

### 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.

### Open and Affirming Statement

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.  
*(This statement adopted in 2000, reflects the welcome of gay,  
 lesbian, bisexual, transgender people and their friends and families.)*

Welcome to all who are new or here for the first time! If you are  
 interested in learning more about our church, please email Rev. Jim at  
 revjim@needhamucc.org, Rev Heike at revheike@needhamucc.org or call  
 the office at 781-444-2510 to set up a conversation.

For updates on church life, our family ministries, Christian Education and  
 Youth Ministries follow us at: @NeedhamUCC on Instagram  
 Congregational Church of Needham UCC on Facebook  
 @needhamucc on Twitter www.needhamucc.org

**Parish and Pastoral Relations Committee**  
 Committee Members: Tom Mollerus, Fred Moder and Diana Conroy  
 The Parish and Pastoral Relations Committee is a standing committee chosen by  
 the Board and Deacons that seeks to support and maintain an open and healthy  
 relationship between the pastor/s and members of the congregation. The com-  
 mittee does not seek to take the place of communications between the congre-  
 gation and the pastoral staff. Congregants who wish to communicate with this  
 committee may send an email to [pprc@needhamucc.org](mailto:pprc@needhamucc.org). **Please do not use  
 email to discuss sensitive or confidential matters; just use the email to set  
 up an appointment for a telephone or in-person meeting.**

**Board Members**  
 Moderator - Jackie Allen, Clerk - Keith McClelland  
Term Ends 2018 Michael Normile, Blair Wentworth, Sharmon Priaulx  
Term Ends 2019 Jim Conroy, Diane Rees, Kristin Mollerus  
Term Ends 2020 Howard Sesso, Kenneth Allen, Barbra Morton, Amanda Angel

**Deacons**  
Term Ends 2018 Lee McNally, Charlie Baker, Claudia Darmofal, Susan Lively,  
 Kirby Salerno  
Term Ends 2019 Rick Devereux, Dibby Moder, Scott Stewart, Carol Miller,  
 Jean Veigas  
Term Ends 2020 Kevin Blume, Paul Brown, Jane Clayton- Matthews, Sue Cotton,  
 Lucy Slosser

10:00 a.m. – 5

Please silence your cell phone before attending the service. You can  
 Check In on Facebook and let people know you are here. Feel free to  
 Tweet or Instagram during the service. If you would like or need a  
 hearing device an usher will be able to assist you. Children's Childcare is  
 offered for infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers in the Nursery located  
 downstairs during the service. After Time For Children, students are  
 dismissed to their classrooms for Bible Village. On Communion  
 Sundays, students attend Bible Village first and then join the Worship  
 Service for Communion.

Rev. Heike will be on sabbatical from June 18<sup>th</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> and on  
 vacation from July 1<sup>st</sup> - July 31<sup>st</sup>. For any pastoral care needs, please contact  
 Rev. Jim at [revjim@needhamucc.org](mailto:revjim@needhamucc.org) or 781-444-2510. You can also contact  
 the office at [office@needhamucc.org](mailto:office@needhamucc.org) or 781-444-2510.

### Rev. Jim Mitulski's Office Hours

Please contact the church office to schedule an appointment during his office hours of  
 Tuesday & Wednesday 2-6pm; Thursday 2-5pm  
 Evening hours are also available by appointment.

\*If these times do not work for you please contact the office for alternate availability.

Staff	
Interim Senior Minister The Rev. Jim Mitulski <a href="mailto:RevJim@needhamucc.org">RevJim@needhamucc.org</a> 781-444-2510, ext. 106	Church Administrator Danielle Jurdan <a href="mailto:Office@needhamucc.org">Office@needhamucc.org</a> 781-444-2510, ext. 101
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Director of Children & Youth Ministries Madelyn Downer <a href="mailto:Youth@needhamucc.org">Youth@needhamucc.org</a> 781-444-2510, ext. 104	Music Director Valerie Becker <a href="mailto:musicdirector@needhamucc.org">musicdirector@needhamucc.org</a>
Organist/Accompanist Sangyoung Kim	Handyman Bill Donovan
Housekeeper Sanira Alchaar	

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 The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

10:00 a.m. – 6



An open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ

June 25, 2017

The Third Sunday after Pentecost  
 The Commemoration of Stonewall and LGBT Liberation Day  
 The Holy Baptism of Audrey Sophia Cronin  
 Music Appreciation Sunday

### PRELUDE

Pavan  
 Alec Rowley (1892 - 1958)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jim

### CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

### OPENING PRAYER Psalm 150

Praise God! Praise God in the sanctuary; praise God in the mighty firmament!  
**Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing  
 greatness!**  
 Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lute and harp!  
**Praise her with tambourine and dance; praise her with strings and pipe!**  
 Praise God with clanging cymbals; praise God with loud clashing cymbals!  
**Let everything that breathes praise God! Praise the Holy One!**

### OPENING HYMN #561 (Black, New Century)

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

### The Holy Baptism of Audrey Sophia Cronin

Rev. Jim and Madelyn Downer, MDiv.

