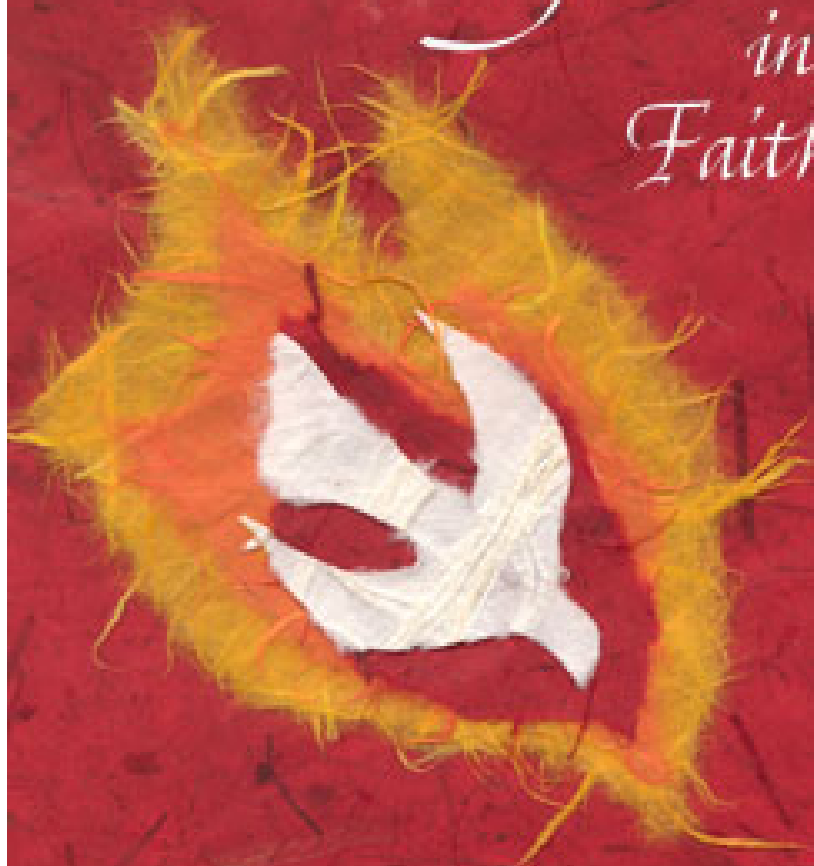


*Confirmed
in
Faith*



Sunday, May 19, 2013

10:00am

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Childcare for infants and toddlers is available downstairs. Preschoolers and grades 9-12 go directly downstairs to class. 7th-8th graders go to chapel to assist with Bible Village. Grades K-6 leave after the "Time for Children" to the chapel and go to their workshops: grades K-1 to science in the rainbow room, grades 2-3 to theater in the tent room, grades 4-6 to games in Linden AB. All children 1st grade and under must be picked up in their classroom by a family member after class. Children in 2nd grade and older will be dismissed to Fellowship Hall.

PRELUDE

Holy Spirit, Dwell With Me

arr. Dale Wood (1934-2003)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Janet Jankowiak

Leader: Come into God's house this day.

People: We come together with joyful hearts.

Leader: Enter this church to receive the gift of faith and then pass it on.

People: We gather to receive the tradition and to pass it along-knowing the privilege of passing faith from one generation to the next is one of life's great blessings.

***OPENING HYMN # 263 (Black) O Spirit of the Living God**

OPENING PRAYER

Janet Jankowiak

Call to Prayer

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us pray.

Unison Prayer

O God, the Source and End of life, you have called us together this day through the prodding of your Spirit. Lead us in worship.

We praise you for the legacy of faith.

The gifts of bread and cup that keep on giving,

The Bible stories that nurture us over time,

The mentors who left a mark on our souls,

The church that holds such promise for our world.

Help us to see how much we have inherited, and how much you need us to leave our gifts for those who follow. Inspire us to consider those legacies as we pray...

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response

RITE OF CONFIRMATION (Children leave for Bible Village after the rite of Confirmation.)

Invitation

Questions of the Candidates

The Covenant of The Congregational Church of Needham and the Statement of Welcome (See the insert for the Covenant and Statement of Welcome)

Blessing of the Confirmands

Congregational Welcome

We welcome you into full membership in this congregation. We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers. We promise to share with you the joys and labor of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love. By the grace of God, may we be open to your gifts, as together we strive to live as a community that celebrates Christ's new life. Amen.

