



# CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

March 2, 2014  
Theme: Healing



## **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, March 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 and 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders proceed to class in Stevenson Hall at 10am.*

**PRELUDE**

Andante Tranquillo from Third Sonata  
*Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jane Brand

Leader: God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.

**People: God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.**

Leader: God embraces the wounded and broken.

**People: God knocks down the walls of division and strife.**

Leader: God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days.

**People: God is the light of our lives.**

Leader: God is the one who makes all things new.

**People: Praise be to you, O God, now and forevermore!**

**\*OPENING HYMN # 459 (NCH)**

**Come, O Fount of Every  
Blessing**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Jane Brand

*Call to Prayer*

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

*Unison Prayer*

**God of healing, we come with thanksgiving in our hearts for all the goodness and mercy you offer to us in our lives today. When our lives are bruised with tragedy you touch us with your Holy Spirit; When our lives are scarred with suffering you encourage us through the power of the living Christ. When we feel isolated in our recovery you provide us with loving hands and caring presence. We rejoice and give thanks to you for all the possibilities of health and wholeness you provide for us. Embrace us as we pray...**

*Silent Prayer*

*Lord's Prayer*

*Prayer Response*

Andante Expressivo  
*Felix Mendelssohn*  
Bruce Goody, flute

**ANTHEM** I Waited for the Lord *from Hymn of Praise, Op. 52*  
*Felix Mendelssohn*  
Beth Sterling, soprano; Maggie Furtak, alto

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Mark 2: 1-12 NT, p. 34

**SERMON** "With a Little Faith from my Friends"  
Heike Werder

**HYMN** (seated) # 506 (NCH) **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

## OFFERTORY

*Concerns and Celebrations*

*Anthem*     How Lovely are the Messengers from St. Paul Oratorio  
*Felix Mendelssohn*

*\*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*

Hymns for the Bread & Cup:

**I Will Bow**

*Frederick Chatfield*

Bruce Goody, flute

**# 502 Dear God, Embracing Humankind**

*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 # 82 (NCH)     Go, My Children, with My  
Blessing**

## **BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** The Lord Bless You and Keep You  
*Peter Lutkin (1858-1931)*

**POSTLUDE** Allegro Maestoso from Second Sonata  
*Felix Mendelssohn*

A special thank you to Bruce Goody for his special gift of music  
this morning.

*\*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:* Jane Brand

*Deacons:* Sally Fitzgerald, Carol Oberle

*Communion:* Mary Lou Hughes, Peter Atallah, Fred Moder,  
Connie Kaufman

*Ushers:* Jim Leighton, Phil Gotwals, Ruch Weitzel, Robert  
Kennedy

*Altar Guild:* Val Kistler, Sherrill Salisbury

*Flowers:* Stacy Caswell

*Flower Delivery:* Mary Lou Hughes

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in  
loving memory of Porter McKeever, the much loved husband of  
Susan and father of Karen Eichenlaub and her family, Fred, Porter  
and Jeremy.*

## 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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Jannatha Coffin-Malia, Dir of Youth Music  
The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY!! ADULT ED - Bible History 101 - 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.

**Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup> 7PM- Ash Wednesday Worship Service**  
Sing, Meditate, Pray Join us in celebrating Ash Wednesday with a worship service in the Taizé Tradition.

**Guatemala Delegation Reportback - Sunday, March 9, 11:30 am, Chapel** - Please join the recently-returned delegation for a colorful, informative presentation of their experiences in our church's sister village of Santa María Tzejá. This is an opportunity for partner families, newcomers and anyone interested to see what our project is all about and how it impacts those who have the opportunity to go. Light refreshments will be served.

**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)

**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. Can't get to the meeting? Check out the Solarize Needham website at [www.solarizeneedham.org](http://www.solarizeneedham.org) or contact "Solar Coach" Artie Crocker at [solarcoach@solarizeneedham.org](mailto:solarcoach@solarizeneedham.org)

## *CALENDAR for March2 – March13*

<b>Sunday March 2nd</b>	9am 9:15am 10am 11:30am  12noon 5pm 7pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship, <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>
<b>Monday March 3rd</b>	9am 11:30am 6pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Rm</i> Friendly Meeting, <i>Linden Hall</i> Confirmation Class, <i>Linden Hall</i>
<b>Tuesday March 4th</b>	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>
<b>Thursday March 6th</b>	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>
<b>Friday March 7th</b>	4pm	Junior High Winter Retreat Leaves from the Church Parking Lot
<b>Sunday March 9th</b>	9am 9:15am 10am 11:30am  12noon	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship, <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> Guatemala Report Back, <i>Linden Hall</i> Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
<b>Monday March 10th</b>	9am 11:30am 6pm 7:30pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Rm</i> Friendly Meeting, <i>Linden Hall</i> Confirmation Class, <i>Linden Hall</i> Immigration Task Force, <i>Library</i>
<b>Wed. March 12th</b>	7pm	Church Board Meeting, <i>Library</i>
<b>Thursday March 13th</b>	10:30am 12 noon 7:30pm	Bible Study, <i>Reception Room</i> Lenten Lunch with Rev. Heike, <i>Library</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Rm</i>