



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

February 23, 2014

Theme - Good and Evil: 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 23, 2014

10:00am

Childcare is available downstairs in the crib/toddler room for infants and toddlers. Preschoolers, Grades 7-8 and Grades 9-12 will go to class at 10am. Grades K-6 will start in the sanctuary, leave for the chapel after "Time for Children" and then proceed to class. K-1st to Games, 2nd-3rd to Art and 4th-6th to Theater.

PRELUDE

Voluntary
John Stanley (1712-1786)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Diana Conroy

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 # 12 (NCH)**

**I Sing the Mighty Power
of God**

OPENING PRAYER

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

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

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

ANTHEM Turn Thee, Again, O Lord
Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 12: 22-31

SERMON "The Seven Deadly Sins: Gluttony" Heike Werder

HYMN (seated) #393 (NCH) Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

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

Thou Knowest, Lord, The Secrets of our Hearts
Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

***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 # 558 (NCH) O How Glorious, Full of
Wonder**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION Sweet Savior, Bless Us Ere We Go
No. 542 (PH)

POSTLUDE

A Trumpet Minuet
Alfred Hollins (1865-1942)

**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: Diana Conroy

Deacons: Lee McNally, Sunu Yeh

Ushers: Greg Rowan, Rob Blauvelt, Craig Morrison, Chris Nyland, Kevin Ward

Altar Guild: Mary Barber

Flowers: Joanne Seiden & Barbara Lovely

Flower Delivery: Chris Arren

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



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 1st!

Download a registration form at
www.needhamucc.org/learn/vbs

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The Rev. Jamie Green, Youth Minister

Bobby DeRegis, Director of Music Ministries
Valerie Becker, Dir of Youth Music
The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY!! 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

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

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 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.

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

There is no better time to go solar! Now that Needham has been accepted into the Solarize Mass program, residents have an incredible, limited-time opportunity to have solar electric panels installed at substantially discounted prices.

To learn more, please come to the "Meet the Installer" night on Wednesday, March 5th, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Powers Hall in Needham Town Hall. At this event the Solarize Needham Team will formally introduce Astrum Solar's Needham representatives and will explain in detail what Astrum Solar has to offer. The goal for the night will be to answer any and all questions.

Can't get to the meeting? Check out the Solarize Needham website at www.solarizeneedham.org or contact "Solar Coach" Artie Crocker at solarcoach@solarizeneedham.org

Calendar February 23rd – March 7th , 2014

Sunday February 23rd	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>Linden Hall</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>
Monday February 24th	9am 6pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Rm</i> Confirmation Class, <i>Linden Hall</i>
Wed. Feb. 26th	7pm	Youth Committee Meeting
Thursday February 27th	10:30am 7:30pm	Bible Study, <i>Reception Room</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Rm</i>
Sunday March 2nd	9am 9:15am 10am 11:15am 11:30am 12noon 5pm 7pm	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>Linden Hall</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> Jr. High Youth Group Sr. High Youth Group Guatemala Partnership Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Monday March 3rd	9am 11:30am 6pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Rm</i> Friendly Meeting, <i>Linden Hall</i> Confirmation Class, <i>Linden Hall</i>
Tuesday March 4th	10am 6pm 7pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters, <i>Conference Rm</i> Community Dinner, <i>Linden Hall</i> EMT Meeting, <i>Chapel</i> Deacon's Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Thursday March 6th	10:30am 12 noon 7:30pm	Bible Study, <i>Reception Room</i> Lunch with Rev. Heike, <i>Library</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Rm</i>
Friday March 7th	4pm	Junior High Winter Retreat Leaves from the Church Parking Lot