Parents: Steve & Jennifer Cronin  
 Godparents: Christine Cassarino & Brian Cronin

### A Covenant Relationship

### Questions for the family

1. Will you tell this child God's story of love, the story of the Israelites' trust, the  
 story of Jesus' work of healing and justice, a story that continues today and has a  
 place for Audrey in it?
2. Will you teach Audrey to wonder, imagine and dream the way God does? To see  
 her role in the work of Love which is the work of God? To show her and model the  
 unconditional love of God as best as you are able?

3. Will you walk with Audrey through all the side paths and narrow places, the wide fields, the deep valleys, the landscape of faith? Will you encourage her to discover God again and again? To ask, to seek, to knock on God's front door and accept the invitation into God's heart?

### Blessing the Water

### Baptism by Water and the Spirit

**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.**

**Second time, unaccompanied, we sing for Audrey. Fall afresh on Her...**

### ANTHEM

Raise Your Voices  
*Graham and Lovland, arr. Emerson*  
Once in a While Choir

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 20:7-13

O God, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of God has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, “I will not mention God, or speak any more in God’s name,” then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: “Terror is all around! Denounce God ! Let us denounce God!” All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. “Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.” But God is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O God of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to God; praise God ! For God has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

### THE GOSPEL IN SONG

Matthew 10:24-31 and “Truly I am with you Always” by Cici Hunt

“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of the household! “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.”

**Cantor and response: Truly, I am with you always.**

10:00 a.m.– 2

Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

**Cantor and Response: Truly, I am with you always.**

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your heavenly Parent. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

**Cantor and Response: Truly, I am with you always.**

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Parent in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Parent in heaven.”

**Cantor and Response and in between verses: Truly, I am with you always.**

### SERMON

“When you sing, you pray twice”  
attributed to Saint Augustine  
“Sing out, Louise!” Rose Hovick in “Gypsy”

### HYMN #476 (Black, New Century)

### How Can I Keep from Singing

### COMMUNITY PRAYERS

*Concerns and Celebrations*

*Prayers for Our Friends and Families, Our Church, Our Community, and the World.*

*Lord’s Prayer (please pray whatever form is familiar to you; many choose to pray Our Father, Our Mother, Our Father and Mother, Our Creator, or Our Maker, or Father/Mother God...debts/debtors or trespasses/those who trespass...)*

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

*In each of our pews today is a black friendship book which we encourage you to fill out and pass to the person next to you during the offering. If you have been with us before, just put down your name, but if you are new today, please let us know who you are. Thanks!*

*Offertory Anthem*

“Gloria in excelsis Deo” from Nelson Mass  
*Joseph Haydn (1732 - 1809)*

### \*Doxology

***For the Life That You Have Given  
Tune: Pleading Savior (NCH 397; PH 409)***

***For the life that you have given,  
for the love in Christ made known,  
with these fruits of time and labor,  
with these gifts that are your own:  
here we offer, Lord, our praises;  
heart and mind and strength we bring;  
give us grace to love and serve you,  
living what we pray and sing.***

10:00 a.m.– 3

*Prayer of Dedication*

**CLOSING HYMN** (*insert*)

**Earth Is our Homeland**

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jim

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

May the Lord Watch Over You  
*Elaine Schram (b. 1956)*

**POSTLUDE**

Fanfare  
*Kenneth Leighton (1929 - 1988)*

*Worship Assistant:* Caryl Johnson

*Deacons:* Jean Veigas, Jane Clayton-Matthews

*Altar Guild:* Jean Veigas

*Ushers:* Craig Morrison, Valerie Kistler, Rob Blauvelt

*Flowers:* Beverly Bolivar

*Flower Delivery:* Carol Brown

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of our parents, Shirley and Carolyn Kilby and Robert and Edna McClelland and our dear friends John and Betty Wyeth by Keith and Lynn McClelland.*

Thank you to our guest organist David Owen. David has been active in the Boston area for more than thirty years, as a pianist, organist, composer, and conductor. Trained at the Eastman School and the Manhattan School, Mr. Owens has logged much experience as a collaborative performer, partnering with hundreds of singers and instrumentalists in song, choral, and chamber literature.

