



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

February 15, 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 15, 2015

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.

PRELUDE

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
arr. Wilbur Held (b. 1914)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Diana Conroy

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 #28** (*Black Hymnal*)

**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

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

ANTHEM

By n' By
arr. Robert De Cormier (b. 1922)
Joyful Noise Choir

TIME FOR CHILDREN

(Children dismissed to Bible Village during hymn)

**CHILDREN'S HYMN #526 (Black Hymnal) We Are Marching in the
Light of God**

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 24

p. 484

SERMON

"Reverence"
Heike Werder

HYMN (seated) # 564 (Black Hymnal)

**We Are Not Our Own
vs. 1-4**

MORNING PRAYER

Susan Cartmell

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

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit
arr. William Levi Dawson (1899-1990)
Crosby Goshgarian, baritone

**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 # 401** (*Black Hymnal*)

**In God in Whom
All Life Begins**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

A Gaelic Blessing
John Rutter (b. 1945)

POSTLUDE

Fantasia in E minor
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

**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 Assistant: Diana Conroy

Deacons: Stephanie Oddleifson, Mary Lou Hughes

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

Altar Guild: Mary Barber

Flowers: Christine Arren

Flower Delivery: Christine Arren

The flowers on the altar are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carson Joseph Leifur Oberle by Carol and Mark Oberle and family.



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/)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Education February 15, 2015 at 11:30: Please join Rev. Heike in Linden Hall for a showing of **The Future of Race in America:** a Ted Talk by Michelle Alexander based on her book “**The New Jim Crow**”. Her book is a challenging read, and her Ted Talk is amazing.

Faith Circle Book Club: The Faith Circle Book group meets Thursdays. 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. 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

Guatemala Partnership Welcome Back the February Delegation: Please join us on Sunday, February 22, at 6:30 pm (Johnson's/505 Great Plain Ave.) to welcome our returning travelers from Santa Maria Tzeja. They promise to share some wonderful stories and impressions, 'hot off the trail'. Light refreshments will be served.

Friendly Society: Check to see if you've put March 5, 1:15 on your calendar for a glimpse of farm life in a q & a with Barbara Case whose son has a farm in Pennsylvania. What kind of farm is it? What hours do they keep? What happens in the winter? How did this Needham son get into farming? No doubt you'll have questions of your own.

Friendly Chimers: Friendly Chimers invites anyone interested in a fun, hands-on musical experience to join them in their rehearsals, 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.

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.

Sunday School Volunteers Needed! Be an assistant teacher or lead a workshop (like science, art, theater, games). Please visit our online sign up sheet (just go to www.needhamucc.org/sundayschool and click on Volunteer Sign Up under Important Links) or contact Rev. Jamie for more information. Just a friendly reminder that all Sunday School families are encouraged to sign up for ANY 7 spots for the whole year. If you don't have kids in the program, we would still LOVE your help!

Lenten Challenge for Kids: During Lent, beginning Feb. 22, kids of all ages are encouraged to memorize Psalm 23. Each Sunday, kids can visit Rev. Jamie to recite a verse and receive a colorful, inspirational rubber bracelet. Kids will receive handouts in Sunday School today with more information or you can visit www.needhamucc.org/lent

"Not Your Average Talent Show" Concert on Saturday, March 21st, 4:00 pm: On Saturday, March 21, from 4:00 - 6:00 pm, the Guatemala Partnership will celebrate spring's arrival with a concert and silent auction to benefit education in our church's partner village of Santa María Tzejá. The show will include performers from both the church and the wider community who are donating their diverse talents. The auction will include select Guatemalan goods and crafts brought back by recent Partnership delegations as well as other donations. Suggested donation: \$15 per adult; \$30 per family. Tickets available in March. Musical contact: Cici Hunt/cicihunt@gmail.com. General contact: Alan Clayton-Matthews a.clayton-matthews@neu.edu.

Adult Education: February 22, 11:30am in Linden Hall: Speakers Dr. Adrian Haugabrook and Peter Goddard will offer a discussion on "Raising Black Children". Dr. Haugabrook is the Vice President for Student Success and Engagement at Wheelock College, and he is a deacon at Myrtle Baptist Church in Newton. He will be joined by his good friend Deacon Peter Goddard, also from Myrtle Baptist Church, who grew up in Needham.

Spring into Our New Space

Open House at 1180 Great Plain Avenue
Sunday March 8th 11:30am

We have just completed Phase 1 of the Capital Campaign and we would like to show you the lovely results!

We will be hosting an open house in the new building on Sunday, March 8th right after the service. This will be the first official opportunity for the Congregation to see the new beautiful space. A light lunch will be provided and members of the Board along with Church Officers will be on hand to give you an update on the construction plans and progress.

There will be an opportunity to hear more about our fund-raising momentum and of course, a chance for those who have yet to pledge and those inspired to give more to spring into action and help fund and care for all of our church's buildings.

Please join us for this festive celebration!

CALENDAR February 15th—February 27th

Sunday, Feb. 15th	8:15 am 9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 11:30 am 12:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Men's Breakfast, <i>Library</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Ad Ed: Future of Race in America, <i>Linden Hall</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i></p>
Monday, Feb. 16th		<p style="text-align: center;">President's Day—Office Closed</p>
Wed., Feb. 18th	10:00 am 6:00 pm 7:30 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Labyrinth Work Day, <i>Fellowship Hall</i> Wednesday Connect, <i>Linden Hall</i> Music Team Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i></p>
Thursday, Feb. 19th	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Lenten Luncheon, <i>Library</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i></p>
Sunday, Feb. 22nd	9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 11:30 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Adult Ed : Raising Black Children, <i>Linden Hall</i> Friendly Chime Ringers Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Junior High Youth Group Mardi Gras Party Senior High Youth Group Mardi Gras Party</p>
Monday, Feb. 23rd	9:00 am	<p style="text-align: center;">Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i></p>
Wed. , Feb. 25th	6:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday Connect, <i>Linden Hall</i></p>
Thursday, Feb. 26th	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Lenten Luncheon, <i>Library</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i></p>
Friday, Feb. 27th	4:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Junior High Youth Group Winter Retreat</p>