



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

July 10, 2016

Theme: Stories about the 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, July 10, 2016

10:00am

Children are always welcome in Worship with their parents/guardians.

PRELUDE

Minuet from Sonata in E flat K 282
Mozart

WORDS OF GREETING

Sandra Summers, M.Ed, M.Div

***OPENING HYMN #31 (NCH)**

All Things Bright and Beautiful
See Insert

PRAYER

One: You do not have to be good.

All: You do not have to walk on your knees, for a hundred miles through the desert.

One: You only have to let the soft animal of your body love what it loves.

All: Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.

One: Meanwhile the world goes on.

All: Meanwhile, the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain, are moving across the landscapes, over the prairies and the deep trees, the mountains and the rivers.

One: Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air, are heading home again.

All: Whoever you are, no matter how lonely, the world offers itself to your imagination, calls to you like the wild geese, hard and exciting-over and over announcing your place in the family of things.

Wild Geese, Mary Oliver

Silent Prayer
Lord's Prayer

LIGHTING CANDLES FOR JOYS & CONCERNS

MUSIC

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Gen. 1: 27-30 & Gen 2: 19-20

SERMON

“Names”
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SUNG RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

MUSIC

I Love You Lord
Rettino
Cici Hunt

**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 #11 (NCH)**

Bring Many Names
See Insert

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary
Anon

**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 Assistant: Mike Normile

Deacons: Stephanie Oddleifson, Lee McNally

Ushers: Alex Cullen, David Libby, Nancy Lane, Eric Slosser

Altar Guild: Jean Veigas

Flowers: Doris Cook

Flower Delivery: Caryl Johnson

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of past members of the Friendly Society by present members.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flower Donation

A donation is needed for Sunday, July 31. If you would like to make a donation in honor of, or in memory of, a friend or relative, please call Doris Cook (781) 444-5591 or send an email to doriscook2@aol.com or call the church office (781) 444-2510.

Summer Music

If you are interested in contributing to our musical offering this summer please see Valerie Becker. These services are low key and it is a lovely way to share your gifts with everyone!

Village Fair—Rustic Chic

It's time to start thinking about the Village Fair! In preparation for a new table at the fair, Rustic Chic, items are needed. Contact Isabell Wells at 781-449-8907 or allnorder2@yahoo.com if you have any of the listed items below you can donate.

Items with a 50's flair; Barware—vintage 50's and 60's, mirrors (painted or wood); Succulents; Items to plant with small plants or succulents; Funky candle holders; Votifs; Seashells; Candles; Wine Corks; Beads to make jewelry; Old Maps; Beer Caps

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).

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 miller291@verizon.net for more information.

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

FAMILY PROMISE SUPPORT WEEKS and TRAINING OPPORTUNITY-Fisk, Natick July 17-24 and First Congregational Natick (FCC) August 7-14. If volunteering 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 for more information and to learn more about this meaningful summer volunteer opportunity.

CALENDAR July 10th– August 28th

Sunday, July 10th	10:00am	Worship Service, Chapel
Tuesday, July 12th	6:00 pm	<i>Community Dinner, Linden Hall</i>
Sunday, July 17th	10:00am	Worship Service, Chapel
Sunday, July 24th	10:00am	Worship Service, Chapel
Sunday, July 31st	10:00am	Worship Service, Chapel
Tuesday, Aug. 2nd	6:00 pm	Community Dinner, Linden Hall
Sunday, Aug. 7th	10:00am	Worship Service-Communion, Chapel
Sunday, Aug. 14th	10:00am	Worship Service, Chapel
Sunday, Aug. 21st	10:00am	Worship Service, Chapel
Monday, Aug. 22nd	8:30 am	Vacation Bible School
Tuesday, Aug. 23rd	8:30 am	Vacation Bible School
Wed., Aug. 24th	8:30 am	Vacation Bible School
Thursday, Aug. 25th	8:30 am	Vacation Bible School
Friday, Aug. 26th	8:30 am	Vacation Bible School
Sunday, Aug. 28th	10:00am	Worship Service, Chapel
Blessing of the Backpacks		

AUGUST VBS

Animal Academy

August 22 - 26

8:30 AM - Noon

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.*

\$30 per day per student for first child, \$20 per day for each child after. Please note, students must be potty-trained. Sign at <http://needhamucc.org/VBS>. Registration ends August 1st.

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.

Scholarships are available! Please reach out to us at youth@needhamucc.org if you are interested in a scholarship application.



All Things Bright and Beautiful

Cecil F. Alexander, 1848; alt.

*Unison
Refrain*

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

All things wise and won - der - ful, our dear God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum - mer sun,

God made their glow-ing col - ors, and made their ti - ny wings.
The sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky.
The ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.

to Refrain

This hymn for children is based on the first article of the Apostles' Creed: "Maker of heaven and earth." The English hymnwriter Cecil Frances Alexander was married to William Alexander, who became bishop of Ireland.

Tune: ROYAL OAK 7.6.7.6. with refrain
English melody
Adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915

Bring Many Names

Brian Wren, 1989

Gen. 1:27

Unison

1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good, cel - e - brate, in
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day, plan - ning all the
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child, feel - ing all the
 4 Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care, calm - ly pierc - ing

par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.
 won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e - qua - tion, gen - i - us at play:
 strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:
 e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:

Hail and Ho - san - na! bring man - y names! great, liv - ing God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!

5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger,
 on the move,
 say - ing no to false - hood and
 un - kind - ness,
 cry - ing out for jus - tice,
 giv - ing all you have:
 Hail and Ho - san - na,
 young, grow - ing God!

6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing,
 clos - er yet than breath - ing,
 ev - er - last - ing home:
 Hail and Ho - san - na,
 great, liv - ing God!

The author states that aspects of the divine are revealed in our maleness, femaleness, youth, and age in a moving, growing matrix of life in God. The tune Westchase was composed especially for this text.

Tune: WESTCHASE 9.10.11.9.
 Carlton Young, 1989