



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

February 2, 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 2, 2014

10:00am

Childcare for infants and toddlers is available downstairs. Preschoolers meet for class downstairs at 10am. Grades K-6 go directly to chapel at 10am and will join their families in worship for communion. 7th-8th graders go to class in Stevenson Hall at 10am. 9th-12th graders meet in the kitchen at 9am.

PRELUDE

His Eye is on the Sparrow
arr. Wilbur Held (b. 1914)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

This Little Light of Mine

arr. Mark Patterson
Joyful Noise Choir
Pianist - Bobby DeRegis

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christine Weitzel

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
Redeemer**

OPENING PRAYER

Christine Weitzel

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

ANTHEM

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

arr. Joe Cox

Hallelujah Choir

Pianist – Dave Darmofal

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND LEADERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 4: 1-8

HS, p. 3

SERMON

“Seven Deadly Sins: Envy”

Rev. Heike Werder

OFFERTORY

Concerns and Celebrations

Anthem

Ave Maria
Franz Biebl (1906-2001)

**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

Hymn # 286 (NCH) Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

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 #564 (NCH)

We Are Not Our Own

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin (1858-1931)

POSTLUDE

Amazing Grace
arr. Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

**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 Leader: Christine Weitzel

Deacons: Carol Oberle, Craig Morrison, Diana Conroy, Peter Atallah, Fabienne Madsen, Rich Weitzel

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

Altar Guild: Carol Miller, Mary Barber

Flowers: Barbara Lovely and Joanne Seiden

Flower Delivery: Martha Lamb

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Janice Walsh by Carol and Paul Brown.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY! Adult Ed - February 2nd – Ted talk on the “The Surprising Science of Happiness”: Exploring the question: “What makes us happy?” through TedTalks. Come and join Rev. Heike for lunch and continued discussion on happiness in the Library.

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

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.

Thursday 10:30am group is reading a new book on the 23rd Psalm- The Lord is My Shepherd by Rabbi Harold Kushner. Contact Christine Weitzel for information cweitzel@verizon.net

Valentines babysitting-Saturday, February 8, 2013 The senior high youth group will babysit your kids (ages 3 and up) at the church between 4 PM and 10 PM. Cost is \$20 for the first kid and \$10 for each additional kid. Dinner, snacks, activities, and a movie showing are included. Pick up a registration form at the church or register online at www.needhamucc.org/babysitting

Guatemala Delegation Send-Off: Tuesday, February 11th, 7:00 pm

Everyone is invited to gather at Dave and Caryl Johnson's (505 Great Plain Ave.) to send our delegation off with your good wishes. Travelers are: Brenda Metzler and Carol Miller, co-leaders; Jessa and Hailey Huff, Jerry Durbin, Susan McNeice, and Scott Pike with interpreters Ali Durbin and Randall Shea. The delegation returns February 23rd. The Reportback will be Sunday, March 9, 11:30 am in Linden Hall.

Come and join us for two Fellowship Opportunities: Tuesday, February 4, 2014 will be our next community dinner from 6 to 7pm in Linden Hall; volunteers and diners are welcome. Our next lunch with Rev. Heike will take place on **Thursday, February 6, 2014** at 12noon in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Calendar February 6th – February 13th , 2014

Sunday February 2nd	8:30am 9am 9:15am 9:30am 10am 11:15am 11:30am 11:45am Noon	Newcomers Breakfast Event, <i>Library</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Hallelujah Choir, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i> Super Bowl Subs Pick-up Directory Pictures, <i>Sanctuary</i> Adult Ed – Happiness, <i>Library</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Guatemala Partnership Mtg, <i>Chapel</i> Friendly Chimers Rehearsal, <i>Sanct.</i> Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Rm</i>
Monday February 3rd	9am 6pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Rm</i> Confirmation Class, <i>Linden Hall</i>
Tuesday February 4th	10am 6pm 7pm	Prayer Shawl Knitter, <i>Conference Rm</i> Community Dinner for Baby Basics, <i>Linden Hall</i> EMT Meeting, <i>Chapel</i> Deacons Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Thursday February 6th	10:30am Noon 7:30pm	Bible Study, <i>Reception Room</i> Lunch with Rev. Heike, <i>Library</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Saturday February 8th	9am 4pm	Board Retreat, <i>Off-site</i> Valentine Babysitting, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
Sunday February 9th	8:30am 9am 9:15am 10am 11:15am 11:30am 11:45am Noon 5pm 7pm	Newcomers Breakfast Event, <i>Library</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i> Super Bowl Subs Pick-up Directory Pictures, <i>Sanctuary</i> Adult Ed – Happiness, <i>Library</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Halleluiah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Rm</i> Friendly Chimers Rehearsal, <i>Sanct.</i> Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Rm</i> Junior High Youth Group Senior High Youth Group
Monday February 10th	9am 6pm 7:30pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Rm</i> Confirmation Class, <i>Linden Hall</i> Immigration Task Force, <i>Library</i>
Thurs. Feb. 13th	10:30am 7:30pm	Bible Study, <i>Reception Room</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Rm</i>