



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

May 10, 2015

Bible Sunday

Theme: Freedom



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, May 10, 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

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
arr. Dale Wood (1934-2003)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

K.M. Abraham

Leader: Come, people of God; Christ has set us free.

People: We gather today, to celebrate life.

Leader: Come, people of God; gather at the well.

People: We gather to learn about the Bible.

Leader: Come, people of God; rejoice in the freedom that faith provides.

People: We come to sing our praises to God.

***OPENING HYMN #4** (*Black Hymnal*)

**Joyful, Joyful, We
Adore You**

OPENING PRAYER

Call to Prayer

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us pray.

Unison Prayer

We thank you, O God, for the gifts of our lives –

The freedom to pursue our dreams;

The freedom to worship as we choose;

The freedom from want;

The freedom to choose our life's path;

The freedom to influence others.

Forgive us when we forget all the gifts you have given us.

Forgive us when we squander this freedom we have.

Forgive us when we choose to dwell in prisons of our making.

As we pray, awaken us to the possibilities in our lives...

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Pilgrim Hymnal No. 327

ANTHEM

A Mother's Love
Mark Patterson (b. 1969)
Joyful Noise, Hallelujah, and Shepherd's Staff Choirs
Eric Slosser, Cello

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Bible Presentation

All children leave for Bible Village after the Time for Children

CHILDREN'S HYMN #526 (Black Hymnal)

We Are Marching In
The Light Of God

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 15:21-28

N.T. p.16

SERMON

“The Freedom to Find Your Voice”

Susan Cartmell

HYMN #319 (*Black Hymnal*) Me

Sing Them Over Again to

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

OFFERTORY

Anthem

Laudate Dominum

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Beth Sterling, soprano

**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 #315** (*Black Hymnal*) **O Word of God Incarnate**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune
David German (b. 1954)

Special thanks to Eric Slosser for sharing his time and talents with us this morning.

****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: K.M. Abraham

Deacons: Sally Fitzgerald, Carol Oberle

Altar Guild: Mary Barber

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

Flowers: Chris Arren

Flower Delivery: Mary Lou Hughes

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Edward Cook by his wife Doris Cook.

BIBLE RECIPIENTS

Kindergarten

Landon B. Carlson
Catherine A. Davis
Isabella George
Nathaniel J. Johnson
Juliette C. Krechting
Alexander W. Lucas
Madeline L. Miller
Isabel C. Montzka
Gemma E. Turner
Raelina
Samantha

4th Grade

Leyna Blume
Samuel Bradham
Chales A. Cohen
Peter M. Cohen
Henry Dirks
Jack Henderson
Lily H. Kennedy
Charlotte E. Krechting
Annabelle R. Miller
Sam Saia
Liam K. Salerno
Caitlin Tignor
Lucy Ward
Ayanna
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Essence
Jomal

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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
Kristen Hydingner, Interim Youth Director

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: Adult Education: Part two of Martin Luther—The Reluctant Revolutionary will be shown on May 10, 2015 right after church. Come to Linden Hall for lunch and presentation by 11:30 am.

Do you like to get dirty? Do you like to garden? Or maybe you are just looking for a service opportunity....: if so, please join us at the **Needham Community Farm** on **Saturday, May 9th, Saturday, June 13th or Saturday, July 11th from 9am-12pm**. The Outreach Committee has created this opportunity to support our giving theme of aiding the fight against hunger in our local community. The Needham Community Farm's mission is to deepen our community's connection to nature and the food system by providing farm based education and increasing access to healthy produce. The Needham Community Farm donates all fresh produce to the **Needham Community Council Food Pantry**, servicing 200 Needham Families a month. If interested, please sign up at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0844A8AA23A2FD0-outreach. Questions, please contact Heidi Wiesel at Heidi.wiesel@gmail.com or 781-467-9503.

Strawberry Festival May 21- Join Friendly Society members for their final meeting of the year with a strawberry shortcake dessert and music by Soomi Lee Lowry. We'll start at 7 pm, Fellowship Hall. Information: Joanne Seiden 781-449-6535, jseiden@basiclink.com.

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 or (781) 449-5696. Don't miss this opportunity to donate, volunteer and/or shop to support education in Santa María Tzejá.

School supply drive for Guatemala: The Confirmation Class of 2015, as their service project, is collecting supplies for the school children in our partner village in Santa Maria Tzeja. We don't think twice about pencils and paper, but in other places in the world they make a huge difference! Our confirmands will hand out flyers with a list of school supplies needed this Sunday before worship and a list will also be included in FOCUS. Starting May 10th, there will be a collecting box in the Narthex. Please bring items to church throughout the month of May! We hope that you will support us in our efforts. Thank you - The Confirmation Class 2015.

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.

Your Legacy?: Have you considered leaving the church in your will? For more information contact Len Chang. 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 reading 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

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.

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 10th. Please speak with director, Valerie Becker, about your interest at any time. davalvideo@verizon.net

Joyful Noise (K-2nd) 9:15-9:45
Hallelujah Choir (3rd-6th) 11:30-12:00
Shepherd’s Staff (7th -12th) 12:00-1:00

Adult Bible Study: Sunday 11:30 Conference Room: Gospel of John. We will meet in the reception room from 11:30-12:30 after church to continue our study of the book of John. This is a great opportunity to discuss your spiritual questions with other people of faith. Everyone is welcome to drop in and join us. For more information, contact Sunu Yeh at 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 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!



**BARN
CHURCH
RAISING
COCKTAIL PARTY**

**SATURDAY
MAY 30TH
5-7PM**

We want to invite you to join us
at the Barn behind the home of
DAVID AND KATY DIRKS
674 WEBSTER ST.

for a party to celebrate our new building and
raise the money to complete
our construction project.

Tickets will be on sale after worship all month
\$50 / person (until May 24 - \$75 at the door)
Appetizers, beer, wine and punch will be served.

Delightful raffles, a beautiful setting
and a wonderful cause make this
a fun evening you don't want to miss!

CALENDAR May 10th—May 21st

Sunday, May 10th Bible Sunday	9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00am 11:30am 12:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise, Hallelujah, Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal Combined, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Adult Ed: Back in Church History, <i>Linden Hall</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Monday, May 11th	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, May 12th	7:00 pm	Board Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Wed., May 13th	6:30 pm	Junior Youth Group, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
Thursday, May 14th	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Saturday, May 16th	9:00 am	Guatemala Yard Sale, <i>505 Great Plain Ave.</i>
Sunday, May 17th	8:15 am 9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 11:30 am 11:45 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Men's Breakfast, <i>Library</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Adult Ed: Back in Church History, <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 Welcome Grade 5 Party Senior High Youth Group Welcome Grade 9 Party
Monday, May 18th	9:00 am 6:00 pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i> Confirmation Class, <i>Linden Hall</i>
Wed., May 20th	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Junior Youth Group, <i>Fellowship Hall</i> Music Team Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
Thursday, May 21st	10:00 am 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Faith Circle Book Group, <i>Library</i> Friendly Society Strawberry Festival, <i>Fellowship Hall</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>