



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

April 27, 2014

Theme: Transformation



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 27, 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-1st in Games, 2nd-3rd in Art, and 4th-6th in Theater.

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune
David German (b. 1954)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jamie Turner

Leader: We are here to celebrate our risen Lord's presence and we affirm the gifts of love, hope, joy and peace.

People: Here we discover the meaning of life, know the power of love, and together celebrate new life in Christ.

Leader: God is with us as a community of faith as we look to the future with hope.

People: May we celebrate new life in Jesus Christ and sing the praise of a loving and compassionate God.

***OPENING HYMN # 243 (NCH)**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts
to Heaven**

OPENING PRAYER

Jamie Turner

Call to Prayer

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

Unison Prayer

O God of all our days, we come this morning with eager anticipation. We seek to know you, to see you, to touch you. Open our hearts, that we might experience you anew. Open our lives, that we may be faithful witnesses to your resurrection.

May we, with shouts of joy, proclaim your steadfast, liberating love to all people everywhere. Embrace us as we pray...

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response

TIME FOR CHILDREN

VBS Presentation
"All Around The World"
"The Golden Rule"

CHILDREN'S HYMN (#526)

We Are Marching In
The Light Of God

ANTHEM

Easter Anthem
William Billings (1746-1800)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20: 19-31

NT, p. 110

SERMON

"Resurrection Means Practice"

Heike Werder

HYMN (seated) #314 (NCH)

Community of Christ

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

In Paradisum from Requiem
Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

**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 # 530 (NCH) God Our Author and Creator**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

This Joyful Eastertide
arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

POSTLUDE

Christ lag in Todesbanden
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, our church website.

Worship Leader: Jamie Turner

Deacons: Mary Lou Hughes, Joanne Seiden

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

Altar Guild: Val Kistler

Flowers: Kristin Mollerus

Flower delivery: Mary Lou Hughes

The flowers are donated in memory of Charles (Chuck) and Elizabeth (Betty) Pierce, Jr. by their family.



**GABRIEL FAURÉ'S REQUIEM &
CANTIQUE DE JEAN RACINE**

**SATURDAY
MAY 3RD
7:00PM**

A Spring Concert,
presented by the
Chancel Choir of
the Congregational
Church of Needham
and the Canton Choral
Society at the
Congregational
Church of Needham.
Free will offering.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Outreach: Church-wide Hunger Relief Events

As a follow-up to the Hunger Lunch & Learn, a series of opportunities have been coordinated for you by the Outreach Committee to learn more about the issue of hunger and to actively make a difference. Activities are appropriate for all ages - there's something for everyone!

***Lunch and a Movie:** The award-winning PBS film "A Place at the Table" with Jeff Bridges will be shown after service on **Sunday, April 27th**. Follow the journey of food insecurity and the serious implications that hunger poses in America. Lunch will be served.

*** Volunteer opportunity:** A 2nd annual volunteer effort at Pilgrim Church in Dorchester is planned for **Saturday, May 3 from 9:00am-2:00pm**. Families (ages 8+) and individuals will carpool to Pilgrim Church to help prepare and serve a free mid-day meal to in-need members of the community. Please sign up near Heike's office.

*** Can drive:** Over the course of May, this year's Confirmation Class will be leading a can drive ending on Youth Sunday, June 1st, as food pantries are most in-need of donations during non-holiday periods. Please help add to the collection boxes!

Gabriel Fauré's Requiem- Our Chancel Choir will be performing Gabriel Fauré's Requiem with the Canton Choral Society on **Saturday, May 3rd at 7:00PM at the Congregational Church**. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear some beautiful choral music. For those who are unable to attend Saturday's concert in our church, there will be another performance on Sunday at 3:00 pm in the United Church of Christ in Canton, 1541 Washington Street, Canton MA 02021. All are welcome.

Guatemala Yard Sale, Sat. May 17, 9am - 2 pm, at Caryl and Dave Johnson's (505 Great Plain Ave.): Save the Date and your Donations! Items Wanted: Household goods, children's toys/games/equipment, sports equipment, bicycles, electronics, collectibles, jewelry, books/DVD's, tools, small furniture, lawn furniture, etc. (no clothing, TV's or computers/monitors). Drop-Offs begin 5:00 pm, Sunday, May 11. Workers Needed: Contact Brenda Metzler: bmetzler7@verizon.net.

Guatemala Partner-Family Letters: Many of the partner-family letters brought back by the February delegation to Guatemala have been translated and are ready for pick-up. So please stop by the Guatemala table at Coffee Hour today to check for yours. Each envelope also contains news from the village, plus if the delegation shared a meal with your family, there will be a short write-up of the visit.

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- Contact Christine Weitzel for information cweitzel@verizon.net

CALENDAR April 27-May10

Sunday, April 27th	8:15 am	Men's Breakfast & Discussion, <i>Library</i>
	9:00 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i>
	9:15 am	Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
	10:00 am	Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i>
	11:30 am	Outreach Hunger Lunch & Movie, Linden Hill Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i>
	12:00 pm	Shepherd's Staff Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Rm</i>
	5:00 pm	JH Youth Group
7:00 pm	SH Youth Group	
Monday, April 28th	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i>
	6:00 pm	Confirmation Class, <i>Linden Hall</i>
Tuesday, April 29th	7:00 pm	Christian Ed Committee, <i>Conference Room</i>
Thursday, May 1st	10:30 am	Bible Study, <i>Reception Room</i>
	12:00 pm	Lunch with Heike, <i>Library</i>
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Dress Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i>
Saturday, May 3rd	9:00 am	Pilgrim Church Volunteering in Dorchester
	4:00 pm	JH Lock - In
	7:00 pm	Fauré's Requiem Choral Concert, <i>Sanctuary</i>
Sunday, May 4th	10:00 am	Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i>
	11:30 am	Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i>
	7:00 pm	Guatemala Partnership Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Monday, May 5th	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i>
	6:00 pm	Confirmation Class, <i>Linden Hall</i>
Tuesday, May 6th	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Knitters, <i>Conference Room</i>
	6:00 pm	Community Dinner, <i>Linden Hall</i>
	7:00 pm	EMT Meeting, <i>Chapel</i>
		Deacon's Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Wednesday, May 7th	7:00 pm	Youth Committee Meeting,
Thursday, May 8th	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Fri. & Sat., May 9th & 10th		Women's Retreat, Craigville Conference Center