

Prayer of Dedication

\*CLOSING HYMN #231(Black, New Century) **Because You Live, O Christ**

**BENEDICTION** Rev. Jim and Rev. Heike  
*Congregational Response Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen!*

**POSTLUDE** Festival Postlude  
J. S. Bach

*Worship Assistant:* Martha Lamb and Elena Oberle  
*Deacons:* Jean Veigas, Susan Lively  
*Altar Guild:* Jean Veigas  
*Ushers:* Todd Barth, Dave Johnson, Jan Rubenstein  
*Flowers:* Jan Drake  
*Flower Delivery:* Caryl Johnson

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles (Chuck) and Elizabeth (Betty) Pierce, Jr. by their family.*

## New or Visiting Our Church

Welcome to all who are new or here for the first time! If you are interested in learning more about our church, please email Rev. Jim at revjim@needhamucc.org, Rev Heike at revheike@needhamucc.org or call the office at 781-444-2510 to set up a conversation.

For updates on church life, our family ministries, Christian Education and Youth Ministries follow us at: @NeedhamUCC on Instagram  
**Congregational Church of Needham UCC on Facebook**  
**@needhamucc on Twitter** www.needhamucc.org

Please silence your cell phone before attending the service. You can Check In on Facebook and let people know you are here. Feel free to Tweet or Instagram during the service. If you would like or need a hearing device an usher will be able to assist you. Children's Childcare is offered for infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers in the Nursery located downstairs during the service. After Time For Children, students are dismissed to their classrooms for Bible Village. On Communion Sundays, students attend Bible Village first and then join the Worship Service for Communion.

10:00 a.m. – 5

### Parish and Pastoral Relations Committee

Committee Members: Tom Mollerus, Fred Moder and Diana Conroy  
The Parish and Pastoral Relations Committee is a standing committee chosen by the Board and Deacons that seeks to support and maintain an open and healthy relationship between the pastor/s and members of the congregation. The committee does not seek to take the place of communications between the congregation and the pastoral staff. Congregants who wish to communicate with this committee may send an email to [prrc@needhamucc.org](mailto:prrc@needhamucc.org). **Please do not use email to discuss sensitive or confidential matters; just use the email to set up an appointment for a telephone or in-person meeting.**

### Board Members

Moderator - Jackie Allen, Clerk - Keith McClelland  
Term Ends 2018 Michael Normile, Blair Wentworth, Sharmon Prialux  
Term Ends 2019 Jim Conroy, Diane Rees, Kristin Mollerus  
Term Ends 2020 Howard Sesso, Kenneth Allen, Barbra Morton, Amanda Angel

### Deacons

Term Ends 2018 Lee McNally, Charlie Baker, Claudia Darmofal, Susan Lively, Kirby Salerno  
Term Ends 2019 Rick Devereux, Dibby Moder, Scott Stewart, Carol Miller, Jean Veigas  
Term Ends 2020 Kevin Blume, Paul Brown, Jane Clayton- Matthews, Sue Cotton, Lucy Slosser

### Rev. Jim Mitulski's Office Hours

Please contact the church office to schedule an appointment during his office hours of Tuesday & Wednesday 2-6pm; Thursday 2-5pm

Evening hours are also available by appointment.

### Staff

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The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

10:00 a.m. – 6



An open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ

**April 30, 2017 10:00 a.m.**  
**The Third Sunday of Easter**  
**The Holy Baptism of Maya Hallion Miller**

**In Time of Silver Rain**  
**by Langston Hughes**

In time of silver rain  
The earth puts forth new life again,  
Green grasses grow  
And flowers lift their heads,  
And over all the plain  
The wonder spreads

Of Life,  
Of Life,  
Of life!

In time of silver rain  
The butterflies lift silken wings  
To catch a rainbow cry,  
And trees put forth new leaves to sing  
In joy beneath the sky  
As down the roadway  
Passing boys and girls  
Go singing, too,

In time of silver rain When spring  
And life  
Are new.

**PRELUDE**

Voluntary in C  
John Stanley

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Jim and Rev. Heike

**CONGREGATIONAL GREETING**

**OPENING PRAYER**

10:00 a.m. – 1

## Affirmation of Covenant

On this day when we welcome Maya Hallion Miller by baptism into our community let us open our worship by renewing our covenants with God and with each other.

## 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.

## Open and Affirming Statement

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.

*This statement adopted in 1998, reflects the welcome of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender people and their friends and families.*

## Invocation

Let us pray together

Loving God, we welcome your living presence in our midst.  
Share our joy and our thanks for the life you give us.  
Sing with us! Dance among us! Pray with us!  
Shower us with your love! Amen!

