



# CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

April 12, 2015

Theme: Surprise



## 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, April 12, 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**

Christ Arose  
*arr. Wilbur Held (b. 1914)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Diana Conroy

Leader: Let us gather in God's house to rejoice.  
**People: We come with joy and thanks.**  
Leader: Let us lift our voices to praise God.  
**People: God has made all things new.**  
Leader: Let the heavens tell the good news.  
**People: Jesus Christ is Risen.**  
Leader: Let our voices sing out the news.  
**People: Christ the Lord is Risen**

**\*OPENING HYMN #243** (*Black Hymnal*) **Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Hearts to Heaven**

**OPENING PRAYER**

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

*Unison Prayer*

**Eternal God, as close to us as each breath, and still so full of new surprises,  
We give you thanks for the daily miracles of new life:  
For everyday encounters with the sacred;  
For hope that is stronger than despair;  
For faith that refuses to quit;  
For love that overcomes evil;  
For Easter’s wonder, born and re-born in us.  
Fill our hearts with the promise of the resurrection as we pray...**

*Silent Prayer*

*Lord’s Prayer*

*Choral Response*

Christ the Lord is Risen Today  
*arr. Wilbur Held*

**TIME FOR CHILDREN**

*(Children dismissed to Bible Village during hymn)*

**CHILDREN’S HYMN #526** *(Black Hymnal)*

**We Are Marching in  
the Light of God**

**ANTHEM**

Easter Anthem  
*William Billings (1746-1800)*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

John 20: 19-23 p.10

**SERMON**

“More Easter Surprises”  
Susan Cartmell

**HYMN (seated) #438** *(Black Hymnal)*  
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**When Peace, Like a Riv-**

**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*

With a Voice of Singing  
*Martin Shaw (1875-1958)*

*\*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 #230** (*Black Hymnal*)

**Come, You Faithful,  
Raise the Strain**

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

This Joyful Eastertide  
*Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

## POSTLUDE

Christ Has Broken the Chains of Death  
*BWV 625 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

### *\*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:* Diana Conroy

*Deacons:* Mary Lou Hughes, Joanne Seiden

*Altar Guild:* Lee McNally, Mary Barber

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

*Flowers:* Debbie Wentworth

*Flower Delivery:* Martha Lamb

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

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The Rev. Dr. Susan Cartmell, Senior Minister  
The Rev. Heike Werder, Associate Minister  
The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

Bobby DeRegis, Director of Music Ministries  
Valerie Becker, Director of Youth Music

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **TODAY: Guatemala Delegation 'Reportback', April 12, 11:30 am, Linden**

**Hall:** Please join our recently returned travelers to Guatemala, as they share photos and impressions of their trip in a lively and informative presentation. This is an opportunity to see what a delegation is like and to experience the energy and spirit engendered on both sides of the church's partnership with Santa María Tzejá. Light refreshments will be served.

**TODAY learn about LEDs in time for Earth Day (April 22)** : Your Environmental Ministries Team will be demonstrating LEDs at coffee hour today, helping you navigate the terms, features, and advantages. Pick up a shopping sheet to help you in your personal effort to lower energy costs and practice reverence of God's Creation by reducing your carbon footprint. And why not help our church to do the same by picking up one or two extras? Look for the collection box in the Narthex starting April 19.

**Adult Education—Stepping Back into Church History:** As many of you know, Rev. Heike is going to Germany in June. She will be walking in the footsteps of Martin Luther. In preparation for the trip, she will be hosting a series on this time in our church's history.

***The Protestant Revolt, Sunday April 19, 11:30 am***—An introduction and overview of Reformation efforts that started long before Martin Luther.

***Martin Luther— The Reluctant Revolutionary, Sunday April 26, 11:30 am***—A PBS documentary of how an obscure monk became a leader in reforming the church.

**April 26 is Hymn Sing Sunday:** Please send the titles of your favorite hymns to Rev. Susan - [revsusan@needhamucc.org](mailto:revsusan@needhamucc.org).

**New Grief Group** : Grief does not end with a funeral. When you lose someone you love it takes a long time to adjust to the change. Whether the grief you experience is a death or other loss, sometimes it helps to know you are not alone. Living with someone who has memory loss is a grief process. Often it helps to be with others who have some similar experiences. If you would be interested in joining a prayer support group for those who are grieving please speak to Rev. Susan or send her an e-mail – [revsusan@needhamucc.org](mailto:revsusan@needhamucc.org).

**Faith Circle Book Club:** The Faith Circle Book group is starting a new book. We will be reading "Here If You Need Me" by Kate Braestrup. We will be meeting on May 21st to discuss the book. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Christine Weitzel at [cweitzel@verizon.net](mailto:cweitzel@verizon.net)

**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 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 the office 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!

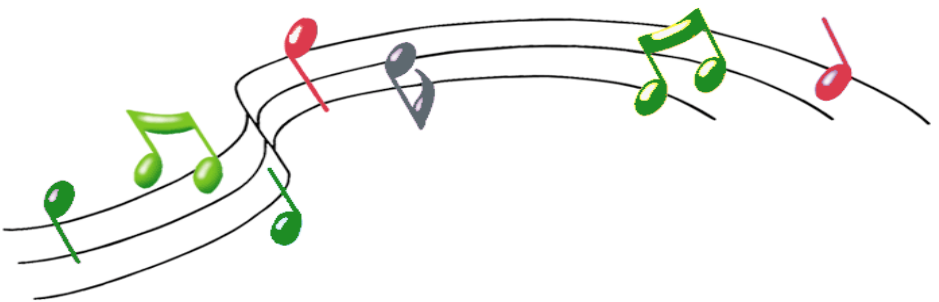


Tell Us Your  
Favorite  
Hymns



**Sunday  
April 26  
is  
Hymn Sing  
Sunday!**

JOIN US AND SING ALONG TO  
YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS. YOU CAN  
REQUEST HYMNS YOU WOULD LIKE  
TO HEAR AND ANY SPECIAL  
REQUESTS / IDEAS FOR THE SERVICE  
TO  
[REVSUSAN@NEEDHAMUCC.ORG](mailto:REVSUSAN@NEEDHAMUCC.ORG).



## CALENDAR April 12th—April 26th

Sunday, April 12th	9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 11:30 am  12:00 pm 4:30 pm 7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Guatemala Report Back, <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 at Trampoline Park Senior High Youth Group Trivia Night
Monday, April 13th	9:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i> Confirmation Class, <i>Linden Hall</i> Finance Team Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
Tuesday, April 14th	7:00 pm	Board Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Wed., April 15th	4:30 pm 7:30 pm	Junior Youth Group, <i>Fellowship Hall</i> Music Team Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
Thursday, April 16th	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Sunday, April 19th	8:15 am 9:00 am  9:15 am 10:00 am 11:30 am  12:00 pm	Men's Breakfast, <i>Library</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Fellowship Hall</i> Friendly Chime Ringers, <i>Choir Room</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Adult Ed: The Protestant Revolt, <i>Linden Hall</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Shepherd's Staff Choir, <i>Choir Room</i>
Monday, April 20th		Church Closed
Thursday, April 23rd	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Sunday, April 26th <b>Hymn Sing Sunday</b>	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:30 am  5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Adult Ed: Reluctant Revolutionary, <i>Linden Hall</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Junior High Youth Group Scavenger Hunt Senior High Youth Group Scavenger Hunt