



# CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

March 9, 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 9, 2014

10:00am

*Childcare is available downstairs in the crib/toddler room for infants and toddlers. Preschoolers, Grades 7-8, and 9-12 go directly downstairs to classes at 10am. Grades K-6 will start in the sanctuary, leave for the chapel after "Time for Children" and then proceed to their workshops downstairs in the main hallway.*

*K-1<sup>st</sup> in Art, 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> in Theatre, and 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> in Games.*

## **PRELUDE**

I Need Thee Every Hour  
*arr. Dale Wood (1934-2003)*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Joanne Wyckoff

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 # 542 (NCH) Born of God, Eternal Savior**

## OPENING PRAYER

Joanne Wyckoff

### *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*

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

### **CHILDREN'S HYMN (#526)**

**We Are Marching In  
The Light Of God**

### **ANTHEM**

Sure on this Shining Night  
*poem by James Agee (1909-1955)*  
*music by Samuel Barber (1910-1981)*  
Dave Darmofal, piano

*Sure on this shining night of star made shadows round,  
kindness must watch  
for me this side the ground. The late year lies down the north.  
All is healed, all is health. High summer holds the earth.*

*Hearts all whole.  
Sure on this shining night I weep for wonder  
wand'ring far alone  
of shadows on the stars.*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**      **Mark 8: 22-26**      **NT, p. 41**

**SERMON**      **“It takes time”**      Heike Werder

**HYMN (seated) #553 (NCH)**      **There Is a Balm in Gilead**

## **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*

I Need Thee Every Hour  
*arr. John Ness Beck (1930-1987)*

*\*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 # 404 (NCH) Give Up Your Anxious Pains**

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

An Irish Blessing  
*William Witherup (b. 1944)*  
Dave Darmofal, piano

**POSTLUDE**

Deo Gratias from Mass for the Convents  
*François Couperin (1668-1733)*

***\*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 Wyckoff

*Deacons:* Stephanie Oddleifson, Fred Moder

*Ushers:* Alex Cullen, Frank Luppino, Nancy Lane, Eric Slosser

*Altar Guild:* Carol Miller

*Flowers:* Stacy Caswell

*Flower Delivery:* Joanne Seiden

*The flowers on the altar are given today to the glory of God, and with appreciation to the Congregational Church of Needham for its warm welcome back to Charlie and Betty Baker, and their sons Charlie, Jonathon, and Sandy.*

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Bobby DeRegis, Director of Music Ministries

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The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**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.

### **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)

**Men's Breakfast – Sunday, March 16 8:15am** The Men's Breakfast brings men of all ages and persuasions together once a month before worship in honest and lively discussion touching our faith and our lives in today's complex world. We get together in the Library on the third Sunday of the month and enjoy breakfast fare provided by volunteers. We have always welcomed men of all ages and can always accommodate those with scheduling challenges. Arrive at 8:15am for fellowship and breakfast or by 9:00am for the discussion.

On March 16, we will address the March worship theme of "Healing" by discussing our thoughts and experiences with healing and curing. How do the stories of Jesus' healing and our personal faith complement the nitty-gritties of modern healthcare? Contact Keith McClelland for information [kmmlkm@rcn.com](mailto:kmmlkm@rcn.com).

**Friendly Society Program Meeting - Wednesday, March 19, 7:30pm, Linden Hall** Nate Ramsayer, our multi-talented lead Tenor in our church choir, will entertain us with a musical program, including jazz standards and oldies from artists such as Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin, and Dean Martin. There will also be a sing along.

Nate has been doing a series of classes and lectures on archeology from time to time after church on Sunday. We guarantee that his musical program will be just as entertaining as his lectures have been. Everyone is welcome. Please come and enjoy a musical evening followed by delicious refreshments.

**Easter Egg Candy Needed:** The Youth Groups are in the midst of planning their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am. We are in need of bags of individually wrapped candy with NO NUTS (No: Reeses, Butterfinger, Payday, Almond Joy, Snickers, etc.) Please drop off candy in the box outside of Rev. Jaime's office by April 13<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!

