



# CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

February 22, 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 22, 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**

Joanne Seiden

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](http://www.needhamucc.org), our church website.

*Worship Assistant:* Joanne Seiden

*Deacons:* Chris Nyland, Sunu Yeh

*Ushers:* Rob Blauvelt, Craig Morrison, Chris Nyland, Kevin Ward

*Altar Guild:* Diana Conroy

*Flowers:* Christine Arren

*Flower Delivery:* Joanne Seiden

*The flowers on the altar are given today to the glory of God and in loving  
memory of loved ones by Deborah Dean.*



# 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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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**

**Men's Breakfast:** Men of the Congregational Church will gather for breakfast and fellowship Sunday, February 22nd at 8:15 a.m in the Library. Our discussion topic will be: "What does God look like to you, or how do you image (imagine?) God?"

**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.

**Faith Circle Book Club:** The Faith Circle Book group meets Thursdays. The group will run from 10:30-12:00 for 9 weeks (. We will be reading, The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World by Reverend Desmond Tutu. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Christine Weitzel at [cweitzel@verizon.net](mailto:cweitzel@verizon.net)

**Guatemala Partnership Welcomes 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, at 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.

**"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 [cicihunt@gmail.com](mailto:cicihunt@gmail.com). General contact: Alan Clayton-Matthews [a.clayton-matthews@neu.edu](mailto:a.clayton-matthews@neu.edu).

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.needhamucc.org/lent)



# *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 22nd—March 5th

Sunday, Feb. 22nd	8:15 am 9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 11:30 am  5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Men's Breakfast, <i>Library</i> 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
Monday, Feb. 23rd	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i>
Wed. , Feb. 25th	6:00 pm	Wednesday Connect, <i>Linden Hall</i>
Thurs., Feb. 26th	10:30 am 12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Faith Circle Book Club, <i>Reception Room</i> Lenten Luncheon, <i>Library</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Friday, Feb. 27th	4:00 pm	Junior High Youth Group Winter Retreat
Sunday, March 1st	9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 11:30 am  7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Adult Ed: Education and Race, <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> Guatemala Partnership Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Monday, March 2nd	9:00 am 7:15 pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i> EMT Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
Tuesday, March 3rd	10:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters Community Dinner, <i>Linden Hall</i> Deacon's Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Wed., March 4th	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Wednesday Connect, <i>Linden Hall</i> Youth Committee Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
Thurs., March 5th	10:30 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm 7:30 pm	Faith Circle Book Club, <i>Reception Room</i> Lenten Lunch, <i>Library</i> Friendly Society Meeting, <i>Library</i> Chancel Choir Meeting, <i>Choir Room</i>