



# CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

April 19, 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 19, 2015

10:00am

*Children are always welcome in Worship with their parents/guardians. Childcare is available downstairs in the crib/toddler room for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Grades K-6 leave after the "Time for Children" to Linden Hall for a movie showing. Grades 7-12 remain in worship.*

**PRELUDE**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name  
*arr. Lloyd Larson (b. 1954)*  
The Friendly Chime Ringers

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Frank Arren

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 # 241** (*Black Hymnal*) **Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day**

**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*

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*arr. Kevin McChesney (b. 1963)*

The Friendly Chime Ringers

**TIME FOR CHILDREN**

*(Children dismissed to Fellowship Hall during hymn)*

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

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

**ANTHEM**

Cantate Domino

*Giuseppi Pitoni (1657-1743)*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Luke 24: 36-48

NT, p. 86

**SERMON**

"Greif Interrupted"

Heike Werder

HYMN (seated) #531 (*Black Hymnal*)

**God, Speak to Me, That  
May**

**I  
Speak**

## 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*

The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune  
*Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

*\*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 #231** (*Black Hymnal*)    **Because You Live, O Christ**  
**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God  
*arr. Janet Linker (b. 1938)*

- 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:* Frank Arren

*Deacons:* Stephanie Oddleifson, Lee McNally

*Altar Guild:* Val Kistler

*Ushers:* Mike Normile, Janet Jankowiak, Bob Everts, Jim Conroy

*Flowers:* Debbie Wentworth

*Flower Delivery:* Joanne Seiden

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our grandparents—Kristin and Tom Mollerus.*

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The Rev. Dr. Susan Cartmell, Senior Minister  
The Rev. Heike Werder, Associate Minister  
Kristin Hyding, Interim Youth Director

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY learn about LEDs in time for Earth Day** (this Wednesday, April 22) - Your Environmental Ministries Team will again 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.

**TODAY: 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.

***Bach and the Luthern Legacy, Sunday May 10, 11:30 am***—Documentary about how Luther shaped the music of Bach.

***The Reformation Continues, Sunday May 17, 11:30 am***—How has the Protestant Reformation informed and changed the centuries that followed.

**Altar Flowers:** An altar flower donation is needed for Sunday, May 17. If you have a remembrance or a special occasion to celebrate, please contact Chris Arren, Flower Committee Co-Chair, at 781-449-4228 for more information."

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

### **Annual Guatemala Yard Sale (Sat., May 16th, 9-2, 505 Great Plain**

**Ave.):** Donations (and Volunteers) Needed: We are seeking items in clean, working condition (no clothing), including: Children's gear, toys/games, sports equipment, household items, collectible or vintage items, jewelry, artwork, DVD's, books, bikes, electronics (no TV's or computers), tools, garden supplies, outdoor furniture, or small indoor furniture items. Drop-Off Info: Beginning 7:00 pm, Sunday, May 10th thru Noon, Friday, May 15th at the Johnson's garage (505 Great Plain). For any questions or to volunteer, please contact Brenda Metzler at: [bmetzler7@verizon.net](mailto:bmetzler7@verizon.net) or (781) 449-5696. Don't miss this opportunity to donate, volunteer and/or shop to support education in Santa María Tzejá.

**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).

**Your Legacy?**: Have you considered leaving the church in your will? For more information contact Len Chang. [adelennig@verizon.net](mailto:adelennig@verizon.net). Thanks for considering this important way to light the path for others who follow.

**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**: Have your kids been inspired by the wonderful music at church, but not sure if they can join? They can! Youth choirs meet every Sunday (including vacation week), and start a new piece every 5 or 6 weeks. Singers develop good technique, improve listening skills, and have fun working as a team. Youth choirs next sing in the sanctuary on Mother’s Day, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please speak with director, Valerie Becker, about your interest at any time.  
[davalvideo@verizon.net](mailto:davalvideo@verizon.net)

Joyful Noise (K-2<sup>nd</sup>) 9:15-9:45

Hallelujah Choir (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>) 11:30-12:00

Shepherd’s Staff (7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>) 12:00-1:00

**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!

## CALENDAR April 19th—May 3rd

Sunday, April 19th	8:15 am 9:00 am  9:15 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Men's Breakfast, <i>Library</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Fellowship Hall</i> Friendly Chime Ringers, <i>Sanctuary</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> Shepherd's Staff Choir, <i>Choir Room</i> <i>*No Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal</i>
Monday, April 20th		Church Closed
Thursday, April 23rd	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
<b>Hymn Sing Sunday</b> Sunday, April 26th	9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 11:30 am  11:45 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Fellowship Hall</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Adult Ed: Reluctant Revolutionary, <i>Linden Hall</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Friendly Chime Ringers, <i>Sanctuary</i> Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Junior High Youth Group Scavenger Hunt Senior High Youth Group Scavenger Hunt
Monday, April 27th	9:00 am 6:00 pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i> Confirmation Class, <i>Linden Hall</i>
Tuesday, April 28th	7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
Wed., April 29th	6:30 pm	Junior Youth Group, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
Thursday, April 30th	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Saturday, May 2nd	5:00 pm	Junior High Youth Group Lock-In
<b>First Formal Communion</b> Sunday, May 3rd	9:00 am  9:15 am 10:00 am 11:30 am  12:00 pm	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> Celebration for Rev. Jamie, <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>