



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

May 25, 2014

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 25, 2014

10:00am

Childcare for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers is available in the preschool room downstairs during the service. Grades K-12 are invited to stay in the sanctuary for worship.

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Nyland

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 #24 (NCH)

The God of Abraham Praise

OPENING PRAYER

Chris Nyland

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

ANTHEM

Cantique de Jean Racine
Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:4-12

SERMON

"Stewardship of Memories:
What It Really Means to 'Never Forget'"
Jamie Klopotoski

HYMN (seated) #454(NCH)

Lord, I Want To Be a Christian

MORNING PRAYER

Concerns and Celebrations

Susan Cartmell

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

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach, arr. Clarence Dickinson (1873-1969)

***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 #562 (NCH)**

Take My Gifts

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in F
J.S. Bach

**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: Chris Nyland

Deacons: Sally Fitzgerald, Mary Lou Hughes

Ushers: Rob Blauvet, Craig Morrison, Chris Nyland, Kevin Ward

Altar Guild: Sherrill Salisbury

Flowers: Gail Browne

Flower delivery: Chris Arren

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



BACK FOR THE SUMMER!
AUGUST 25-28th

Kids ages 3 to 11 are invited to a week of active, adventurous fun at The Congregational Church of Needham's VBS program.

THEME: "StudioGo!"

Fee: \$25 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
Or register ONLINE at www.needhamucc.org/vbs

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The Rev. Jamie Klopotoski, Youth Minister

Bobby DeRegis, Director of Music Ministries
Valerie Becker, Director of Youth Music
The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

June Altar Flowers: The committee is looking for donors for June 1st and June 29th. Please contact Beverly Bolivar at 781-449-2202 or bwbolivar@verizon.net.

One Small Step of Earth Stewardship: Please find us in coffee hour to sign a petition for an Updated Bottle Bill. The update will substantially increase recycling of bottles and cans, our state's most effective recycling program. We'll be glad to answer questions. ~ Your Environmental Ministry Team

Bible Study - Sunday Group- Join us in the Reception Room at 11:30am. Newcomers are welcome! Contact Sunu Yeh for more information- dor-mouse99@gmail.com.

Thursday 10:30am Group- Contact Christine Weitzel for information cweitzel@verizon.net

Guatemala Yard Sale Appreciation: The yard sale last Saturday was hugely successful, our second best result in 24 years. This wouldn't be possible without all you donors, volunteers, and shoppers who made this community event lots of fun, while also recycling/reusing your no-longer-needed items. Special thanks to the 10 or so youth, including confirmands (now members!), who ran the jewelry table, cashiered, helped organize items over the course of the day, and loaded up/drove leftovers to a thrift store at the end of the day. Items still available: a 7 x 10 ft. oval braided rug (just cleaned), a vintage mandolin, and a vintage Mah Jong set of bone and bamboo tiles. Contact Brenda if interested: bmetzler7@verizon.net.

A Message from the Church Evaluation Team: Thank you for your participation in the recent whole church review. We received an impressive 87 survey responses with many comments. We are in the process of tallying and reviewing the results.

You are invited to attend a meeting on June 22 at 11:30 a.m. to receive our initial report on the results of the survey as to the questions regarding the church's effectiveness. We hope this report will launch a prayerful conversation on how we can, as a community, improve in our ministries together. (As noted on the survey, the responses regarding the effectiveness of the individual ministers are considered personnel matters; they will not be reported on at this meeting.) We hope to see you there— Carol Oberle, Frank Luppino and Fabienne Madsen, Deacons
Mike Yeh and Jackie Allen, Board members

CALENDAR for May 25 – June 5

Sunday, May 25th	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> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Friendly Chime Ringers Rehearsal, <i>Sanct.</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Monday, May 26th		* Office Closed.
Tuesday, May 27th	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Christian Ed Committee Meeting Friendly Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Thursday, May 29th	10:30 am 7:30 pm	Bible Study, <i>Reception Room</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Sunday, June 1st Youth Sunday	8:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Youth Worship Band Practice, <i>Sanctuary</i> Youth Speaker Practice, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Capital Campaign Update Mtg., <i>Sanctuary</i> JHYG End of Year BBQ SHYG End of Year BBQ Guatemala Partnership Mtg., <i>Library</i>
Monday, June 2nd	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i>
Tuesday , June 3rd	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Community Dinner, <i>Linden Hall Kitchen</i> EMT Meeting, <i>Chapel</i> Deacon's Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Wednesday, June 4th	7:30 pm	Youth Committee Mtg.
Thursday, June 5th	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Lunch with Heike, <i>Library</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>