



# CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

February 16, 2014

Theme: Good & Evil - The Seven Deadly Sins



## **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 16, 2014

10:00am

*Childcare is available downstairs in the crib/toddler room for infants and toddlers. Preschoolers will go to class at 10am. Grades 7-8, and 9-12 will go to worship in the Sanctuary with their families. Grades K-6 will start in the sanctuary, leave for the chapel after "Time for Children" and remain in the chapel to watch a movie.*

**PRELUDE**

Fantasia for flute and piano, Op. 79  
*Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)*  
Bruce Goody, flute

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Joanne Wykoff

Leader: The generous love of God abounds.

**People: We celebrate and give thanks for God's infinite love.**

Leader: The unending grace of God surrounds us.

**People: With humble joy, we give thanks for the astounding gift of God's grace.**

Leader: The joy of being a child of God encompasses us.

**People: With gratitude for a God who knows us by name, we give our thanks.**

Leader: The steadfast love of God is always present and always ours.

**All: Let us celebrate the overwhelming love of God. Come, let us worship and sing our praise!**

**\*OPENING HYMN # 18 (NCH)**

**Guide Me, O My Great Creator**

## OPENING PRAYER

Joanne Wykoff

### *Call to Prayer*

Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Leader: Let us pray.

### *Unison Prayer*

Holy One, our attention is so often focused  
On the deep waters of loss and grief;  
The rushing currents of over-commitment;  
The high expectations for a smooth life and easy successes.  
Yet Your presence and love helps us to see reality as it is:  
Whenever we are faced with challenges, Your spirit guides us.  
Whenever we feel overwhelmed and anxious, Your peace is with us.  
Whenever we feel lost or disconnected, Your love embraces us.  
We can be sure of this: whenever we put our trust in You there is no reason for us to fear. Help us to see the promise of Your deep and abiding love for us. Embrace us as we pray ...

### *Silent Prayer*

### *Lord's Prayer*

### *Prayer Response*

God is My Shepherd, Op. 99  
*Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904)*  
Bruce Goody, flute

**TIME FOR CHILDREN** (Children to Bible Village during song.)

**CHILDREN'S HYMN (#526)** We Are Marching In The  
Light Of God

### ANTHEM

A Quiet Moment  
*Audrey Snyder (b. 1953)*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** 2 Samuel 11: 1-15 HS, p.277

**SERMON** "Seven Deadly Sins: Lust" Heike Werder

**HYMN (seated) # 502    Dear God, Embracing Humankind**  
*You may bring the prayer pebble up to the altar  
during this hymn.*

**MORNING PRAYER**

*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 for a Closer Walk with God

*Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

text, Pilgrim Hymnal No. 349

*\*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 # 530 (NCH) God Our Author And Creator**

**BENEDICTION**

## CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go in Peace  
*tune: Ocean Park*

## POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G minor, BWV 558  
*J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

*\*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:* Joanne Wykoff

*Deacons:* Mary Lou Hughes, Carol Oberle

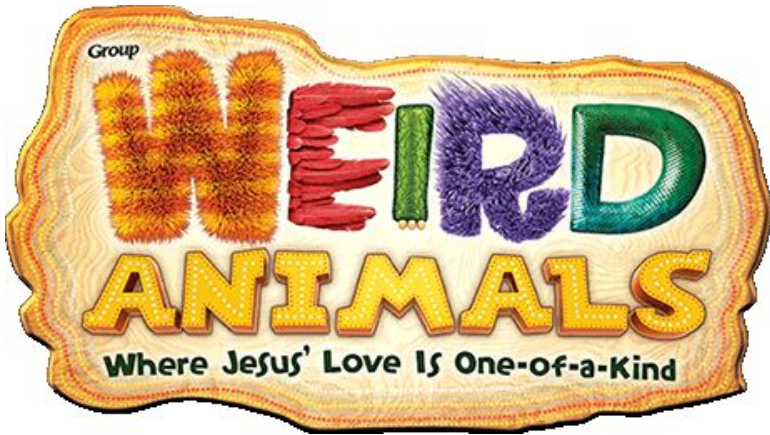
*Ushers:* Mike Normile, Janet Jankowiak, Bob Everts, Jim Conroy

