



Class of 2014 (eight years ago in 2006 Sunday School Class Picture)

# Youth Sunday

June 1, 2014

## 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 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, June 1, 2014

***Youth Sunday!***

10:00am

*Childcare is available downstairs in the Preschool Room for younger children. Older children are welcome to attend the worship service.*

\*designates when you are invited to stand

**PRELUDE**

One Love  
*Bob Marley*  
Youth Worship Band

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Kira Oberle

*Recognition of Abbott Scholars*

Jen Cusack

Graduates are: **Tshiunza Kabengle**, Community Academy of Science and Health;  
**Medgine Joseph**, Jeremiah E. Burke High School;  
**Guerlandy Laguerre**, Brighton High

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mitch Suarez

One: Let us worship God as children

**All: With wonder and awe.**

One: Let us worship God as youth

**All: With questions and eager hearts.**

One: Let us worship God as adults

**All: With gratitude and praise.**

One: Let us worship God as elders

**All: With wisdom and hope.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #73 (NCH)**

**Enter, Rejoice, and Come In**

## OPENING PRAYER

John Madsen

### *Call To Prayer*

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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

Leader: Let us pray.

### *Unison Prayer*

**O God, you who gave us birth, and who will walk with us through our older years, we come to you today, to worship and praise you.**

**We call your name, and you answer us.**

**In every age of life, you give us what we need.**

**Help us cope with the challenges, that we face at every age.**

**Surround us with your presence, your love, and your grace.**

### *Silent Prayer*

*Lord's Prayer* (using "debts," Red Hymnal, p. 513)

## ANTHEM

Festival Alleluia

*Allen Pote*

Joyful Noise, Hallelujah, and Shepherd's Staff Choir

Dave Darmofal, piano

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 2: 14-17

Mae Hardebeck

## SENIOR REFLECTIONS

Emma Findlay-Walters, Mae Hardebeck,

Carrie Gotwals, Andrew Tegeler, Meriel Conroy, Dan Moder

## SPECIAL MUSIC

The Lovely House of God

*Austin Lovelace*

Joyful Noise Choir

Come, Celebrate God's Gift of Music

*Mark Patterson*

Hallelujah Choir

## PRAYER and OFFERTORY

*Concerns and Celebrations*

Thomas Lively

*Call to Offering*

Sara Castiglia

*Anthem*

Joyful, Joyful  
*Beethoven arr. Mervyn Warren*  
Shepherd's Staff Choir

**\*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*

Isabel Libby

**\*CLOSING HYMN #525 (NCH)**

**This Little Light of Mine**

**BENEDICTION**

Carrie Gotwals

**POSTLUDE**

Gold  
*Britt Nicole*  
Youth Worship Band

- Welcome to all who are here for the first time. Please fill out the blue “Welcome” card in the pew 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)

*Worship Leaders:* Senior High Youth Group

*Deacons:* Lee McNally, Frank Luppino

*Ushers and Greeters:* Phil Gotwals, Jim Leighton, Rich Weitzel, Matt Brand, Mary Lane, Jared Cotton, John Madsen

*Altar Guild:* Val Kistler, Chris Arren

*Flowers:* Beverly Bolivar

*Youth Worship Band:* Sam Atallah, Andrew Tegeler, Emma Findlay-Walters, Courtney Brennan, David Yeh, Dave Johnson

*The flowers on the altar are given today to the glory of God and in celebration of the spirit and energy of our church's young people by the flower committee.*

## Announcements

**MEETING TODAY** about the Capital Campaign and DayStar building in the Sanctuary immediately following the Worship Service. Please stay and join us if you can.

**TODAY! End of the Year BBQs.** Junior High BBQ: 1-3pm at the DeMaria Residence (71 Powers St, Needham) and Senior High BBQ: 5-7pm at the Cotton Residence (40 Sunset Rd, Needham). Please bring a dish to share: (Last name A-D: Dessert, E-K: appetizer, L-P: salad or side dish, R-Z: Drinks). Hot dogs, burgers, and veggie burgers will be provided. Youth, siblings, and parents welcome! Rain location: Fellowship Hall.

