



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

June 21, 2015

Theme: Acts of the Apostles



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 21, 2015

10:00am

Childcare for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers is available in the preschool room downstairs during the service.

PRELUDE

Awake My Soul, And With The Sun
arr. Wilbur Held (1915- 2015)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL WORSHIP

Frank Arren

Leader: God has invited each of us to be here today.

People: We come just as we are to this holy place.

Leader: Let us join hands—those of us with great faith, and those with cherished doubts.

People: Let us tune our hearts to hear God’s good news for us.

Leader: Come together as a people of God—to listen, pray and sing.

People: We come to this sacred space seeking inspiration and hope.

***OPENING HYMN #199** (*Red Hymnal*)

Crown Him With Many Crowns

OPENING PRAYER

Call to Prayer

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us pray.

Unison Prayer

Creator God, we see your hand in lazy sunsets, warm surf, and lightening bugs.

Christ Jesus, we see your love, your healing for the blind, your compassion for the outcast, and your humanity that awakens our best selves.

Holy Spirit, we see power in lives changed, and hearts alive to faith.

Holy Trinity, help us listen to your still small voice—comforting, guiding and calling us to meet you in this hour...

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response

MEMORIAL CANDLE LIGHTING

The candle lighting is to commemorate the nine lives lost at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in South Carolina.

ANTHEM

My Song Shall Be Always of the Loving
Kindness of the Lord
Godfrey Sampson (1902-1949)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2: 22-33

NT p. 113

SERMON

“The Church of Jesus Christ”
Susan Cartmell

HYMN #232 (*Red Hymnal*) Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

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

OFFERTORY

Anthem

The Lord's Prayer
Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

**Doxology*

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

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.**

***CLOSING HYMN #436** (*Black Hymnal*)

**God of Grace and
God of Glory**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Peter C. Lukin (1858-1931)

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in F Major
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

** 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.

Today is the last Sunday that Dr. Deregis will be leading our Chancel Choir until the fall. We want to thank Bobby and the entire choir for their ministry of music throughout the year and the way that they share their musical gifts with all of us. Please take this opportunity to thank Bobby and the members of the choir in the Coffee Hour today.

Today we say goodbye to David and Lynn Rhoads who have been long-time members of our church. They raised their sons Gabriel and Julian in the church and their family has been active in all aspects of the church. Both Lynn and David served on Deacons, and Outreach Committee. They championed and led the Hurley Project, an afterschool tutoring program at the Hurley School in Boston for many years. They have all traveled to Guatemala. Their support and friendship has been a gift to so many of us. We wish them the very best as they retire to North Adams MA.

Worship Leader: Frank Arren

Deacons: Joanne Seiden, Charles Baker

Altar Guild: Lee McNally

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

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.

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Valerie Becker, Director of Youth Music

Kristen Hydingler, Interim Youth Director

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Boilers replacement - Today at Coffee Hour! Stop by the Environmental Ministries Team table at coffee hour to learn about our church building *1154* boiler replacement and heating system upgrade happening this summer and its associated savings. Some capital campaign financing has been approved for this. Reductions in energy costs and carbon footprint are on their way with a little help, please, from the congregation: some additional investment plus some radiator vacuuming in good fellowship. Contact Anne Hayek and Isabell Wells: EMT@needhamucc.org

Guatemala Partner-Family Letters Due June 28: Preparations are underway for the church's delegation to Guatemala in early August. Church families who write a family in Santa Maria Tzeja or sponsor a high-school scholarship student can do their part by writing their letters and e-mailing them by June 28th or earlier to: Davebjohnson@verizon.net. Our volunteer translators appreciate your efforts to decrease the stress of last-minute translations. And many thanks to the Confirmation Class for collecting vital school supplies for the delegation to deliver to the village!

June 28 is Hymn Sing Sunday: Please fill out one of the colored cards located in the pews with the titles of your favorite hymns and place in the offering tray.

Volunteer Opportunity for Baby Basics: Driver(s) needed to pick up/drop off diapers

When: Pick up diapers first Monday of every month and have them delivered into South Boston by 5 pm.

Where: Pick up from BJ's in Weymouth and deliver them to the South Boston Community Health Center in South Boston.

How often: Once a month

What's needed: A car/truck/van large enough to fit 15+# of cases of diapers. (If you're not sure how many you can fit, give us a call and we can talk about it.)

The staff @ BJ's and the SBCHC usually help w/loading/unloading of diapers but volunteers should be able to move them independently if needed.

Why: We rely on our diaper drivers to pick up/deliver the diapers so that we can provide these free diapers to our working, low-income families. We are growing our program so need more volunteers.

Interested in helping? Contact Amy Millay @ 617-840-6060 for more details. Thanks!