*Altar Guild:* Denice Koljonen

*Flowers:* Joanne Seiden & Barbara Lovely

*Flower Delivery:* Amy Kennedy

*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.*



## ***April Vacation Bible School*** ***April 22-25***

*Kids ages 3 to 10 are invited to a week of active, adventurous fun at The Congregational Church of Needham's VBS program.*

### ***THEME: "Weird Animals"***

Fee: \$25 per day for morning activities (8:30-12)  
Lunch Bunch offered from 12-1pm for \$5 per day

Additional children in each family will receive 50% discount  
AND save \$20 if you register by April 1<sup>st</sup>!

***Download a registration form at***  
***[www.needhamucc.org/learn/vbs](http://www.needhamucc.org/learn/vbs)***

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Bobby DeRegis, Director of Music Ministries  
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The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY! Directory Pictures** – Every Sunday in February we will be taking pictures for our Church Directory. Don't get left out! Meet in the Sanctuary immediately following Worship and have your picture taken for the 2014 Directory. If you already have a picture, email it to Danielle at [office@needhamucc.org](mailto:office@needhamucc.org)

**ADULT ED - Bible History 101 - February 23, March 2 & 9, 11:30am – with Nate Ramsayer.** Many of us learn Bible stories as children, but by now, how many do you actually remember? This class will be a fun, interactive way to reacquaint yourself with that blue book sitting in front of you in the pew (or on your bookshelf at home). Join biblical scholar and archaeologist Nate Ramsayer as he guides church members through the history of ancient Israel, how events and people fall in chronological order, and what material and textual evidence exists for these classic tales! Lunch available

**ALTAR FLOWERS!** We have an opportunity for an altar flower dedication for March 10th. Please contact Stacey Caswell if you are interested in providing this focal point for our worship services at [slcaswell@gmail.com](mailto:slcaswell@gmail.com) or call me at 781-540-9225 .

### **Bible Study**

**Sunday Group:** Join us in the Reception Room at 11:30am. Newcomers are welcome! Contact Sunu Yeh for more information- [dormouse99@gmail.com](mailto:dormouse99@gmail.com).

**Thursday 10:30am group** is reading a new book on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm- The Lord is My Shepherd by Rabbi Harold Kushner. Contact Christine Weitzel for information [cweitzel@verizon.net](mailto:cweitzel@verizon.net)

## Calendar February 16<sup>th</sup> – February 27<sup>th</sup> , 2014

<b>Sunday February 16th</b>	8:30am 9am 10am 11:15am 11:30am	Men's Breakfast, <i>Library</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i> Directory Pictures, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Study <i>Reception Room</i> Friendly Chime Ringers Rehearsal, <i>Sanct.</i>
<b>Monday February 17th</b>	President's Day Church Offices Closed	
<b>Wed. Feb. 19th</b>	7:30pm	Music Team Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
<b>Thursday February 20th</b>	10:30am 7:30pm	Bible Study, <i>Reception Room</i> Chancel Choir Practice, <i>Choir Room</i>
<b>Sunday February 23rd</b>	9am 9:15am 10am 11:15am 11:30am  12noon	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i> Directory Pictures, <i>Sanctuary</i> Adult Ed, <i>Library</i> Bible Study <i>Reception Room</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Friendly Chime Ringers Rehearsal, <i>Sanct.</i> Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
<b>Monday February 24th</b>	9am 6pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Rm</i> Confirmation Class, <i>Linden Hall</i>
<b>Wed. Feb. 26th</b>	7pm	Youth Committee Meeting
<b>Thursday February 27th</b>	10:30am 7:30pm	Bible Study, <i>Reception Room</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Rm</i>