



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

May 11, 2014

Bible Sunday

Theme: Stewardship



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 11, 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 Art, 2nd-3rd in Theater, 4th-6th in Games, 7th -8th in Stevenson and grades 9-12 in the Lounge .

PRELUDE

Aria
Charles Callahan (b.1950)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jackie Allen

Leader: God created us and breathed life into us.

People: For our very lives, we stand indebted to God.

Leader: God gave us dominion over life on this teeming planet.

People: For this privilege, we stand indebted to God.

Leader: God offers us the Bible so we might grow in faith

People: We are grateful for the wisdom of the ages

Leader: God calls us into community to learn how to share.

People: With full hearts, we enter worship this day.

***OPENING HYMN # 558 (NCH)**

**O How Glorious,
Full Of Wonder**

OPENING PRAYER

Jackie Allen

Call to Prayer

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us pray.

Unison Prayer

**Oh Lord, We know that every gift we have been given
comes from your generous hand.**

Forgive us for feeling smug about our success.

**Forgive us for forgetting how much we owe to luck or
grace.**

**Forgive us for telling ourselves we have earned this
bounty.**

**Inspired by your example, let us strive to be true
stewards of your abundance.**

With grateful hearts, we come to you in prayer...

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Bible Presentation

Bible Village Song: *Pass It On*

All children leave for Bible Village after the Time for Children

CHILDREN'S HYMN (#526) (NCH)

**We Are Marching In
The Light Of God**

ANTHEM

Rise Up and Call Her Blessed
Pepper Choplin (b. 1969)
Shepherd's Staff Choir
David Darmofal, piano

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 6: 1-13

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SERMON Is There Ever Enough: What Does the Bible Say?
Susan Cartmell

HYMN (seated) #518 (NCH) **Father Almighty, Bless Us**

MORNING PRAYER Heike Werder
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

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter (b. 1945)

***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 #556 (NCH)**

**God, Who Stretched the
Spangled Heavens**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go in Peace
tune: Ocean Park

POSTLUDE

Fanfare
Jacques Lemmens (1823-1881)

**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: Jackie Allen

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

Ushers: Joanne Seiden, Lee McNally

Altar Guild: Carol Miller

Flowers: Gail Browne

Flower delivery: Joanne Seiden

*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-2nd Grade

Amelia Pearl Allen
Alessa Esther DeValerio Andrews
Kiersten Emeline Blume
Jonathan Paul Hunnicutt
Connor William Hurley
Ella Hurley
Grace Hurley
Joshua Junseo Lee
Isabella Minseo Lee
Emilia Jane Massey
William Shenton Murray
Samantha Belle Murray
Eloise Rose Noone
Owen Henry Noone
Emma Rentia Pretorius
Miles Hunt Salerno
Charles Edward Todd
Hutchinson H. Turner
Adeline Claire Wiesel
Taylor Alexandra Williams

Grades 4-5

Grace Elizabeth Bolivar
Nicholas George
Ciara Anne Haggerty
Ryan Hurley
Matthew Malcolm Luppino
Emily Isabelle Mollerus
Abigail Elizabeth Neustaedter
Steven R. Sesso
MacElroy B. Turner
Samuel Bigelow Williams

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The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Friendly Society Strawberry Festival will be held on ***Wednesday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m. in Linden Hall.*** We will gather for an enjoyable evening of fun and feast--fun to socialize and to feast on delicious strawberry shortcake prepared by our Friendly chefs under the direction of Patty Stewart. CiCi Hunt is providing the entertainment for the night. All are cordially invited to attend.

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, art, 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 at Johnson's garage.** If site is unattended, lift left-side garage door and put donations inside. For questions contact Brenda Metzler: bmetzler7@verizon.net.

Outreach Hunger Relief Food-Pantry Drive: Over the course of May, this year's Confirmation Class, with the support of the Outreach Committee, will be leading a Food Pantry Drive ending on Youth Sunday, June 1st. Our efforts can help to ease Food Insecurity faced by many neighbors in Needham and surrounding communities. Ask a friendly Confirmand for suggested food and pantry donation ideas. If possible, consider fresh vegetables, cooking oils, canned goods, even items like toothpaste etc. Even small contributions go a long way! Collection boxes will be placed in the main hallway and by the sanctuary entrance. Thank you!

Men's Breakfast, Sunday May 18: "Stewardship away from the eyes of others". The Men's Breakfast brings men of all ages and persuasions together once a month before worship in honest and lively discussion touching our faith and our lives in today's complex world. We get together in the Library on the third Sunday of the month and enjoy breakfast fare provided by volunteers. We have always welcomed men of all ages and can always accommodate those with scheduling challenges. Arrive at 8:15 AM for fellowship and breakfast or by 9:00 AM for the discussion. On May 18, we will address the May worship theme of "Stewardship" by discussing the importance of stewardship when no one is looking. Contact Keith McClelland (kmm1km@rcn.com) for more information.

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

Partner-Family Letters: Partner family letters have been mailed out, so most families should have received their letter by now. Contact Dave Johnson if you have any questions: Davejohnson@verizon.net. And it's not too soon to be thinking about your reply letter that will be due in early July!

CALENDAR for May 11 – May 22

Sunday, May 11th Bible Sunday	9:00 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i>
	9:30 am	Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i>
	10:00 am	Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i>
	11:30 am	Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Monday, May 12th	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i>
	6:00 pm	Confirmation Class, <i>Linden Hall</i>
	7:30 pm	Immigration Task Force, <i>Library</i>
Wednesday, May 14th	7:30 pm	Friendly Annual Meeting/Strawberry Festival, <i>Linden Hall</i>
	7:00 pm	Board Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Thursday, May 15th	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Saturday, May 17th	9:00 am	Guatemala Yard Sale, <i>505 Great Plain Ave.</i>
Sunday, May 18th Confirmation	8:00 am	Confirmation Breakfast, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	8:15 am	Men's Breakfast, <i>Library</i>
	9:00 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i>
	10:00 am	Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i>
	11:30 am	Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i>
		Friendly Chime Rings Rehearsal, <i>Sanct.</i>
	5:00 pm	JH Youth Group
6:30 pm	All Parent's Mission Trip Meeting, <i>Chapel</i>	
7:00 pm	SH Youth Group	
Monday, May 19th	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i>
Wednesday May 21st	7:30 pm	Music Team Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
Thursday, May 22nd	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>