Mr. Owens compositions are published by Andrea Press, and include symphonic works, choral pieces, and a three-act opera—besides chamber and solo pieces of varying sizes. He has also worked as a music journalist, trying to heighten public awareness of listenable works from what he refers to as "Music Of Our Time And The Recent Past." Albany Records has released a CD recording of several of Mr. Owen’s works, including his much-praised Sonata for Two Pianos (Albany Records TROY 1506).(source: <http://www.lexingtonpopschorus.org/david-owens/>)

Today is Music Appreciation Sunday We are so grateful for ALL of the people who provide music for our worship services. First and foremost we appreciate Valerie Becker our Music Director, the foundation of our program. We appreciate also our organist Sangyoung Kim. We are grateful to our Chancel Choir who enrich our Sunday services and Holy Days throughout the year. We love the Friendly Chimers and their conductor! We esteem the children’s choir, the young adults for letting us hear the sound and show us the sight of our future. We appreciate the instrumentalists and soloists who join us throughout the year to supplement our performances and join us in our funeral services. We are grateful to the parents who sustain the program through volunteering, especially at Christmas Eve. We appreciate the Music Committee for their behind the scenes support in concerts, fundraising and administrative support. Our heartfelt thanks go out to Cici Hunt and the Once in a While Choir for sharing their voices with us. Thank you to the Youth Director and the participation of Sunday School and Bible Village. Thank you donors who make extra projects possible. All these things we do to glorify God in our worship and to bring beauty to our spiritual lives.

10:00 a.m.– 4

## Vacation Bible School | August 2017

### **SUPERHERO CENTRAL**



Have you always wanted super powers? Wouldn't it be fun if you could save the world?

At VBS: Superhero Central, we'll learn about all the super powers we already have! Love, Friendship, Hope, and Faith all work together to make the world a better place!

Our days will be filled with lots of fun arts and crafts, games and playground time, cooking class and snack time.

Students will bring brown bag lunches.  
Gluten-free snacks will be provided.

**August 21 - 25, 2017**

**NEW TIME: Drop-off at 9:00 AM; Pick-up at 2:00 PM**

#### Rates:

Get one day free when you sign up for the whole week!  
\$30/day or \$120/week for the first child

#### Family discount:

\$20/day or \$80/week for additional children

Registration is open!

VBS: Superhero Central is open to children ages 3-8.  
Children must be toilet trained.

If this program is cost-prohibitive for your family, please reach out to Maddie Downer, our youth director, regarding scholarships at [youth@needhamucc.org](mailto:youth@needhamucc.org). Please put "VBS Scholarship" in the subject line.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS**

**June 25, 2017**



The Congregational  
Church of Needham

### **Events & Announcements**

#### **Rev. Jim's Ecclesiastical Council**

Thank you to all the people who attended Jim's Ecclesiastical Council last Tuesday. 12 churches from the Metropolitan Boston Association participated. Rev. Jim was unanimously approved after a ninety minute period in which the churches asked questions about his theology. It was a stipulation of his contract with our church that he become a member of the Metropolitan Boston Association and move his standing from the Texas Conference of the UCC. Jim was ordained in 1983, and holds standing in several denominations but this now means he has permanent standing in the UCC and in the Massachusetts Conference and is no longer a Disciples of Christ minister. Our church showed very well and many visitors commented on our hospitality and on what a great time they had.

#### **Book Group Rescheduled!**

We are rescheduling the Book Group for **When Breath Becomes Air** to July. Check next week's bulletin and our social media for the re-scheduled date. The book is available in the book area outside the chapel. This gives us all a little more time to read it! Here's a video to watch if you want an incentive: [https://youtu.be/1Rg0TJPX\\_eM](https://youtu.be/1Rg0TJPX_eM)

#### **Sing! Prayer and Praise**

Join us Wednesday nights in the Chapel during the summer for a short Service of Fellowship, Praise and Singing! We will be using the UCC Songbooks, Sing! Prayer and Praise which were a gift to the church from Kathy Carpenter and Barbra Morton. It's a wonderful way to stay in touch and centered during the summer months!