**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.

**June Program Sunday School:** June 8, 15, 22. The Guatemala Partnership will be leading Bible Village for grades K-5. During Sunday School the kids will learn a song (in Spanish and English) called Mi Cuerpo Hace Musica/My Body Makes Music. They will also visit a different workshop each week (art, cooking, or story) which will teach them about Guatemalan culture, the partnership, and how the partnership is one of our church's responses to the Golden Rule.

**End of Year Bible Village Celebration:** June 8, 11:30am-12:30pm. The whole church community is invited to Fellowship Hall after worship for lunch and a celebration of the Sunday School year, including: attendance awards, teacher appreciation, rising up ceremony for Preschoolers entering Bible Village, and musical performance.

### **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

**Guatemala Yard Sale: Thanks (and Items Still Available):** The yard sale May 17<sup>th</sup> was hugely successful, our best results in 24 years. Thanks to 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 who ran the jewelry table, cashiered, and helped pack up at the end of the day. Items still available: a 7 x 10ft. oval braided rug, a vintage bowlback mandolin

(circa 1900), and a vintage Mah Jong set of bone and bamboo tiles. Contact Brenda if interested: [bmetzler7@verizon.net](mailto:bmetzler7@verizon.net).

**June Altar Flowers**: The committee is looking for donors for June 29<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Beverly Bolivar at 781-449-2202 or [bwbolivar@verizon.net](mailto:bwbolivar@verizon.net).

**August Vacation Bible School!** Kids ages 3-10 are invited to the "StudioGo!" on August 25-28, 8:30am-noon, to create crafts, play exciting games, participate in meaningful community service, sing, and enjoy snacks. Registration forms are available on the website at [www.needhamucc.org/vbs](http://www.needhamucc.org/vbs)

**Registration for the 2014/2015 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. For more info, visit [www.myyouthcenter.org](http://www.myyouthcenter.org) or contact Jamie at 781-444-2510 ext. 198 or [info@myyouthcenter.org](mailto:info@myyouthcenter.org).

**Calendar for June 1<sup>st</sup>-June 8<sup>th</sup>**

<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>June 1<sup>st</sup></b></p>	<p>8:30am 9am 9am 9am 11:00am 1pm 5pm 7pm</p>	<p>Youth Worship Band Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> All Youth Choirs Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Youth Sunday Speakers Rehearsal, <i>Chapel</i> Friendly Chime Ringers Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Church Meeting, <i>Sanctuary</i> Junior High BBQ, <i>DeMaria Residence</i> Senior High BBQ, <i>Cotton Residence</i> Guatemala Partnership Meeting, <i>Library</i></p>
<p><b>Monday</b> <b>June 2<sup>nd</sup></b></p>	<p>9am</p>	<p>Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i></p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> <b>June 3<sup>rd</sup></b></p>	<p>6pm 7pm</p>	<p>Community Dinner, <i>Linden Hall</i> Deacons Meeting, <i>Library</i></p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> <b>June 4<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>7:30pm</p>	<p>Youth Committee Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i></p>
<p><b>Thursday</b> <b>June 5<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>12pm 7:30pm</p>	<p>Lunch with Heike, <i>Library</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i></p>
<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>June 8<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>9am 10am 11:15am 11:30am</p>	<p>Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i> Friendly Chime Ringers rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Village End of Year Celebration, <i>Fellowship Hall</i></p>



# Congratulations Class of 2014!

Noa Baker-Durante, Matt Brand, Sara Castiglia, Meriel Conroy\*, Jared Cotton\*,  
Luke DeMaria, Amanda Farr, Carrie Gotwals, Emma Findlay-Walters,  
Mae Hardebeck, Katherine Kirk, Mary Lane, Thomas Lively, John Madsen,  
Chris McKay, Emily McNally, Dan Moder, Kira Oberle,  
Mitch Suarez\*, Andrew Tegeler  
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The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, *Pastor Emeritus*