CHILDREN'S HYMN (#526)

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

ANTHEM *Fill-a-Me Up*

Pepper Choplin (b. 1958)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2: 1-4; 41-47

NT, p. 112-13, 114

SERMON “Community – A Place to Belong” Heike Werder

**HYMN (seated) # 351 (Black) I Was There to Hear Your
Borning Cry**

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 Gift of Love

Hal Hopson (b. 1933)

**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 # 459 (Black) Come, O Fount of Every
Blessing**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Go in Peace* tune: Ocean Park

POSTLUDE *In dir ist Freude* 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: Janet Jankowiak

Deacons: Craig Morrison and Tom Mollerus

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

Altar Guild: Mary Barber

Flowers: Gail Browne

Flower Delivery: Barbara Lovely

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving
memory of Laura P. Broad by her husband and family.*



BACK FOR THE SUMMER!
AUGUST 26-29th

Kids ages 3 to 10 are invited to a week of active, adventurous fun at The Congregational Church of Needham's VBS program.

THEME: "EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR"

Fee: \$20 per day for morning activities (8:30-12)
Lunch Bunch offered from 12-1pm for \$5 per day

Additional children in each family will receive 50% discount
AND save \$20 if you register by August 1st!

Download a registration form at
www.needhamucc.org/learn/vbs

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The Rev. Heike Werder, Associate Minister
The Rev. Jamie Green, Youth Minister

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Jannatha Coffin-Malia, Dir of Youth Music
The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

The Congregational Church of Needham

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
missions, 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.

Welcoming 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.



CONFIRMED TODAY

May 19, 2013

**Kate Allen
Amelia Amato
Samuel Atallah
Tom Baker
Henry Barth
Kara Brand
Courtney Brennan**

**Sam Cruickshank
Emily Gworek
Hailey Huff
Chloe Kennedy
Elizabeth Kuhlman
Colton Luby**

*Warm thanks to the Confirmation
Mentors*

**Mary Lou Andre
Lee McNally
John Baldwin
Mike Boyd
Doris Cook
Carla Verschoor-Kirss
Jamie Turner**

**Caryl Johnson
Diana Conroy
Fabienne Madsen
Jean Veigas
David Johnson
Frank Arren**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLING ALL KEYS!!! If you have a church key kindly contact Danielle at the office to let her know (office@needhamucc.org)! If you are not a leader of a church group or committee, please return the key to the office or mail to the church at 1154 Great Plain Ave. Thank you.

TODAY!! Welcome to **Youth Group Parties** for 5th and 8th graders! Because 5th and 8th graders will be eligible to join Youth Group next fall, we would like to welcome them with a special party! 5th graders are invited to attend a Junior High Youth Group Meeting on Sunday, May 19, 2012, 5:00-6:30pm in Stevenson Hall, and 8th graders are invited to attend a Senior High Youth Group Meeting at 7-8:30pm. There will be games, make your own ice cream sundaes, and lots of FUN! To RSVP, call or email Rev. Jamie Green, Youth Minister, at [781-444-2510 ext 104](tel:781-444-2510) or revjamie@needhamucc.org.

New Families

The next opportunity to join the church will be on Sunday June 2. Already we have three families who are ready to join the church that day. If you would like more information about membership please attend a Breakfast for New Families – **TODAY May 19th at 8:30am** in the Reception Room. If you cannot attend the Breakfast but would like to learn more about Church Membership please speak to me or send an e-mail to me at Revsusan@needhamucc.org.

TODAY! Track the Footsteps of Paul: We invite you to a session in **Linden Hall at 11:30** when we will share some stories of our trip to Greece and Turkey as we report on our experience learning about the early Christian Church. Some of the journey was inspiring, and some of the experiences were funny. We will give you a taste of what we saw. In terms of seeing history come alive, this trip matched the one to the Holy Land 3 years ago. We learned so much and had such incredible adventures. We look forward to sharing them with you this Sunday!

CALENDAR for May 19th – May 28th

<i>Sunday May 19th</i>	8:30am	Confirmation Breakfast, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	8:15am	Men's Group Breakfast & Discussion, <i>Library</i>
	8:30am	New Family Breakfast, <i>Reception Room</i>
	9am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i>
	10am	Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i>
	<i>PENTECOST AND CONFIRMATION</i>	
	11:30am	Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
	12pm	Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
	4pm	Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
	5pm	Junior High Youth Group, <i>Stevenson Hall</i>
7pm	Senior High Youth Group, <i>Stevenson Hall</i>	
***WALK OR BIKE TO CHURCH!!!		
<i>Monday May 20th</i>	9am	Cancer Support Meeting, <i>Reception Room</i>
<i>Wednesday May 22nd</i>	7:30pm	Outreach Meeting, <i>Library</i>
<i>Thursday May 23rd</i>	7:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
<i>Saturday May 25th</i>	10am	Friendly Chime Ringers Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i>
<i>Sunday May 26th</i>	9am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
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<i>Monday May 27th</i>	MEMORIAL DAY	
<i>Tuesday May 28th</i>	7pm	Christian Education Committee Meeting
	7:30pm	Friendly Board Meeting, <i>Library</i>