New "Lay Leadership" Web Page: Have you ever needed to know who are the members of a particular church committee, but you seem to have misplaced the list from the last Annual Meeting? You can now stop searching for that misplaced list. We have a new Lay Leadership page on the Needham UCC web site. The new page lists all church officers, plus all members of the five elected church committees (Board, Deacons, Outreach, Christian Education and Youth)

together with contact information. The page also lists and gives contact information for many of the other church teams and committees, including Finance, Open and Affirming, Music, Environmental Ministry, and Guatemala.

To reach the Lay Leadership page from the Needham UCC home page, click on "Contact Us" at the upper right, just above the pictures, then on "Lay Leadership" on the page that comes up.

LED Bulb Donations to Continue: If you are out shopping for energy efficient LED bulbs for your home, please consider purchasing one or two for the church. Please leave bulbs in the donation box located near the mailboxes in the church office. Here is a list of what is needed for the church:

14 12W (800-1100 lumens) A-21 lamps
45 8W (450-800 lumens) A-19 lamps
30 8W (450-800 lumens) G25 lamps

All of the lamps should have a temperature of 2700K which will provide warmer light. Check out the EMT bulletin board for more information about LED bulbs.

New Grief Group : Grief does not end with a funeral. When you lose someone you love it takes a long time to adjust to the change. Whether the grief you experience is a death or other loss, sometimes it helps to know you are not alone. Living with someone who has memory loss is a grief process. Often it helps to be with others who have some similar experiences. If you would be interested in joining a prayer support group for those who are grieving please speak to Rev. Susan or send her an e-mail – revsusan@needhamucc.org.

Your Legacy?: Have you considered leaving the church in your will? For more information contact Len Chang. adelennig@verizon.net. Thanks for considering this important way to light the path for others who follow.

Friendly Chimers: Friendly Chimers invites anyone interested in a fun, hands-on musical experience to join them in their rehearsals, in the sanctuary. Prerequisites: be able to keep time, enjoy being in a group. For information, contact Joanne Seiden 781-449-6535; jseiden@basiclink.com.

Adult Bible Study: Sunday 11:30 Conference Room: Sunday Bible Study: Minor Prophets. Please join us during the summer to read an often overlooked section of the Bible, the minor prophets, those small books at the end of the Old Testament. There are powerful words here about justice, mercy and repentance. If you would like to drop by and see what Bible Study is like, please do so- there is no need to have done any reading before joining us. But if you do want to know what we will be covering the following Sunday, please contact Sunu Yeh at dormouse99@gmail.com.

Registration for the 2015/2016 school year at The Center is now open: The Center is an after school drop-in program for 6th (and returning 7th/8th) graders. With staff supervision, we hope that youth grow in confidence and respect for themselves and others, develop lasting friendships, learn to make positive choices, and pursue new interests. For more information, visit www.myyouthcenter.org or call 781-453-4078 or email info@myyouthcenter.org.

Summer Music: Our youth music director Valerie Becker will be playing the beautiful Steinway recently donated by Rich and Dana Devereux. Members are encouraged to offer solos and instrumental voluntaries during the service as well. Please contact Valerie Becker at davalvideo@verizon.net if you are interested.

Senior High Mission Day!: *Thursday, June 25, 8am-6pm.* We will be organizing a Senior High Mission Day to do some much-needed work in our church building. Cost is now free! Bring your own lunch. Light breakfast, snacks, and dinner will be provided. Please sign up by June 20 via email to Kristen Hydinger at youth@needhamucc.org.

Call for February 2016 Delegation Travelers: It's not too early to be planning to join the February 2016 delegation to Guatemala! Travel dates are February 10-21, 2016. 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.

The Furniture Team needs your help. The church has lots of wonderful new space to furnish and put to work for church programs. Monetary and in-kind donations are welcome: **MOST WANTED FURNITURE LIST:** Two large conference tables and chairs, Nichols & Stone college arm chairs, Pair of modern upholstered chairs, Pair of traditional upholstered chairs, Loveseat, Coffee table and side table, FIVE 60" round folding tables, Artwork and frames--medium to large.

Items must be in very good condition. Upholstered pieces can be in need of slipcovers. Please contact Judi Stewart at jmgstewart@verizon.net with photos and dimensions or call 781-449-3999. The furniture team would like to look at all furniture prior to donation.

CALENDAR June 21th—July 3rd

Sunday, June 21st Father's Day	8:15 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Men's Breakfast, <i>Library</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i>
Monday, June 22nd	8:45 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i>
Tuesday, June 23rd	7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee
Thursday, June 25th	8:00 am	Senior High Mission Day
Sunday, June 28th	10:00 am 11:30 am	Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i>
Monday, June 29th	8:45 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i>
Friday, July 3rd Independence Day Observed		Offices Closed