



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

June 15, 2014

Theme: Great Bible Stories



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 15, 2014

10:00am

Childcare for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers is available in the preschool room downstairs during the service. Grades K-5 start in the Sanctuary at 10am, then leave for the June Program in the Chapel and workshops. Grades K-1 proceed to Cooking; Grades 2-3 proceed to Story; Grades 4-5 proceed to Art. There is no class for grades 6-12, please stay in worship with families.

PRELUDE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
The Friendly Chime Ringers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Janet Jankowiak

Leader: We come like Abraham and Sarah, people with a vision.

People: We come like Job and Thomas, people with questions.

Leader: We come like Mary and Peter, people with self-doubts.

People: We come like Deborah and Joshua, people with courage.

Leader: We come like Zacchaeus and David, people with regrets.

People: We come like Moses and Jesus, people impatient with injustice.

Leader: We come to the Bible, where there is always a story for us.

People: We come together to worship and to hear the stories of our faith.

OPENING HYMN # 305 (NCH)

You Servants of God

OPENING PRAYER

Janet Jankowiak

Call to Prayer

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us pray.

Unison Prayer

Holy God, we thank you for the Bible.

We thank you for Adam and Eve who discovered how much they needed one another.

We thank you for Abraham and Sarah who heard your call to walk in faith and trusted that you would tell them how to go.

We thank you for Moses who stood up to Pharaoh even when he was afraid.

We thank you for Jesus who showed us how much God loves us.

We thank you for Paul who fought for his faith and never stopped trying.

We thank you for Mary who discovered that Jesus was alive.

We thank you for everyone who listened to God's voice.

As we hear the Bible's stories, help us to find a message for our lives today. Inspire us as we pray...

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response

ANTHEM

Nearer, My God, to Thee
arr. Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

text: Hymn # 351 (PH)
Eric Slosser, cello
Dave Darmofal, piano

SERMON

Jacob: A Bad Boy Grows Up
based on Genesis 25-50
Susan Cartmell

HYMN (seated) # 318 (NCH) Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

MORNING PRAYER

Heike Werder

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 No. 20 in C-Sharp Minor
Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)
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 #307 (NCH) Glorious Things of You are Spoken**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

May the Lord Watch Over You
Ruth Elaine Schram (b. 1956)
Eric Slosser, cello
Dave Darmofal, piano

POSTLUDE

Fugue in D Minor
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

****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: Janet Jankowiak

Deacons: Craig Morrison, Robert Kennedy

Ushers: Mike Normile, Janet Jankowiak, Bob Everts, Jim Conroy

Altar Guild: Chris Arren

Flowers: Beverly Bolivar

Flower delivery: Joanne Seiden

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in honor of our fathers. Happy Father’s Day from the Cullen 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

Exploring The Life and Work of Thomas Berry: *TODAY at 11:30am*, Linden Hall. Join to watch an amazing documentary about the great ecologist, Thomas Berry. Berry has been a pioneer in the field of spirituality and ecology, and has created a quiet revolution. He is a monk, a cultural historian, an author, a teacher, and a mystic. Lunch will be available for the event.

Trip to Germany - June 2015: Plans for our trip to Germany are on their way. If you are interested in going on the trip or exploring this possibility, join us for a first meeting on **June 29, 2014** after the worship service. At this meeting we will discuss travel dates, cost, and itinerary. The trip is open to extended family as well. Please speak to Rev. Heike if you have any questions.

EMT Summer Garden: Thankfully the cool days are gone and Summer is here. What is growing in your garden? Share a photo of your herbs, flowers, or veggies. Three easy steps: take a photograph, add your name, and bring to church to post on the EMT bulletin board across from Jamie's office. Let's see what grown!

Noah's Ark Board Position : There is an opening for a treasurer for the preschool. We need someone to keep track of the budget and attend the Board meetings on monthly on the second Monday. Please speak to one of the ministers or NAP Board president Laurie Davis if you are interested in being considered.

Bible Study– Sunday Group– Join us in the Reception Room at 11:30am. Newcomers are welcome! Contact Sunu Yeh for more information—dormouse99@gmail.com

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

Capital Campaign Pledge: If you have not paid your capital campaign pledge and are in a position to pay anytime, this summer would be a good time to pay any or all of the amount. Some families are paying on a monthly or yearly schedule. If you have any flexibility in your ability to pay your pledge, this would be a helpful time to make your contribution. As always, the church remains very grateful for your generosity.

VBS Program: Is in need of **empty cardboard cereal boxes**. Please bring them to the church throughout the summer and drop off at Rev. Jamie's office.

Registration for the 2014/2015 school year at The Center is now open:

The Center is an after school drop-in program for 6th (and returning 7th/8th) graders. For more info, visit www.myyouthcenter.org or contact Jamie at 781-444-2510 ext. 198 or info@myyouthcenter.org.

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 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—Carole Oberle, Frank Luppino, and Fabienne Madsen, Deacons; Mike Yeh, and Jackie Allen, Board Members.

CALENDAR June 15– July 4

Sunday June 15th	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Friendly Chime Ringers Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Exploring Thomas Berry, <i>Linden Hall</i> Bible Study, <i>Reception Room</i>
Monday June 16th	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i>
Wednesday June 18th	7:30 pm	Music Team Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
Thursday June 19th	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Sunday June 22nd	10:00 am 11:30 am	Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Church Evaluation Meeting
Tuesday June 24th	7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee Meeting
Sunday June 29th	10:00 am 11:30 am	Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i> Germany Trip Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Friday, July 4th		* Offices Closed.

Join Alpha^o this fall

What is Alpha:

A program led by Rev. Susan and Rev. Jamie.

Who is invited:

Anyone who started to attend the church in the last two years.

When:

Fall 2014

What Happens:

- We share a meal – adults and children together.
- After we eat Susan leads the adult discussion.
- Jamie leads a lesson for the children on the same topic. Her program is called Alpha Junior.



What topics?

- Who is Jesus?
- Can faith help me?
- Why read the Bible?
- Are there miracles?
- How do we learn to pray?
- What about sin?
- What is the purpose of a faith community?

Each week Susan and Jamie will give a short lesson and provide time for discussion (for adults) and activities (for kids).



Previous Alpha participants have said

it was one of the best programs they ever found for their families.

One said...

"When we joined Alpha, we were new to Needham and to the church. Alpha was a great way to meet people and get to know them on more than a superficial basis. We made lasting friendships."

To sign up or for more information, contact Susan at revsusan@needhamucc.org or Jamie at revjamie@needhamucc.org. Go on to the doodle site (address below) to let us know what times are best for you.

If you are interested in joining Alpha, please take our doodle poll (<http://doodle.com/cdakurxp3a8ndmru>) to help us choose a day and time that will work best for everyone. Please visit www.needhamucc.org/alpha.

Join us for food and
food for thought.

