



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

June 29, 2014

Theme: Great Stories of the Bible



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 29, 2014

10:00am

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

WELCOMING MUSIC

WORDS OF GREETING

***HYMN # 70 (NCH) God Is Here! As We Your People Meet**

READING

PRAYER

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

LIGHTING CANDLES FOR JOYS & CONCERNS

MUSIC

READING

Judges 13-16

SERMON

“Samson: Fallen Hero”
Heike Werder

TIME TO REFLECT

PASTORAL PRAYER

**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.**

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

Beethoven Sonata Op. 13

Adagio Cantabile

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Soomi Lee Lowry, piano

***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 # 436 (NCH) God of Grace and God of Glory**

FINAL BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Beethoven Sonata Op. 2, No. 3

Allegro con brio

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Soomi Lee Lowry, piano

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

Deacons: Stephanie Oddleifson, Joanne Seiden

Ushers: Frank Arren, Todd Barth, Jan Rubenstein

Altar Guild: Sherrill Salisbury

Flowers: Beverly Bolivar

Flower Delivery: Chris Arren

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in loving
memory of Laura P. Broad by her family.*

- 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.

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The Rev. Heike Werder, Associate Minister Valerie Becker, Director of Youth Music
The Rev. Jamie Klopotoski, Youth Minister The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trip to Germany - June 2015: Plans for our trip to Germany are on their way. If you are interested in going on the trip or would like to explore this possibility, join us for a meeting on **June 29, 2014** after the worship service. At this meeting we will discuss travel dates, cost, and itinerary. The trip is open to extended family as well. Please speak to Rev. Heike if you have any questions.

EMT Summer Garden: Thankfully the cool days are gone and Summer is here. What is growing in your garden? Share a photo of your herbs, flowers, or veggies. Three easy steps: take a photograph, add your name, and bring to church to post on the EMT bulletin board across from Jamie's office. Let's see what grows!

Guatemala Partner-Family Letters: In order to have your partner-family letters translated for the August delegation to take down, please submit them to David Johnson by Sunday, July 1st: Davejohnson@verizon.net.

Join a "Pick Up" Choir :This summer our Youth Music Director will lead the a Pick Up Choir every Sunday throughout July and August.

What you do: Arrive at 9 a.m. in the Music Room.
Practice an uplifting anthem
Sing at the service

Who is welcome: All singers. This might be for you if you don't have time to commit to the choir but love to sing.

This is a fun, and a nice way to share your musical gifts.

Noah's Ark Board Position :There is an opening for a treasurer for the pre-school. We need someone to keep track of the budget and attend the Board meetings monthly on the second Monday. Please speak to one of the ministers or NAP Board president Laurie Davis if you are interested in being considered.

Bible Study– Sunday Group– Join us in the Reception Room at 11:30am. Newcomers are welcome! Contact Sunu Yeh for more information—dormouse99@gmail.com **Thursday 10:30am Group–** Contact Christine Weitzel for information cweitzel@verizon.net.

Capital Campaign Pledge: If you have not paid your capital campaign pledge and are in a position to pay anytime, this summer would be a good time to pay any or all of the amount. Some families are paying on a monthly or yearly schedule. If you have any flexibility in your ability to pay your

pledge, this would be a helpful time to make your contribution. As always, the church remains very grateful for your generosity.

VBS Program: Is in need of **empty cardboard cereal boxes**. Please bring them to the church throughout the summer and drop off at Rev. Jamie's office.

February 2015 Delegation to Guatemala: The February 2015 delegation to Guatemala is beginning to fill, so please contact delegation leader Brenda Metzler to request information or to sign up: bmetzler7@verizon.net. Travel dates are February 11-22, 2015 (mostly over winter break). Tickets will be purchased by September or earlier, so don't delay if you'd like to experience firsthand our church's unique partnership with Santa Maria Tzeja.

Registration for the 2014/2015 school year at The Center is now open: The Center is an after school drop-in program for 6th (and returning 7th/8th) graders. For more info, visit www.myyouthcenter.org or contact Jamie at 781-444-2510 ext. 198 or info@myyouthcenter.org.

CALENDAR June 29– July 20

The Blessing of our new building at 1180 Great Plain Ave. is scheduled for June 20, following the Worship Service.

Sunday June 29th	10:00 am 11:30 am	Worship, <i>Fellowship Hall</i> Germany Trip Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Friday, July 4th		* Offices Closed.
Sunday, July 6th	10:00 am	Worship Service, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
Wednesday, July 9th	7:00 pm	Board Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Sunday, July 13th	10:00 am	Worship Service, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
Sunday, July 20th	10:00 am	Worship, <i>Fellowship Hall</i> 180 Great Plain Ave. Building Blessing