



# CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

United Church of Christ

June 26, 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.



Leader: Let us pray.

*Unison Prayer*

**All-knowing God, we gather together with praise  
and thanksgiving for who You are,  
and for all that You have done for us.  
You know us better than we know ourselves—  
all our thoughts and actions—  
and yet You love us.  
No matter where we go or what we do,  
Your love encircles us—ahead and behind—  
gently leading and guiding and blessing.  
We praise You for Your love and Your faithful presence  
in our lives.  
May Your Spirit move in our hearts and minds as we worship  
together—  
examine our attitudes and actions,  
lay bare the things we need to confess,  
challenge us with Your Word,  
and guide us on to paths that lead to life.  
For we are Your people, called by Your name.  
Hear us as we pray ...**

*Silent Prayer*

*Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)*

*Prayer Response*

Three Fold Amen  
*Anon*

**ANTHEM**

Be Thou Our Guide  
*Choral from Finlandia' Symphony by Jean Sibelius*  
*Arr. By Rob Roy Peery*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Psalm 100      Pg. 530

**OUR FAITH SET TO MUSIC**

*(see insert for hymns)*

**12th Century**

**Jesus the Very Thought of Thee**

<b>17th Century</b>	<b>The Lord's is My Shepherd</b>
<b>18th Century</b>	<b>I Sing the Mighty Power of God</b>
<b>19th Century</b>	<b>Just As I Am</b>
<b>20th Century</b>	<b>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</b>
<b>21st Century</b>	<b>God Is Still Speaking</b>

## **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.**

#### *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*

Allegretto from Sonata No. 4 in B flat Major  
*by Felix Mendelssohn*

#### *\*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** (*see insert*)      **The Lord Bless You and Keep You**

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE**

Festival Postlude  
*by Domenico Zipoli (1688-1722)*

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

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

- 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.

*Pilgrim Hymnal (Red Hymnal)*

*Worship Assistant:* Mike Normile

*Deacons:* Stephanie Oddleifson, Lee McNally

*Ushers:* Rob Blauvelt, Craig Morrison

*Altar Guild:* Diane Myers

*Flowers:* Beverly Bolivar

*Flower Delivery:* Martha Lamb

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Shirley and Carolyn Kilby and Robert and Edna*



## AUGUST VBS Animal Academy August 22 - 26 8:30 AM - Noon

\$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.

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.*

**Scholarships are available!** Please reach out to us at [youth@needhamucc.org](mailto:youth@needhamucc.org) if you are interested in a scholarship application.

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The Rev. Heike Werder, Associate Minister  
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Valerie Becker, Music Director  
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Sangyoung Kim, Organist/ Accompanist

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY: Capital Campaign Forum 11:30am. Please join Board members and our Treasurer to discuss where we are, how we got here, and future options for 1180 Great Plain Ave. and 1154 Great Plain Ave.**

**Church Office Hours for the week of June 27-July 1 are from 9am-2pm.**

### **Altar flowers are needed for the following Sundays in July**

July 10, 17 and 31. If you would like to contribute flowers in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one or friend, please contact Doris Cook at (781) 444-5591 or email her at [Doriscook2@aol.com](mailto:Doriscook2@aol.com) or call the church office at (781) 444-2510.

### **Prepare for the Fair!!**

GARDEN FENCE team creates Fall and Christmas silk flower arrangements, whimsical table decorations, and elegant and casual wreaths for our church fair. Donations that are in good shape are always welcome! We are looking for: small Christmas ornaments, Christmas-theme or fall decorative containers, candles and candle holders, Pine cones (no white please), Artificial non-plastic holiday greens, trees, wreaths, stems and sprays, grapevine wreaths, Figures (snowmen, Santa, birds, etc.), Christmas and fall silk flower stems and sprays, Winter berry stems, Garlands, Shells, and Artificial fruit - especially medium to small apples.

Questions about your donations, contact: Betty Peterson (781-444-1996) or Joanne Seiden (781-449-6535; [jseiden@basiclink.com](mailto:jseiden@basiclink.com)).

### **Village Fair Sweet Shop**

The Sweet Shop table is in need of donations of a variety of candy and fudge for the Village Fair. Also looking for volunteers to help with set up. Contact Carol Miller at [millerc291@verizon.net](mailto:millerc291@verizon.net) for more information.

### **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!

### **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](mailto:eric@slosser.net)

**FAMILY PROMISE SUPPORT WEEKS and TRAINING OPPORTUNITY-Fisk, Natick July 17-24 and First Congregational Natick (FCC) August 7-14.** If vol-

unteering with Family Promise is something you and the youth in your family have been wanting to do but find the school year too busy we will be hosting a **Training** at the church **Tuesday, August 2nd 7-8:30PM**. Please contact Susan Kirk [susanckirk@comcast.net](mailto:susanckirk@comcast.net) for more information and to learn more about this meaningful summer volunteer opportunity.

### CALENDAR June 26th– July 31st

Sunday, June 26th	10:00am 11:30am	Worship-Hymn Sing, <i>Sanctuary</i> Capital Campaign Forum Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i>
Sunday, July 3rd	10:00am 11:30am	Worship Service-Communion, <i>Chapel</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i>
Monday, July 4th <b>Independence Day</b>		Office Closed
Sunday, July 10th	10:00am	Worship Service, <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>

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