioned me from clay and breathed life into me. Words are not adequate to express my gratitude.
You have given me gifts of personality, creativity, and character;
Help me to see those gifts and how much you need me to use them.
You have surrounded me with family and friends..
Help me to receive the gifts of those I know best and love most.
As I awaken to the needs of the world, help me see what you are calling me to do with my life.
In Christ's name we pray....**

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response

Sweet Hour of Prayer
No. 505, (*Black Hymnal*)

INSTALLATION OF OFFICIERS AND LEADERS (*see insert*)

ANTHEM

Down to the River to Pray
arr. Sheldon Curry
Dave Darmofal, piano

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 3: 1-13

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SERMON

"Seeing God"
Susan Cartmell

HYMN #23 (*Black Hymnal*)
Mercy

There's a Wideness in God's

OFFERTORY

Concerns and Celebrations

Voluntary

Allegretto
Francesco Molino (1775-1847)
Bruce Goody, flute
Jonathan Moretz, guitar

**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:

**#31 (Black Hymnal) All Things Bright and Beautiful
#514 (Black Hymnal) Over My Head**

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 #1** (*Black Hymnal*)

**Immortal, Invisible,
God Only Wise**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Peter C. Lutkin (1858-1931)

POSTLUDE

Cantabile Sostenuto
Francesco Molino

**Special thanks to Bruce Goody, Dave Darmofal and Jonathan Moretz
for sharing their time and talents with us this morning.**

- Welcome to all who are here for the first time. ~~*You are invited to stand.~~ 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: Frank Arren

Communion: Sally Fitzgerald, Sunu Yeh

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

Flowers: Chris Arren

Flower Delivery: Mary Lou Hughes

*The flowers on the altar are given today to the glory of God and in loving
memory of Robert R. Andrews by his wife Jean and their four 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. Jamie Klopotoski, Youth Minister

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join Heike at Legacy Place Cinemas on Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015 to watch "Selma" at 12:25 pm. Please rsvp if you like to meet at the church at 11:30 to go to Legacy Place for lunch or just meet at 12:15 at the theater. You will be home for the superbowl. Please e-mail Heike at revheike@needhamucc.org to let her know.

Friendly Society February 5th, 1:15pm: Join Friendly Society members for an information session on **How Are Tours at the MFA Put Together.** This is coupled with a sample of how works of art are presented with you as the visitor. Joanne Seiden will be your guide for the discussion. Questions can be directed to any of the steering committee members; Doris Cook, Margie Dagenhardt, Joan Dimond, Barbara Lovely, Joanne Seiden or Patty Stewart.

Voices Rising - Saturday February 7, 3:30pm. Enjoy this wonderful annual concert, hosted by the ONA Ministry Team as part of our ONA anniversary month. This year's concert is "Seasons of Life," a musical tribute to the passages of life, featuring music from Joni Mitchell, Pat Humphries and Ysaye Barnwell and words from Khalil Gibran and Ecclesiastes. Tickets are available online at www.voicesrising.org - Priority Seating \$30; General Admission \$25 (door), \$20 (advance); Students/Seniors \$10; Children 5 and under \$5.

Field Trip to Mayan Exhibit at Museum of Science - Sunday, February 8, after church: Please reserve your spot to see: "Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed", the largest exhibit of its kind in the U.S. Tickets: Members (\$5); non-members \$29; Children \$25. Two tickets available free of charge. For more information contact Brenda Metzler: bmetzler7@verizon.net. Exhibit info: www.mos.org/exhibits/maya.

February Delegation Send-Off; Tuesday, Feb. 10, 7-8 pm at Dave/Caryl Johnson's (505 Great Plain Ave.): All are invited to a brief Send-Off gathering for the church's February 11-22nd delegation to Santa Maria Tzeja on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 7-8 pm at Dave/Caryl Johnson's (505 Great Plain Ave.) Travelers include co-leaders Brenda Metzler and Fred Moder; Bill, Theresa, and Spencer Garrett; Will Meehan; Susan McNeice; Sunny Robinson; and Scott and Joene Pike (Portland, Oregon). Ali Durbin and Randall Shea will be our interpreters. Other dates for your calendar:

Faith Circle Book Club: The Faith Circle Book group will begin on Thursday, Jan. 29. The group will run from 10:30-12:00 for 9 weeks (not including Feb. school break). We will be reading, The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World by Reverend Desmond Tutu. Looking forward to the book and our discussions. If you would a copy of the book, Christine Weitzel can order them and the cost is \$15.00. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Christine Weitzel at cweitzel@verizon.net

Sunday Bible Study: Gospel of John. If you have thought about seeing what bible study is like, we invite you to join us in the conference room from 11:30-12:30 after church. We will be discussing the gospel of John, and all are welcome to drop in any week that you are able. This is a great opportunity to discuss your spiritual questions with other people of faith. For more information, contact Sunu Yeh at dormouse99@gmail.com

Friendly Chimers: Friendly Chimers invites anyone interested in a fun, hands-on musical experience to join them in their rehearsals, starting Sunday, Feb 8, at 11:30 am in the sanctuary. Prerequisites: be able to keep time, enjoy being in a group. For information, contact Joanne Seiden 781-449-6535; jseiden@basiclink.com.

