



# CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

United Church of Christ

June 12, 2016



## 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, 12, 2016

10:00am

*Children are always welcome in Worship with their parents/guardians.  
Pre-K children are invited to the nursery throughout the service.*

**PRELUDE**

Interlude  
*Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Elizabeth Kuhlman

Leader: Gather to give thanks with your whole heart! Rejoice in God's love and faithfulness!

**People: We bow down, for this is God's holy temple. We pour out our thanks in songs of praise.**

Leader: God answers us when we call. Our Creator increases our strength of soul.

**People: Great is the glory of our God! We rejoice in God's steadfast love.**

Leader: Wait for God, and hope in God's Word. Open your hearts to the holy presence in our midst.

**People: Our ears are attentive to the voice of God. We open our lives to God's direction.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #28 (NCH)**

**For the Beauty of the Earth**

## OPENING PRAYER

### *Call to Prayer*

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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

Leader: Let us pray.

### *Unison Prayer*

**Our souls wait for you, O God.**

**Our hearts are open to your guidance.**

**May our worship draw us together in unity, with a sense of direction and purpose for your church and our individual lives.**

**Renew us within so that nothing we face around us can undermine our faith or cause us to despair.**

**Claim us all as sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, and help us to reflect his love for us in all that we say and do.**

**Hear us as we pray ...**

### *Silent Prayer*

### *Lord's Prayer*

### *Prayer Response*

3 Fold Amen

*Anon*

## ANTHEM

A Place For You

*Donald Callan Freed (b.1955)*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 4: 5-18

NT, p. 170

## SERMON

"It's All Worth It"

Rev. Heike Werder

## OFFERTORY

### *Concerns and Celebrations*

*Anthem*

Sonata Op 13 #8—Adagio Cantabile  
*Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)*  
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*

**ORDER FOR THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Invitation to the Table*

*Communion Prayer*

*Prayer Response*

**Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you Lord!**

*Distribution of the Bread and Cup*

Music for the Bread and Cup: **For Everyone Born** (*see insert*)

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith. Increase our love for one another. Send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN # 397 (NCH) Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers**

**BENEDICTION**

## CHORAL BENEDICTION

Peace I Leave With You  
*Mrs. H. H. A. Beach (1867-1944)*

## POSTLUDE

Voluntary in C  
*John Stanley (1712-1786)*

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

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

*Special thanks to Soomi Lee Lowry for sharing her gift of music with us this morning.*

- 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:* Elizabeth Kuhlman

*Deacons:* Frank Luppino, Sally Fitzgerald

*Communion Servers:* Jean Veigas, Dibby Moder,  
Lee McNally, Carol Miller

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

*Altar Guild:* Denice Koljonen, Laura Cullen

*Flowers:* Beverly Bolivar

*Flower Delivery:* Jean Veigas

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Radm. Ralph M. Ghormley-USN, Capt. Martin J. Twite-USN, Cdr. Charles P. Gabeler-USN & CPO James W. Sensbach-USN.  
From “A Shipmate”*

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The Rev. Heike Werder, Associate Minister  
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Youth Ministries

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY Rain or Shine: End of Year Church Barbeque after church outside back or Fellowship Hall if raining.**

**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 dor-mouse99@gmail.com for more information. Please drop by and try us out!

### **Village Fair—Rustic Chic**

It's time to start thinking about the Village Fair! In preparation for a new table at the fair, Rustic Chic, items are needed. Contact Isabell Wells at 781-449-8907 or allnorder2@yahoo.com if you have any of the listed items below you can donate.

Items with a 50's flair; Barware—vintage 50's and 60's, mirrors (painted or wood); Succulents; Items to plant with small plants or succulents; Funky candle holders; Votifs; Seashells; Candles; Wine Corks; Beads to make jewelry; Old Maps; Beer Caps

### **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 millerc291@verizon.net for more information.

**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.

### **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 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, [pmcclary@citymissionboston.org](mailto:pmcclary@citymissionboston.org).

### ***Invitation from the Board***

Please join Board members and our Treasurer, Jen Connors at 11:30 on Sunday, June 26 for a forum on the Capital Campaign, the future use of 1180 Great Plain Avenue and plans for capital improvements at 1154 Great Plain Avenue.

(Spoiler alert: These are all related!)

We plan to review where we are, how we got here, and options for the future- short and long term. We are interested in hearing from you as we move forward together. I hope you can join us.

***Jackie Allen, Moderator***



## CALENDAR June 12th—July 31st

Sunday, June 12th	10:00am 11:30am	Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> End of Year Church BBQ
Monday, June 13th	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>1154 Reception</i>
Sunday, June 19th  <b>Father's Day &amp; Blessing of Youth Mission Trip</b>	8:15 am 10:00am	Men's Breakfast, <i>Library</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i>
Sunday, June 26th	10:00am 11:30am	Worship—Hymn Sing, <i>Sanctuary</i> Capital Campaign Forum
Sunday, July 3rd	10:00am	Worship—Communion, <i>Chapel</i>
Tuesday, July 12th	6:00 pm	Community Dinner, <i>Linden Hall</i>
Sunday, July 17th	10:00am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i>
Sunday, July 31st	10:00am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i>

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. 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.



## For Everyone Born

1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,  
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,  
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,  
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,  
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,

for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,  
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,  
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,  
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,

a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,  
 the hands of a child, in hands that are wrin - kled,  
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,  
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver -  
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's  
 for young and for old, the right to be -  
 for just and un - just, a new way to  
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be

## Refrain

E Bsus4 B E E/G#

head.  
fair.  
long.  
live.  
free.

And God will de-light when we are cre-

A2 Bsus4 E E/G# A2 Bsus4 B

a-tors of jus-tice and joy, com-pas-sion and peace: yes,

C#m7 E/B A2

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

Bsus4 B E Bsus4 B

last time  
E

jus - tice and joy.