**OPENING HYMN #238 (Black, New Century)      Now the Green Blades**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

*(the children are invited forward and Rev. Heike and Rev. Jim will explain the sacrament of Baptism to them)*

## The Baptism of Maya Hallion Miller

*Children leave for Bible Village after the baptism*

**BAPTISM HYMN #325 (Black, New Century)**

**Child of Blessing, Child of Promise**  
*verses 1 & 2*

## The Baptism of Maya Hallion Miller

Members and friends in Christ we gather to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

**There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us**

There is one Source, one faith, one baptism,

**One God, who is Mother and Father of us all.**

Question for the Parents

Question for the Community

The Baptism and Prayers

Introducing Maya

**BAPTISM HYMN #325 (Black, New Century)**

**Child of Blessing, Child of Promise**  
*verses 3 & 4*

## ANTHEM

The Heavens Are Telling  
*Ludwig van Beethoven (1770 - 1827)*

## Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but these others said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? Jesus is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

## HYMN

**The First One Ever**

1 The first one ev - er, oh, ev - er to know of the  
2 The first one ev - er, oh, ev - er to know of Me -  
3 The first ones ev - er, oh, ev - er to know of the

birth of Je - sus, was the Maid Ma - ry, was  
si - ah, Je - sus, when he said, "I am he," was the Sa -  
ris - ing of Je - sus, his glo - ry to be, were

Ma - ry the Maid of Gal - i - lee, and  
mar - i - tan wo - man who drew from the well, and  
Ma - ry, Jo - an - na, and Mag - da - lene, and

Three staves of musical notation with lyrics. The first staff is for the hymn 'Child of Blessing, Child of Promise' (verses 3 & 4). The second staff is for the hymn 'The Heavens Are Telling' by Ludwig van Beethoven. The third staff is for the hymn 'The First One Ever'.

## SERMON

Jim Mitulski

**HYMN #253 (Black, New Century)      Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One**  
*Sing English verses only*

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

*Concerns and Celebrations*

*Prayers for Our Friends and Families, Our Church, Our Community, and the World.*

*Lord's Prayer (please pray whatever form is familiar to you; many choose to pray Our Father, Our Mother, Our Father and Mother, Our Creator, or Our Maker, or Father/Mother God...debts/debtors or trespasses/those who trespass...)*

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

*In each of our pews today is a black friendship book which we encourage you to fill out and pass to the person next to you during the offering. If you have been with us before, just put down your name, but if you are new today, please let us know who you are. Thanks!*

Offertory Anthem

Blue Green Hills of Earth

Kim Oler

## \*Doxology

tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.**



**Vacation Bible School | August 2017**

**SUPERHERO CENTRAL**

Have you always wanted super powers? Wouldn't it be fun if you could save the world?



At VBS: Superhero Central, we'll learn about all the super powers we already have! Love, Friendship, Hope, and Faith all work together to make the world a better place!

Our days will be filled with lots of fun arts and crafts, games and playground time, cooking class and snack time.

Students will bring brown bag lunches. Gluten-free snacks will be provided.

**August 21 - 25, 2017**

**NEW TIME: Drop-off at 9:00 AM; Pick-up at 2:00 PM**

Rates:

Get one day free when you sign up for the whole week!

\$30/day or \$120/week for the first child

Family discount:

\$20/day or \$80/week for additional children

Registration opens May 14<sup>th</sup>!

VBS: Superhero Central is open to children ages 3-6. Children must be toilet trained.

Have a student age 7 - 14? Check out Sensational Summer Singing program offered at the Congregational Church of Needham at the same time!

If this program is cost-prohibitive for your family, please reach out to Maddie Downer, our youth director, regarding scholarships at [youth@needhamucc.org](mailto:youth@needhamucc.org). Please put "VBS Scholarship" in the subject line.



Sunday April 30th	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship Service & Baptism, <i>Sanctuary</i> "She's Beautiful When She's Angry" Film, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	12:00 pm	Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Wellesley Friends Meeting, <i>26 Benvenue St. Wellesley</i>
	5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Junior High Youth Group Senior High Youth Group
Monday May 1st	9:00 am 6:00 pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>1154 Reception</i> Confirmation, <i>Library</i>
Tuesday May 2nd	10:00 am 6:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i> Community Dinner, <i>Linden Hall</i>
Wednesday May 3rd	7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Interfaith Book Read— Toxic Charity, <i>Linden Hall</i> EMT Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Thursday May 4th	12:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Lunch with Heike, <i>1180 GPA</i> Music Team Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i> Choir Practice, <i>Linden AB</i>
Saturday May 6th	3:00 pm 5:00 pm	Guatemala Chocolate Event Youth Group Babysitting Fundraiser
Sunday May 7th	8:30 am 10:00 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship Service-First Formal Communion, <i>Sanctuary</i>
<b>First Formal Communion</b>	11:30 am	Mediation Group w/ Sue Findlay, <i>Chapel</i> Membership Committee Meeting, <i>Library</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Bible Village Teacher Celebration, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	5:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Junior High Youth Group Senior High Youth Group Guatemala Partnership Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Monday May 8th	9:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>1154 Reception</i> Confirmation Class, <i>Library</i> Finance Team Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>
Tuesday May 9th	7:00 pm	Board Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>
Wednesday May 10th	7:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>
Thursday May 11th	7:00 pm	CE Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>
Sunday May 14th	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship Service-Bible Sunday, <i>Sanctuary</i>
<b>Mother's Day Bible Sunday</b>	5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Junior High Youth Group Senior High Youth Group

