



# CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

United Church of Christ

May 8, 2016

Theme: Words of the Resurrected Christ

## Bible Sunday



## 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 8, 2016

10:00am

*Children are always welcome in Worship with their parents/guardians.  
Pre-K children are invited to the nursery throughout the service.  
Students in grades K-8 will be dismissed to the Chapel after Time for Children. Students in grades 9-12 may stay in the Sanctuary with their parents.*

**PRELUDE**

Andante  
*Giacomo Cervetto (1749-1837)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Kirby Salerno

Leader: We gather in this place—some empty, some filled, some whole, some broken:

**People: Yearning for the Holy Spirit to fill us.**

Leader: We come, with these ordinary people, who have shown us the way:

**People: Trusting that God will continue to illumine our hearts.**

Leader: We surround the Table of grace, so we might be fed by the Bread of life:

**People: That graced, we may serve others; that healed, we may bring hope to the world.**

**\*OPENING HYMN # 8 (NCH)**

**Praise to the Living God**

## OPENING PRAYER

### *Call to Prayer*

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us pray.

### *Unison Prayer*

**Meet us, Lord, on the road to Emmaus,  
Guide us on the path toward our destination,  
and renew our strength as we continue to walk  
and commune with you.**

**Open our eyes, so we see the signs of your presence around us;  
Open our hearts, so we may receive your peace and love;  
and empower us to pass on to others  
the grace you have shared with us so freely.**

**Hear us, O Lord, as we pray for trust in your way, not ours ...**

### *Silent Prayer*

### *Lord's Prayer*

### *Prayer Response*

The Lord Has Heard Our Prayer  
*Emma Lou Diemer (b 1927)*

## TIME FOR CHILDREN

Bible Presentation

*All children leave for Bible Village after the Time for Children.*

## CHILDREN'S HYMN #325

**Child of Blessing, Child of Promise**

*Child of love, our love's expression, love's creation, loved indeed!  
Fresh from God, refresh our Spirit, into joy and laughter lead.*

## ANTHEM

A Mother's Silent Prayer  
*Sally DeFord*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24: 44-52

NT, p. 86

## SERMON

“Christ’s gift of Forgiveness and Healing”

Heike Werder

HYMN (seated) # 547 (NCH)

Amazing Grace

## 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.**

*Pastoral Prayer*

*Congregational Response #521(NCH)*

**In Solitude**

**In solitude, in solitude, I come o God in prayer.**

**In silence and simplicity, my spirit blossoms there.**

**Whene’er the world is troubling me, and stress is all around.**

**I seek the presence of my God, and healing light is found.**

## OFFERTORY

*Anthem*

If Ye Love Me

*Thomas Tallis(1505 - 1585)*

*\*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 # 429 (NCH)**

**God, Bless Our Homes**

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Old Irish Blessing  
*Denes Agay(1911 - 2007)*

**POSTLUDE**

Postlude  
*J. Christian Heinrich Rinck (1770 - 1846)*

***\*You are invited to stand.***

*NCH stands for New Century Hymnal (Black Hymnal) and PH stands for Pilgrim Hymnal (Red Hymnal)*

- 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 Assistant: Kirby Salerno*

*Deacons: Joanne Seiden, Charles Baker*

*Ushers: Alex Cullen, David Libby, Nancy Lane, Eric Slosser*

*Altar Guild: Jane Clayton-Matthews*

*Flowers: Gail Browne*

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

# 2016 BIBLE RECIPIENTS

## Kindergarten

Lila Thornton

Stella Wiesel

## Fourth Grade

Olivia Allen

Josie George

Normandie Henderson

Lina Hurley

Alexander Morrison

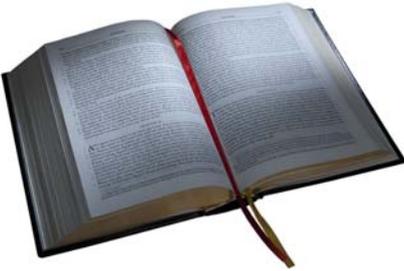
Ava Navales

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The Rev. Heike Werder, Associate Minister  
Madelyn Downer, Director of Children &  
Youth Ministries

Valerie Becker, Music Director  
The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus  
Sangyoung Kim, Organist/ Accompanist

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Circle of Hope Mother's Day "Baby Shower"**

In honor of Mother's Day, our church will sponsor a "Baby Shower" to create Welcome Baskets for babies born to the clients of Circle of Hope. They are looking for new baby bottles, wipes, Vaseline/A&D ointment, new bath towels with hoods, face clothes and blankets to assist mothers with their new babies. Other needed items include new onesies (newborn, 3-6 month and 6-9 month). A box will be in the entry to the sanctuary [May 8](#). Items will be delivered to Circle of Hope the following week. If you have questions, please contact Amy Massey at [amyemassey@gmail.com](mailto:amyemassey@gmail.com).

### **Annual Guatemala Yard Sale (Sat., May 14th, 9-2, 505 Great Plain Ave.)**

Drop-off Information: Beginning tonight (Mothers' Day) at 7:00 pm (thru Noon, Friday, May 13th), you may leave donations at the Johnson's garage (505 Great Plain). If the site is unattended, simply lift the left garage door and put donations inside. And don't miss attending the yard sale on May 14th, as we have many treasures to select from this year! Desired Items: 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. For questions please contact Brenda Metzler at: [bmetzler7@verizon.net](mailto:bmetzler7@verizon.net) or (781) 449-5696.

