



# CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

May 24, 2015

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 24, 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 will remain in Worship. Grades K-5 will start in the Sanctuary at 10 am, then leave for Linden Hall after time for children.*

**PRELUDE**

Morning has Broken  
*Wilbur Held (b. 1914, composed 2014)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Joanne Seiden

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 #440** (*Red Hymnal*)

**O Beautiful for  
Spacious Skies**

**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*

## **TIME FOR CHILDREN**

*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**

How Lovely are the Messengers  
*From St. Paul Oratorio—Felix Medelssohn (1809-1847)*

## **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Galatians 5:13-15

NT. p179

**SERMON**

“Living into Freedom”  
Susan Cartmell

**HYMN (Seated) #429 (Red Hymnal) Eternal Father, Strong to Save**

**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*

Nocturne in C # minor, Op. posthumous (1830)

*By F. Chopin*

Soomi Lee Lowry, piano

*\*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 #593** (*Black Hymnal*)     **Lift Every Voice and Sing**

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**     God Be With You Till We Meet Again  
*Pilgrim Hymnal No. 62*

**POSTLUDE**     Sonatine, 1st movement (1905)  
*By M. Ravel*  
Soomi Lee Lowry, piano

*\*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](http://www.needhamucc.org), our church website.

*Worship Leader:* Joanne Seiden

*Deacons:* Sunu Yeh, Joanne Seiden

*Altar Guild:* Jean Veigas

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

*Flowers:* Chris Arren

*Flower Delivery:* Amy Kennedy

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robert T. Smart by the Haynes family.*

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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 Hydinger, Interim Youth Director

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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, June 13<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0844A8AA23A2FD0-outreach). Questions, please contact Heidi Wiesel at [Heidi.wiesel@gmail.com](mailto:Heidi.wiesel@gmail.com) or 781-467-9503.

**Adult Education: Stepping Back Into Church History:** The series continues on Sunday, May 31st with Bach and The Lutheran Legacy, a documentary about how Luther shaped the music of Bach. Then on Sunday, June 7th join us for The Reformation Continues, how the Protestant Reformation informed and changed the centuries that followed.

**School Supply and Medical 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! There are collection boxes 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.

**Volunteer Opportunity for Baby Basics:** 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.

**Where:** Pick up from BJ's in Weymouth and deliver them to the South Boston Community Health Center in South Boston.

**How often:** Once a 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, give us a call and we can talk about it.) The staff @ BJ's 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. We are growing our program so need more volunteers.

**Interested in helping?** Contact Amy Millay @ 617-840-6060 for more details. Thanks!

**LED Bulb Donations to Continue:** If you are out shopping for energy efficient LED bulbs for your home, please consider purchasing one or two for the church. Please leave bulbs in the donation box located near the mailboxes in the church office. Here is a list of what is needed for the church:

14 12W (800-1100 lumens) A-21 lamps  
45 8W (450-800 lumens) A-19 lamps  
30 8W (450-800 lumens) G25 lamps

All of the lamps should have a temperature of 2700K which will provide warmer light. Check out the EMT bulletin board for more information about LED bulbs.

**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](mailto:revsusan@needhamucc.org).

**Your Legacy?:** Have you considered leaving the church in your will? For more information contact Len Chang. [adelennig@verizon.net](mailto:adelennig@verizon.net). Thanks for considering this important way to light the path for others who follow.

**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](mailto:jseiden@basiclink.com).

**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](mailto: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](http://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!

**Registration for the 2015/2016 school year at The Center is now open:** The Center is an after school drop-in program for 6<sup>th</sup> (and returning 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>) graders. With staff supervision, we hope that youth grow in confidence and respect for

themselves and others, develop lasting friendships, learn to make positive choices, and pursue new interests. For more information, visit [www.myyouthcenter.org](http://www.myyouthcenter.org) or call 781-453-4078 or email [info@myyouthcenter.org](mailto:info@myyouthcenter.org).



**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 24th—June 4th

Sunday, May 24th	9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 11:30 am 12:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Monday, May 25th		Memorial Day—Offices Closed
Tuesday, May 26th	7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee Outreach, <i>Library</i>
Thursday, May 28th	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Sunday, May 31st  <b>Confirmation Sunday</b>	8:00 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	Confirmation Breakfast, <i>Fellowship Hall</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 Pizza Party Senior High Youth Group Pizza Party
Monday, June 1st	8:45 am 7:15 pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i> EMT Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
Tuesday, June 2nd	10:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters Community Dinner, <i>Linden Hall</i> Deacons Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Wed., June 3rd	7:00 pm	Youth Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 4th	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Lunch with Heike, <i>Linden Hall</i> Chancel Choir, <i>Choir Room</i>