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS**

**April 30, 2017**



The Congregational  
Church of Needham

**Events & Announcements**

**TODAY: She's Angry When She's Beautiful—Film  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall**

Join us for a viewing of this documentary exploring the birth of the women's liberation movement.

**Join the August 2017 Delegation To Guatemala**

Adults and youth who are interested in joining the 60th delegation to Santa Maria Tzeja (August 2-13) should contact Alan Clayton-Matthews: [a.clayton-matthews@neu.edu](mailto:a.clayton-matthews@neu.edu) or Bill Garrett: [wgarrett@MIT.EDU](mailto:wgarrett@MIT.EDU) by MAY 1st.

**Sunday, April 30, 2017, 12 Noon Wellesley Friends Meeting**

Come celebrate the Earth with community, song and words of inspiration. We invite communities of faith to share messages on sustainability and our spiritual responsibility to be good stewards of the earth. Wellesley Friends Meeting will share our experience with the installation of solar panels on our meetinghouse roof. Wellesley Friends Meeting is located at 26 Benvenue St., Wellesley, MA 02482 Please RSVP to [kaikaiyots@yahoo.com](mailto:kaikaiyots@yahoo.com)

**Interfaith Book Read: May 3, 2017 7:00PM Linden Hall  
Toxic Charity— How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help**

by Robert D. Lupton  
This read is for Mission/Outreach/Benevolence groups of churches, temples, religious communities and anyone interested in giving to those in need in meaningful, uplifting and caring ways while minimizing any unintended negative effects of heartfelt charity.

Please come to the group having read the book. This event is free and open to the public, but we ask you to RSVP to the office at the Congregational Church of Needham ([office@needhamucc.org](mailto:office@needhamucc.org) or at 781-444-2510) to allow us to plan for seating and snacks. Books are available in the church library and at Amazon.com.

**Last Call: Sign-Up by April 30 for Mayan Chocolate-Making Workshop - May 6, 3:00 - 4:30 pm**

As part of the 30-year anniversary of our church's partnership with Santa María Tzejá, we are holding a chocolate-making workshop on Saturday, May 6, from 3:00 – 4:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Adults and children are invited to experience how Mayans make chocolate from scratch, and sample different types and flavors from around the world. If you did not receive an Evite for this event, feel free to sign up on the Guatemala Partnership bulletin board, or contact Theresa Garrett to register: [theresagarrett@comcast.net](mailto:theresagarrett@comcast.net). (And if you have an old-fashioned meat grinder to lend, contact Brenda Metzler at 781-449-5696, since we'll be grinding cacao beans by hand).

**Annual Guatemala Yard Sale: Sat., May 20th, 9-2, 505 Great Plain Ave.** -- Donations (and Volunteers) Needed: We are seeking items in clean, working condition (no clothing), including: Kitchen and household items, collectible or vintage items, jewelry, children's gear, toys/games/puzzles, sports equipment, DVD's, books, artwork, bikes, electronics (no TV's or computers), tools, garden supplies, outdoor furniture, or small indoor furniture items. **Drop-Off Your Items** beginning at 5:00 pm, Sunday, May 14th thru Noon, Friday, May 19th at Dave and Caryl Johnson's garage (505 Great Plain). (Donate early in the week to make sure we have space.) Please lift the left-side garage door and put donations inside. For questions or to volunteer, please contact Brenda Metzler at: [bmetzler7@verizon.net](mailto:bmetzler7@verizon.net) or (781) 449-5696. Thank you, and join us for fun and treasures at the sale on May 20th!

**Save the Date: May 21, 2017**

**Celebrating 93 years of the Friendly Society**

We are planning a luncheon and program with plenty of Strawberry Short Cake. Please RSVP with Danielle at [office@needhamucc.org](mailto:office@needhamucc.org) or call 781-444-2510 to reserve your spot.

We are also asking for sponsorship of the event. If you like to give money toward the luncheon in honor or memory of a loved one, we would be delighted to accept. Sponsorship flyers are located in the Narthex. Please fill them out and place them with your donation in the offering plates, send or drop them off at the office. Thank you!