**The Annual Women's Retreat** will take place at Craigville Conference Center on Cape Cod from Friday May 20 to May 21, 2016. All women of the church are invited to attend! The topic for the retreat is: Finding Our Balance. Please reserve your spot with Rev. Heike at 781-444-2510 or at: [revheike@needhamucc.org](mailto:revheike@needhamucc.org).

**Adult Bible Study, Sunday's @ 11:30** Conference Room: Are you interested in deepening your understanding of the Bible? Everyone is welcome to try out Adult Bible Study. We meet on Sundays immediately after church from 11:30 to 12:30 in the reception room. We will be studying Paul's epistle to the Romans, for what should be a wonderful discussion about faith. Contact Sunu Yeh at [dormouse99@gmail.com](mailto:dormouse99@gmail.com) for more information. Please drop by and try us out!

**Is the Village Fair a long way off???** Not at all!! Knitters, crocheters and sewers dust off your needles and rev up your machines. Summer vacation is the perfect time to be creative by making items for the Knitting/Handcrafting table at the Fair. For more information contact Debbie Wentworth at [bmwfac@comcast.net](mailto:bmwfac@comcast.net).

**The Environmental Ministry Team** has information available about garden, lawn and tree care on their bulletin board in the hallway going towards Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to take any of the information you may need to help

you create flower and vegetable gardens, provide green lawn care and plant and care for native trees.

### **Partner-Family Letters Due June 1st!**

Our volunteer translators need time to work their magic on your partner-family letters for the August delegation to Santa Maria Tzeja, so please submit them by June 1st to: [davebjohnson77@gmail.com](mailto:davebjohnson77@gmail.com) or drop them off in the Guatemala Box or at the Church Office. Thank you.

### **The True Cost**

Did you miss the Environmental Ministries Team's screening of this film last month about the social and environmental impacts of the fashion industry, what is being done and what YOU can do? You can still see it, as we have a both a DVD and a Blu-Ray copy available to loan out. Please contact Anne Hayek and Isabell Wells at [EMT@needhamucc.org](mailto:EMT@needhamucc.org) to request one or the other, or call 781.449.2052.

### **Summer Music**

If you are interested in contributing to our musical offering during the summer time please see Valerie Becker. These services are low key and it is a lovely way to share your gifts with everyone!

**Request for Altar Guild Volunteers:** The Altar Guild is looking for volunteers. High school students are welcome to join. Please contact Carol Miller at [milerc291@verizon.net](mailto:milerc291@verizon.net) for more information.

### **Family Promise**

Come Join us on Friday, May 13, 7:00pm at the Wellesley Village Church, 2 Central Street, Wellesley. The evening offers a taste for music lovers of all genres from classical to pop and folk followed by delicious desserts provided by Boston Gourmet . There is a suggested donation of \$25.

### **June Book Discussion Group**

City Mission's Executive Director, Rev. June Cooper, who preached at our church in March, will lead a three-session discussion group on Robert D. Lupton's provocative book, *Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help*. The author shares his insights and experience that some well-intentioned charity and volunteer service can actually undermine the aspirations of people they intend to help.

Enrollment is first-come/first-served and limited to 20 participants. The group will meet for three sessions on June 6, June 13, and June 20 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Newton Highlands Congregational Church, 54 Lincoln St., Newton Highlands. To enroll in the group, please contact Peniey McClary, [pmccclary@citymissionboston.org](mailto:pmccclary@citymissionboston.org).

## CALENDAR May 8th—May 22nd

Sunday, May 8th  <b>Mother's Day Bible Sunday</b>	10:00am 11:30am	Worship Service/Bible Sunday, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i>
Monday, May 9th	9:00 am 6:00 pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>1154 Reception</i> Confirmation Class, <i>Linden Hall</i>
Tuesday, May 10th	7:00 pm	Board Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>
Wed., May 11th	7:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>
Thursday, May 12th	7:30 pm	Choir Practice, <i>Linden AB</i>
Saturday, May 14th	9:00 am	Guatemala Yard Sale, <i>505 Great Plain Ave.</i>
Sunday, May 15th	8:00 am 8:15 am 10:00am 11:30am  5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Confirmation Breakfast Men's Breakfast, <i>Library</i> Worship / Confirmation, <i>Sanctuary</i> Friendly Chimers Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Junior High Youth Group Senior High Youth Group
Monday, May 16th	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>1154 Reception</i>
Wed., May 18th	7:30 pm	Music Team Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
Thursday, May 19th	7:30 pm	Choir Practice, <i>Linden AB</i>
Friday, May 20th		Women's Retreat
Sunday, May 22nd	10:00am 11:30am  4:00 pm	Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Friendly Chimers Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Dave and Busters Senior High Youth Group

AUGUST VBS

# Animal Academy

## August 22 - 26

### 8:30 AM - Noon

Kids ages 3-10 are invited to come and learn about the furry, feathery, and creepy-crawly members of God's family! Come sing songs, play games, learn about animals in our science workshops, do arts and craft projects, and participate in animal activities! A traveling petting zoo will come to visit. An animal shelter will show us the ways we can help homeless animals. And we'll have lots of fun learning to love all of Creation the way that God loves us! *Please note, children will be in supervised contact with farm animals and puppies.*

\$30 per day per student for first child, \$20 per day for each child after. Due by June 30. Please note, students must be potty-trained. Sign-ups begin May 15 at <http://needhamucc.org/VBS>

**Lunch Bunch:** Noon - 1 PM, \$5 per student Our snacks and lunches are entirely peanut and tree-nut free. Typical lunches: chicken nuggets, sandwiches, pizza.

**Scholarships are available!** Please reach out to us at [youth@needhamucc.org](mailto:youth@needhamucc.org) if you are interested in a scholarship application.

