



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

United Church of Christ

June 19, 2016

In Memoria



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 19, 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

O Lord Most Holy
Franz ABT (1819-1885)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

A Prayer for Our Children
Music by Johann Cruger
Contemporary words by Carolyn Gillette 1999

CALL TO WORSHIP : Choose Peace

Jean Veigas

Leader: Christ sets before us this day life and death and calls for us to choose life that we and our children may live.

People: We accept life, so teach us to live, O God.

Leader: Christ sets before us this day the challenge to seek peace and to pursue it.

People: We accept the challenge of peace, so enable us to pursue it.

Leader: Christ sets before us this day the call to be peacemakers; to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to a suffering world.

People: We gather to embody God's love and desire for peace for all people; to hear and give voice to creation's cry for justice and peace.

***OPENING HYMN # 575 (NCH)**

O for a World

OPENING PRAYER

Call to Prayer

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us pray.

Unison Prayer

Lord, make us an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon.

Where there is discord, vision.

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is darkness, light.

Where there is sadness, comfort.

Hear us as we pray ...

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debt, debtors...)

Prayer Response

Three Fold Amen

Anon

ANTHEM

Teach Me Thy Song O Lord

Craig Courtney

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 4: 16-21

NT p. 223

SERMON

"Here to Love"

Rev. Heike Werder

***HYMN**

For all the Children

See Insert

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.

Leader: Let us pray!

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Response #521(NCH)

In Solitude

In solitude, in solitude, I come to 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

Namaste
Mark Hayes

**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**

Praise the Source of All Creation

See Insert

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

Fanfare
Dietrich Buxtehude

****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, our church website.

Worship Assistant: Jean Veigas

Deacons: Carol Miller, Sunu Yeh

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

Altar Guild: Diana Conroy

Flowers: Beverly Bolivar

Flower Delivery: Mary Lou Hughes

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.

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Youth Ministries

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us today at 5 pm in our Sanctuary for a prayer service to honor and remember the victims and their families of the Orlando mass shooting.

***This service is offered to the Needham community
by the Clergy Association.***

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!

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!

Circle of Hope "Baby Shower"

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. Items will be delivered to Circle of Hope the following week. If you have questions, please contact Amy Massey at amyemassey@gmail.com.

Note From The Ushers

Would you like to contribute to the life of our church, but are worried you might not have time? Consider ushering! Ushers serve one Sunday per month, and need to be in the sanctuary from about 20 minutes before and 20 minutes after service. Interested? Please speak with Eric Slosser or email him at eric@slosser.net

Seeking Travelers for February 2017 Delegation

Recruitment has begun for the February 2017 delegation to Guatemala! Travel dates are February 15-26, 2017. We hope to have a healthy mix of adults and high school youth to represent the church. Since airline tickets must be purchased in late September, please contact delegation leader Brenda Metzler as soon as possible with your interest or questions: (781) 449-5696 or bmetzler7@verizon.net.

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 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 Peney McClary, pmclary@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 19th– July 31st

<p>Sunday, June 19th</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>In Memoria Of Orlando</i></p>	<p>8:15 am 10:00am</p> <p>11:30am 5:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Men's Breakfast, <i>Library</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> <i>Father's Day & Blessing of</i> <i>Youth Mission Trip</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Prayer Service, <i>Sanctuary</i></p>
<p>Sunday, June 26th</p>	<p>10:00am 11:30am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Worship-Hymn Sing, <i>Sanctuary</i> Capital Campaign Forum Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i></p>
<p>Sunday, July 3rd</p>	<p>10:00am 11:30am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Worship Service-Communion, Chapel</i> <i>Bible Study, Conference Room</i></p>
<p>Monday, July 4th</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Independence Day</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Office Closed</i></p>
<p>Sunday, July 10th</p>	<p>10:00am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Worship Service, Chapel</p>
<p>Tuesday, July 12th</p>	<p>6:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Community Dinner, Linden Hall</i></p>
<p>Sunday, July 17th</p>	<p>10:00am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Worship Service, Chapel</i></p>
<p>Sunday, July 31st</p>	<p>10:00am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Worship Service, Chapel</p>

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-up at church or 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 if you are interested in a scholarship application.



For All The Children
Hymn Insert



HYMN

For All the Children

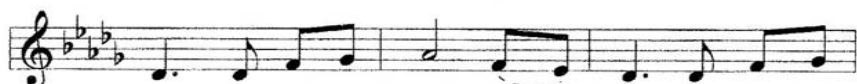
Words and Music by David Lohman

IWR & Faith Work Coordinator

National Gay & Lesbian Task Force's Institute for Welcoming Resources



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple To
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, That
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives Cut
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture When



raise our song a - bove, And we dare to claim the
one day they be free; And we sing for gen - er -
short by fear and shame So a - fraid of who they
chil - dren far and wide, Can— live their lives with



pro - mise of Your love, _____ Though the
a - tions yet to be, _____ That they
are and whom they love. _____ May the
dig - ni - ty and pride. _____ As they



day may not yet be here, We— trust it soon will
nev - er have a rea - son To— doubt that they are
mess - age now be ban - ished That Your love is for the
grow in strength and sta - ture, May they join us hand in



be, When your chil - dren— will be free. _____
blest. May they, in Your— love, find rest. _____
few, May their faith in— You re - new. _____
hand, As a - gainst all— hate we stand. _____

REFRAIN

O, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, Fling the
church doors o - pen wide. May there be room e - nough for
ev - 'ry - one in - side. For in God there is a
wel - come, In God we all be - long. May that
wel - come be our song.

Text: David Lohman
Music: David Lohman

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Dedicated to
REV. ANN B. DAY
&
DONNA ENBERG

in honor and celebration for their twenty years as leaders of the
Open and Affirming Program of the United Church of Christ
Coalition for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns,
and for their founding and ongoing spirit in the ecumenical
Welcoming Church Movement.

June 2007

A bulletin-ready copy and the piano accompaniment
are both available under Worship Resources at our web site:
www.WelcomingResources.org

Praise the Source of All Creation

Hymn Insert

**Words to hymn sung to the music of hymn #182 (NCH)
We Have Come At Christ's Own Bidding**



Winning Hymn

Praise the Source of All Creation

(Genesis 1:1-27, 31; Proverbs 3:13-18)

by Jann Aldredge-Clanton

Praise the Source of all creation, giving life throughout the Earth,
blessing every love relation, filling all with sacred worth.
Celebrate all forms and colors, varied beauty everywhere,
streams of goodness overflowing, wondrous gifts for all to share.

Many genders, many races, all reflect Divinity;
many gifts and many graces help us be all we can be.
Partners on this path of freedom, taking down each stifling wall,
we will open doors of welcome, bringing hope and joy to all.

Long have many been excluded, judged and scorned by custom's norms;
everyone will be included as we work to bring reforms.
Let us end abuse and violence, bringing justice everywhere,
joining Holy Wisdom's mission, helping all be free and fair.

Equal marriage, healing, freeing, nurtures body, mind and soul,
reaffirming every being, all created good and whole.
Come, rejoice and sing together, celebrating life and love;
praise the great Creative Spirit, living in us and above.

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We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1988

1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and
 2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the
 3 Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our

ho - ly place, Where we wait with hope and long - ing for some
 flesh-joined Word, Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the
 faith de - cline, We, like Pe - ter, find it tempt-ing to re -

to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -
 heav - enly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with
 main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us

sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, Search - ing
 won - der how the Law and Proph - ets meet: Christ with
 cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, That our

like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
 gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.
 dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.