



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

July 17, 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 17, 2016

10:00am

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

PRELUDE

Sheep May Safely Graze
JS Bach

WORDS OF GREETING

Madelyn Downer, M.Div

***OPENING HYMN #292(NCH)**

Breathe on me, Breath of God
See Insert

PRAYER

One: Come with your questions, come with your awe!

All: For the God who broods over the chaos meets us in this place.

One: Come with your energy, come with your weariness!

All: For the God who breathes new life into the dust meets us in this place.

One: Come with your sadness, come with your joy!

All: For the God who dared to become human meets us in this place.

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

LIGHTING CANDLES FOR JOYS & CONCERNS

MUSIC

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 3:23, as told by Marc Gellman

SERMON

“God, Do You Know How I Feel?”
Madelyn Downer, M.Div

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

MUSIC

Ariosto
JS Bach

**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 #438(NCH)**

When Peace Like A River
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.

Deacons: Stephanie Oddleifson, Frank Luppino

Altar Guild: Denice Koljonen

Ushers: Mike Normile, Janet Jankowiak, Bob Everts, Jim Conroy

Flowers: Doris Cook

Flower Delivery: Jean Veigas

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in respectful loving memory of George and Meta Hopkins, long time church members who supported our church activities and extended many kindnesses to our church family.

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CALENDAR July 17th– August 28th

Sunday, July 17th	10:00am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i>
Sunday, July 24th	10:00am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i>
Sunday, July 31st	10:00am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i>
Tuesday, Aug. 2nd	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Community Dinner, <i>Linden Hall</i> Guatemala Delegation Send-Off, <i>505 Great Plain Ave. (Johnson Home)</i>
Sunday, Aug. 7th	10:00am	Worship Service-Communion, <i>Chapel</i>
Sunday, Aug. 14th	10:00am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i>
Sunday, Aug. 21st	10:00am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i>
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 Blessing of the Backpacks	10:00am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i>

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.

LAST CALL for Partner-Family Letters

The August delegation departs August 3rd for Santa María Tzejá, so please send letters ASAP to Dave Johnson: davebjohnson77@gmail.com

Guatemala Delegation Send-Off

Please join us in sending off our August delegation to Guatemala on Tuesday, August 2nd, 7:00-8:00 pm, at Dave and Caryl Johnson's (505 Great Plain Ave.).

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 millerc291@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 14-21 (please note date change).

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.

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.



Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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Edwin Hatch, 1886; alt.

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one de - sire:
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.
Un - til with you I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
That ev - ery earth - ly part of me may glow with ho - ly fire.
But live with you the per - fect life of your e - ter - ni - ty.

Between parish assignments in London, Edwin Hatch taught classics at Trinity College, Quebec, and lectured at Oxford. This hymn appeared in a leaflet, "Between Doubt and Prayer" (1878). Other hymns were published posthumously in Towards Fields of Light, London (1890).

Tune: TRENTHAM S.M.
Robert Jackson, 1894

When Peace, Like a River
(It Is Well with My Soul)

Ps. 146; Col. 1:19-23; 2:13-14; 3 John 1:2

Horatio G. Spafford, 1873; alt.

1 When peace, like a riv - er, up - holds me each day, when
2 Though e - vil should tempt me, though tri - als should come, let
3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought— my
4 O God, speed the day that is filled with your light, when

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, What - ev - er my lot, you have
this blessed as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my
sin— not in part, but the whole— Is nailed to the cross and I
clouds are rolled back as a scroll; The trum - pet shall sound and the

Refrain

taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
help - less es - tate, and has paid life and blood for my soul: It is
bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall ap - pear, "e - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul.

This hymn was written out of grief over the loss of the author's four daughters in the sinking of the SS Ville du Havre. After leaving his Chicago law practice, Horatio G. Spafford and his wife settled in Jerusalem.

Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE 11.8.11.9. with refrain
Philip P. Bliss, 1876