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.

Valentine's Babysitting: NEED A BABYSITTER FOR A VALENTINE'S DATE? YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER OFFERS BABYSITTING ON VALENTINE'S DAY, FEBRUARY 14, 4pm-10pm. Dinner and Snacks included \$20 for one child, \$10 for additional child. The Senior High Youth Group at The Congregational Church of Needham is hosting a Babysitting Night on Saturday, February 14th. Potty-trained children ages 3 and older can be dropped off and picked up any time between 4pm-10pm at the church for just \$20 for the first child and \$10 for additional children. All proceeds will go to the Senior High Summer Mission Trip. Families must pre-register by February 13th. Dinner, snacks, a movie, and several fun activity stations will be offered. For more information or to register, visit www.needhamucc.org/babysitting or contact Rev. Jamie.

CALENDAR February 1st—February 14th

Sunday, Feb. 1st	9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00am 11:30am 12:00pm 12:15pm	Senior High Youth Group Super Bowl Subs Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Adult Ed: Movie <u>Selma</u> , <i>Legacy Place, Dedham</i> Guatemala Partnership Meeting, <i>Library</i> Bible Study Group, <i>Conference Room</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Shepherd's Staff Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Adult Ed: Movie <u>Selma</u> , <i>Legacy Place, Dedham</i>
Monday, Feb. 2nd	9:00 am 7:15 pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i> EMT Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
Tuesday, Feb. 3rd	6:00 pm	Community Dinner, <i>Linden Hall</i>
Wed., Feb. 4th	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Wednesday Connect, <i>Linden Hall</i> Youth Committee Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 5th	10:30 am 12:00 pm 1:15 pm 7:30 pm	Faith Circle Book Club, <i>Reception Room</i> Lunch with Heike, <i>Library</i> Friendly Society Meeting, <i>Library</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Saturday, Feb. 7th	7:30 pm	Voices Rising Concert, <i>Sanctuary</i>
Sunday, Feb. 8th	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Field Trip to Mayan Exhibit Adult Ed: Rev. June Cooper, <i>Linden Hall</i> Friendly Chimers Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i>
Monday, Feb. 9th	9:00 am 7:30 pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i> Immigration Justice Task Force, <i>Library</i>
Tuesday, Feb. 10th	7:00 pm	Guatemala Send Off, <i>Johnson Home</i> (505 Great Plain Ave.)
Wed. Feb. 11th	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Wednesday Connect, <i>Linden Hall</i> Board Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Thursday, Feb. 12th	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Saturday, Feb. 14th	3:00 pm	Junior/Senior High Youth Group Babysitting



Connect

Worship on Wednesdays

at the Congregational Church of Needham

Join us for the opportunity to come together
to Connect mid-week.

Recharge, Renew and Rediscover.

Every Wednesday from 6pm - 8pm

6:00pm - Dinner

6:30pm - Junior Youth Group

Adult Program

Childcare

7:30pm - Worship

Visit the website at [http://needhamucc.org/
connect-worship-on-wednesdays/](http://needhamucc.org/connect-worship-on-wednesdays/)

Installation of Leaders and Officers

PRESENTATION

COVENANT

QUESTIONS OF LEADERS AND OFFICERS

Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's name?

I am, with the help of God.

Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

I do, relying on God's grace.

QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those who are able please rise and witness to the commitment we now make?

We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to honor your leadership and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

LAYING ON THE HANDS FOR THE DEACONS



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

Nominating Slate Annual Meeting, January 25, 2015

OFFICERS

Moderator
David Dirks

Clerk
Phil Gotwals

Treasurer
Frank Arren

Collector
Doris Cook

BOARD

Term Ends 2016
Martha Lamb
Donald Libbey
Christine Weitzel
Mike Yeh

Term Ends 2017
Len Chang
Carl Madsen
Mike Normile

Term Ends 2018
Jason Johnson
Blair Wentworth
Sharmon Prialux

DEACONS

Term Ends 2016
Mary Lou Hughes
Carol Oberle
Craig Morrison
Fred Moder
Frank Luppino

Term Ends 2017
Stephanie Oddleifson
Sunu Yeh
Joanne Seiden
Lee McNally
Sally Fitzgerald

Term Ends 2018
Charlie Baker
Chris Nyland
Kirby Salerno
Claudia Darmofal
Susan Lively

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Term Ends 2016
Patty Morrison
Kevin Blume
Laura Cullen

Term Ends 2017
Elizabeth Meyi
Laurie Davis

Term Ends 2018
Molly Pretorius

OUTREACH

Term Ends 2016
Jenni Haynes
Pam Allen
Sally Powers

Term Ends 2017
Mike Boyd
Jen Cusack
Amy Massey

Term Ends 2018
Heather Salerno
Lynn Gotwals
Heidi Wiesel

YOUTH BOARD

Term Ends 2016
Jodie Kuhlman
Kristen Cohen

Term Ends 2017
Ray Suarez
M.E. Sesso

Term Ends 2018
Nancy Tegeler
Mark Oberle