#### **Be a part of summer Worship!**

If you would like to sing or play an instrument as part of the service either solo or in a group, please see Valerie Becker or send her an email at [musicdirector@needhamucc.org](mailto:musicdirector@needhamucc.org). We are looking to expand our Worship musically to include more variety for the summer months!

#### **FAMILY PROMISE SUMMER SUPPORT WEEKS-**

Fisk Methodist Natick July 16-23 and First Congregational Natick August 13-20. Contact Susan Kirk [susanckirk@comcast.net](mailto:susanckirk@comcast.net)

**Bible Study Group, Sundays at 11:30 a.m., Conference Room**

We are currently reading the book of Genesis a few chapters at a time. This is our last meeting for the summer. We will start up again after Labor Day with another section of the Bible. We love having new people come try us out!

**New Directory 2017**

We will be issuing a new member directory this year. Please send your family pictures and any updated contact information into the church office so they can be used in the directory.

**August Vacation Bible School: Super Hero Central Ages 3-8**

August VBS will be offered to students ages 3-8. We will learn how Jesus is a super power. Lots of games, crafts, and other fun activities. Students will bring brown bag lunches, snacks will be served. Please register online at [www.needhamucc.org/VBS](http://www.needhamucc.org/VBS).

Dates: Monday August 21– Monday August 25

Times: Drop Off at 9am / Pick Up at 2pm

**Bylaws Review**

A team of Deacons and Board Members has initiated a review of our Church’s bylaws to identify areas where updates would be helpful. The intent is to have any proposed changes ready for Congregational review in the late fall and for a vote at next January’s Annual Meeting.

The team is not contemplating changing the Church’s governing structure. An example of a helpful change we are considering is that in the case a board/deacons/committee member resigns, at the next Annual Meeting a new member will be elected to serve only the remaining years of the resigned members term, and not the standard 3-year term. This will prevent too many members of a committee all being on the same 3-year cycle. We are also evaluating how to make the Parish and Pastoral Relations Committee (PPRC) a permanent Committee of the Congregation. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for the team, feel free to contact any one of its members: Susan Lively, Mike Normile, Sharmon Priaulx, Howie Sesso, and Scott Stewart.

You can find a copy of the current Bylaws on the church web site.

<http://needhamucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/BYLAWS-revision-2011.pdf>. Or, from the Church home page ([needhamucc.org](http://needhamucc.org)) mouse over “Come” in the upper left. A pop-up menu will appear, click on “Who We Are”. The “Who We Are” page will appear. Click on “Our Church Bylaws” near the top.

**Calendar June 25th—July 23rd**

Sunday June 25th	8:30 am 9:15 am 10:00am 11:30 am	Chancel Choir Breakfast, <i>Linden Hall</i> Once in a While Choir Rehearsal, <i>Chapel</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Meditation Group w/ Sue Findlay, <i>Chapel</i>
Tuesday June 27th	7:00 pm	Outreach Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>
Friday June 30th		Office Closed
Sunday July 2nd	10:00am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i>
Monday July 3rd		Office Closed
Tuesday July 4th		Office Closed—Independence Day
Wednesday July 5th	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study –Book of Acts Sing! Prayer and Praise, <i>Chapel</i>
Friday July 7th		Office Closed
Sunday July 9th	10:00am 11:30 am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i> Deacon and Board Gathering, <i>Linden Hall</i>
Tuesday July 11th	6:00 pm	Community Dinner, <i>Linden Hall</i>
Wednesday July 13th	7:00 pm 7:40 pm	Sing! Prayer and Praise, <i>Chapel</i> Board Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>
Sunday July 16th	8:15 am 10:00am	Men’s Breakfast, <i>Library</i> Worship Service—Guest Preacher Rev. Betsy Sowers, <i>Chapel</i>
Wednesday July 19th	7:00 pm 7:40 pm	Sing! Prayer and Praise, <i>Chapel</i> Deacon’s Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>
Friday July 21st		Office Closed
Sunday July 23rd	10:00 am	Worship—Guest Preacher Lex Rofes, <i>Chapel</i>

6/18/2017 Collections\* = \$5,300.00  
6/18/2017 Worship Attendance = 73 people  
May Electronic Pledge Amount: \$12,639.82

Please contact the church office 781-444-2510 or [office@needhamucc.org](mailto:office@needhamucc.org) to find out how you can give electronically.

\*Collection amount does not include additional pledges received electronically.

Our current pledge amount for 2017 is \$367,804.00. This represents a budget shortfall of \$56,459.00 for the year.



309 Earth Is Our Homeland

*♩ = 112 Unison*

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