**The Community Dinner**

The Community Dinner team thanks everyone for their contributions of re-usable containers. They have been much appreciated by our guests. Please continue to bring your surplus containers in- they can be left in a bag labelled "Community Dinner Take-Out" or something like that, and left in the kitchen. Please make sure they are SUPER CLEAN (like run through the dishwasher) and intact. If you have questions about anything to do with the Community Dinners, please don't hesitate to call or email Diana Conroy (781-449-3350) ([conroyjd@rcn.com](mailto:conroyjd@rcn.com))

**Bible Study Group Sundays at 11:30 a.m., Conference Room**

We are currently reading the book of Genesis a few chapters at a time. We are at chapter 17 and will continue meeting until the end of June, then start up again after Labor Day with another section of the Bible. We love having new people come try us out!

**Chancel Choir**

Please come sing with us! Chancel choir rehearsals for the month of March and April will be at 8:30 on Sunday morning in the sanctuary. We would love to have you be part of our choir!

**New Directory 2017**

We will be issuing a new member directory this year. If you did take any family pictures this Easter or during the vacation week, please send them into the church office so it can be used in the directory.

**Pastoral Review Committee**

If you would like to participate in the annual review of the ministers, please contact Danielle in the church office and request an electronic or paper copy of the interim senior minister survey and/or the associate minister survey. In order to have your answers considered, you must submit your signed survey(s) by May 1. If you have questions, please contact a member of the Pastoral Review Committee: Charlie Baker, Sue Cotton, Claudia Darmofal, Susan Lively, Carol Miller, Kristin Mollerus and Scott Stewart.

**Outreach Committee**

The committee is working with Circle of Hope to provide baby necessities to new mothers living in shelters on Mother's Day. We have placed a box in the church corridor, outside the chapel where you can drop donations. We will transport them to Circle of Hope before Mother's Day. They will appreciate any size donation. Their suggestions include onesies, towel, face cloth, baby bottle, receiving blanket, baby wipes, hat, bib, crib blanket, sleepers, baby wash. Please contact Carol Brown with any questions. [Walshbrown1@gmail.com](mailto:Walshbrown1@gmail.com).

**Volunteer Opportunities for Baby Basics**

Back up Driver(s) needed to pick up/drop off diapers

**When:** Pick up diapers first Monday of every month and have them delivered into South Boston by 5 pm as needed.

**Where:** Pick up at a warehouse in Needham and deliver them to the South Boston Community Health Center in South Boston.

**How often:** Once a month (may be alternate months for back up drivers depending on # of diapers needed that month)

**What's needed:** A car/truck/van large enough to fit 15+# of cases of diapers. (If you're not sure how many you can fit, reach out and we can talk about it.) The staff @ the warehouse and the SBCHC usually help w/ loading/unloading of diapers but volunteers should be able to move them independently if needed.

**Why:** We rely on our diaper drivers to pick up/deliver the diapers so that

we can provide these free diapers to our working, low-income families. **Interested in helping?** Contact Baby Basics at [info@babybasicsinc.org](mailto:info@babybasicsinc.org) for more details. For more information on our program, visit [www.babybasicsinc.org](http://www.babybasicsinc.org). Thanks!

PS – We are also looking for help with pr/social media, database management & more. Not sure how you can help? Take your skills + diapers. Email us and let's talk. Thanks!

**Youth Music**

**Sensational Summer Singing!**

Opportunities to learn and perform outstanding choral music all in the span of one week don't come along very often but they will this summer in Needham. What better way to end an enjoyable summer than by spending time with other kids who also enjoy making music? That's what we'll do at the Congregational Church of Needham ! This choir which is open to children ages 7 – 14 will run from 9am – 2pm from August 21 – 25. The program will include choral singing, music literacy, movement and percussion. Please contact Valerie Becker, Program Director, at [musicdirector@needhamucc.org](mailto:musicdirector@needhamucc.org) if you're interested!

*Stay tuned for a special vacation bible school for children ages 3-6 that will run during this summer singing program.*

**Christian Education & Youth Ministries**

**Junior High Youth Group** meets most Sundays from 5:00 - 6:30 PM.

**Senior High Youth Group** meetings are Sunday night.

Please join us from 6:30 - 8:00 PM

**Stewardship & Attendance**

4/23/2017 Collections\* = \$2,104

4/23/2017 Worship Attendance = 127 people

Please contact the church office 781-444-2510 or [office@needhamucc.org](mailto:office@needhamucc.org) to find out how you can give electronically.

\*Collection amount does not include additional pledges received electronically.

Our current pledge amount for 2017 is \$367,804.00. This represents a budget shortfall of \$56,459.00 for the year.