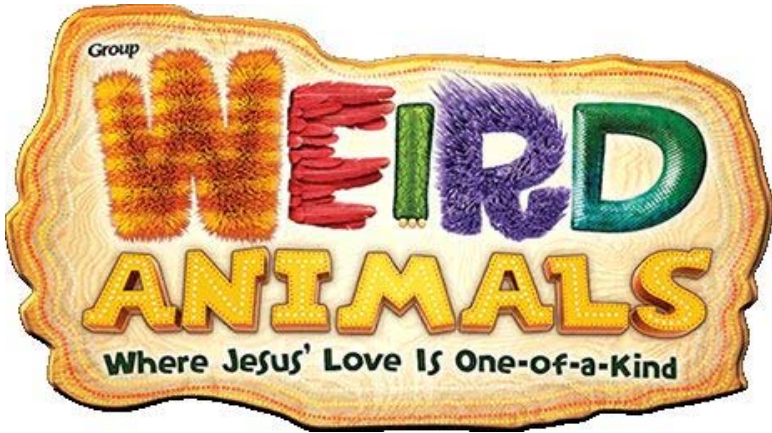
**EASTER PLANT DONATIONS** – Please consider making a donation this Easter season to the Flower Fund in honor of loved ones. We are grateful for the flowers/plants that decorate our church and will acknowledge your generous offering in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. Unless you indicate otherwise, the flowers/plants that are used will be offered to our chancel choir to take home after the service as a symbol of appreciation for their gift of music. Thank you for your consideration. Please contact the church office at [office@needhamucc.org](mailto:office@needhamucc.org) to make a donation today!

**LIBRARY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP:** The Library Committee has added new books to the collection over the past several years and identified older books for possible discard. We don't want to discard books which may have special importance to the congregation. So, stop by the book cart at coffee hour and let us know if we are planning to discard an item that would be missed. Maybe the author has a relationship to the church – a former minister perhaps? Maybe there are references to Needham. Give us the benefit of our organizational memory before we move these books to the upcoming yard sale. For a catalog of our books, see [www.librarything.com](http://www.librarything.com), search for NCCUCC in the search box and click on members.



## *CALENDAR for March3 – March22*

<b>Sunday March 9th</b>	9:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> 9:15am Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> 10:00am Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i> 11:30am Adult Ed, <i>Linden Hall</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Guatemala Report Back, <i>Linden Hall</i> 12 noon Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> 1pm Friendly Chime Ringers Rehearsal, <i>Sanct</i>
<b>Monday March 10th</b>	9:00am Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Rm</i> 10:00am Funeral 6:00pm Confirmation Class, <i>Linden Hall</i> 7:30pm Immigration Task Force, <i>Library</i>
<b>Wednesday March 12th</b>	7:00pm Church Board Meeting, <i>Library</i>
<b>Thursday March 13th</b>	10:30am Bible Study, <i>Reception Room</i> 12 noon Lenten Lunch with Rev. Heike, <i>Library</i> 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Rm</i>
<b>Sunday March 16th</b>	8:45am Men's Breakfast & Discussion, <i>Library</i> 9:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> 10am Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i> 11:30am Adult Ed, <i>Linden Hall</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Joyful Noise/Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Friendly Chime Ringers Rehearsal, <i>Sanct.</i> 12noon Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> 5:00pm JH Youth Group 7:00pm SH Youth Group
<b>Monday March 17<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00am Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i>
<b>Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup></b>	5:00pm Friendly Chime Ringers Rehearsal, <i>Sanct.</i> 7:00pm Youth Committee 7:30pm Music Team Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
<b>Thursday March 20th</b>	9:00am Bible Study, <i>Reception Room</i> 11:30am Lenten Lunch with Rev. Heike, <i>Library</i> 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Rm</i>
<b>Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	10:00am First Formal Communion Workshop



## ***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)***