



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

June 28, 2015

Theme: Acts of the Apostles

Hymn Sing



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 28, 2015

10:00am

Children are always welcome in Worship with their parents/guardians. Childcare is available in the crib/toddler room on the lower level for infants and toddlers.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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: We come just as we are to the sacred space.

Leader: Come to listen, pray and sing.

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

***OPENING HYMN #386** (*Black Hymnal*)

**The Church's One
Foundation**

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 your 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

Congregational Response #521 (Black Hymnal)
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In Soli-

Verses 1 & 2

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2: 42-47

p. 114 NT

OUR FAITH SET TO MUSIC

335 (Red Hymnal) What a Friend We Have in Jesus

353 (Red Hymnal) Lord, I want to be a Christian, vs 1&4

404 (Red Hymnal) Take My Life and Let It Be

481 (Red Hymnal) I Sing a Song of the Saint's of God, vs

1&3

How Great Thou Art (see insert) vs. 1&2

591 (Black Hymnal) This Is My Song

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 # 77 (Red Hymnal)
Soul

Be Still, My

vs. 1&2

OFFERTORY

Anthem

**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 #423 (Black Hymnal) Great is Your Faithfulness**

BENEDICTION

**BENEDICTION #82 (Black Hymnal) Go, My Children, with My
Blessing**

POSTLUDE

**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 Leaders: Carol Oberle, Charlie Baker, Sandra Summers

Deacons: Stephanie Oddleifson, Claudia Darmofal

Altar Guild: Val Kistler

Ushers: Rob Blauvelt, Craig Morrison, Chris Nyland, Kevin Ward

Flowers: Beverly Bolivar

Flower Delivery: Mary Lou Hughes

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 McClelland, and our dear friends, John and Betty Wyeth, by Keith and Lynn McClelland.

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Bobby DeRegis, Director of Music Ministries
Valerie Becker, Director of Youth Music
Kristen Hydinger, Interim Youth Director

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

Crush our carbon footprint and energy costs! Our church building *1154* boiler replacement and heating system upgrade is happening this summer and you can be part of the energy! Some capital campaign financing has been approved for this. Reductions of over \$20,000 in energy costs and 100,000 lbs in carbon footprint are on their way with a little help, please, from the congregation: some additional investment plus some radiator vacuuming in good fellowship. Visit the Environmental Ministries Team web page, our bulletin board on the way to Fellowship Hall, or contact Anne Hayek and Isabell Wells: EMT@needhamucc.org or [781 449 2052](tel:7814492052) (Anne)

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.

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.

Family Promise Metrowest Celebrates The Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ and St. Andrew's Church Framingham as New

Hosts: This summer the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ, the denomination of many of our network congregations, and St. Andrew's Church, Framingham, begin a partnership as host congregations for Family Promise Metrowest. Families will be housed at the UCC Conference Center at 1 Badger Road, Framingham for two weeks beginning June 28-July 14.

Edwards House provides guests comfortable beds, air conditioning on the first floor and window fans for their rooms. Each family has its own full bathroom as well: all this in a beautiful, rustic setting with acres of land, animals, and activities for children, creating a "vacation" for our families.

St. Andrews will coordinate meals and dinner/overnight hosting from volunteers across the Network. We ask that you give an evening of your time to provide a summer respite for the families we serve. www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F054BAFA728A5FB6-family. Contact Barbara Ward, St. Andrew's lead coordinator, with any questions bward156@gmail.com

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.

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 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.

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.

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 28th—July 26th

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| Sunday, June 28th | 10:00 am 11:30 am | Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> |
| Friday, July 3rd Independence Day Observed | | Offices Closed |
| Sunday, July 5th Communion Sunday | 10:00 am 11:30 am | Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> |
| Tuesday, July 7th | 6:00 pm 7:00 pm | Guatemala Pot Luck, <i>Taylor's Home (372 Warren Street)</i> Guatemala Partnership Meeting, <i>Taylor's Home (372 Warren Street)</i> Deacon's Meeting, <i>Library</i> |
| Sunday, July 12th | 10:00 am 11:30 am | Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> |
| Monday, July 13th | 8:45 am | Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i> |
| Tuesday, July 14th | 7:00 pm | Board Meeting, <i>Library</i> |
| Sunday, July 19th | 10:00 am 11:30 am | Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> |
| Monday, July 20th | 8:45 am | Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i> |
| Sunday, July 26th | 10:00 am 11:30 am | Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> |

How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won - der
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der,
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made,
 and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

I see the stars, I hear the ^{*}roll - ing thun - der,
 when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur
 that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,

thy power through - out the un - i - verse dis - played.
 and hear the brook, and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art!

*Authors's original words are "works" and "mighty."

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God to thee;

how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my

soul, my Sav-ior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!