

Welcome to Summer Worship in the Chapel. During July and August we meet on Sundays at 10:00am and Wednesdays at 7:00pm in air conditioned comfort. The service is less formal. We have special music but no choir. We hope to see you throughout the summer.

July 9—Rev. Jim

July 16—Environmental Justice Sunday
Rev. Betsy Sowers, Old Cambridge Baptist Church

July 23—Interfaith Spiritual Journey
Lex Rofes, Rabbinical Student, Jewish Renewal Movement.
Celebrating Interfaith families and relationships.

July 30—Rev. Jim

August 6—Peace Service
Chapel Rededication.
Celebrating Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Parish and Pastoral Relations Committee

Committee Members: Tom Mollerus, Fred Moder and Diana Conroy
The Parish and Pastoral Relations Committee is a standing committee chosen by the Board and Deacons that seeks to support and maintain an open and healthy relationship between the pastor/s and members of the congregation. The committee does not seek to take the place of communications between the congregation and the pastoral staff. Congregants who wish to communicate with this committee may send an email to pprc@needhamucc.org. **Please do not use email to discuss sensitive or confidential matters; just use the email to set up an appointment for a telephone or in-person meeting.**

Board Members

Moderator - Jackie Allen, Clerk - Keith McClelland
Term Ends 2018 Michael Normile, Blair Wentworth, Sharmon Priaulx
Term Ends 2019 Jim Conroy, Diane Rees, Kristin Mollerus
Term Ends 2020 Howard Sesso, Kenneth Allen, Barbra Morton, Amanda Angel

Deacons

Term Ends 2018 Lee McNally, Charlie Baker, Claudia Darmofal, Susan Lively, Kirby Salerno
Term Ends 2019 Rick Devereux, Dibby Moder, Scott Stewart, Carol Miller, Jean Veigas
Term Ends 2020 Kevin Blume, Paul Brown, Jane Clayton- Matthews, Sue Cotton, Lucy Slosser

Rev. Heike will be on Sabbatical from June 18th through June 30th and on vacation from July 1st - July 31st. For any pastoral care needs, please contact Rev. Jim at revjim@needhamucc.org or 781-444-2510. You can also contact the office at office@needhamucc.org or 781-444-2510.

Rev. Jim Mitulski's Office Hours

Please contact the church office to schedule an appointment during his office hours of Tuesday & Wednesday 2-6pm; Thursday 2-5pm

Evening hours are also available by appointment.

*If these times do not work for you please contact the office for alternate availability.

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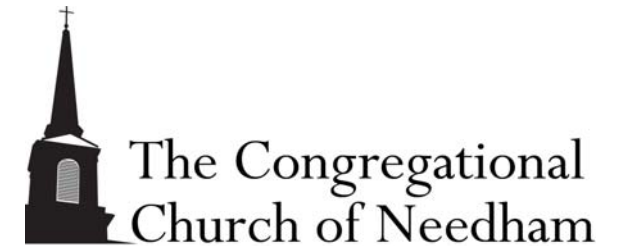
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An open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ

July 2, 2017
Service of Holy Communion
Independence Day Weekend

Welcome to our worship service. Please join us for refreshments and time for fellowship immediately following the service.

PRELUDE

Duo
Elizabeth von Herzogenberg (1847 - 1892)

INVOCATION

Rev. Jim & Deacon Dibby Moder

SONG

(see insert)

Welcome

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

SONG

(see insert)

Shalom Havayreem (peace, my friends)
Traditional Hebrew Round

CANDLES OF PRAYER

You are welcome to come forward to light a candle. You may share "I light this candle for..."; "I light this candle to celebrate..."; "I light this candle in memory of..." or you may just light the candle and return to your seat.

Community Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Madelyn Downer, MDiv
Please use whatever form is comforting to you. Mother/Father, or Our Father/Our Creator...trespasses or debts

A SELECTION OF READINGS

The New Colossus (Inscribed on the Statue of Liberty in 1903)
By Emma Lazarus (1849-1887)

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.

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The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus
10:00 a.m. – 6

“Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!” cries she
With silent lips. “Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”
Source: *Emma Lazarus: Selected Poems and Other Writings (2002)*

Gospel Matthew 10:40-42
Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me
welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a
prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous
person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous;
and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name
of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

HYMN **O Young and Fearless Prophet**
(see insert)

SERMON Rev. Jim

HYMN **This is My Song**
(see insert)

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

*In each of our rows today is a black friendship book which we encourage you to
fill out and pass to the person next to you during the offering. If you have been
with us before, just put down your name, but if you are new today, please let us
know who you are. Thanks!*

Anthem 3 Variations on “America”
Charles E. Ives (1874 - 1954)

Prayer of Dedication

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Everyone is welcome to receive the Bread and Cup.
The cup contains grape juice.

Music During Communion **Amazing Grace**

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me....
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now, I see.

T'was Grace that taught...
my heart to fear.
And Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear...
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares...
we have already come.

T'was Grace that brought us safe thus far...
and Grace will lead us home.

The Lord has promised good to me...
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be...
as long as life endures.

When we've been here ten thousand years...
bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise...
then when we've first begun.

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me....
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now, I see.

Communion Prayer

Madelyn Downer, MDiv

CLOSING MUSIC **O Beautiful for Spacious Skies**
(see insert) *Traditional Version*

BENEDICTION Rev. Jim

POSTLUDE Chorale
Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel (1805 - 1847)

Worship Co-Leader: Dibby Moder
Deacons: Jean Veigas, Carol Miller
Altar Guild: Diana Conroy, Carol Miller
Ushers: Jim Leighton, Robert Kennedy, Phil Gotwals, Rich Weitzel
Flowers: Doris Cook
Flower Delivery: Martha Lamb

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory
of Radm. Ralph M. Ghormley-USN, Capt. Martin J. Twite-USN, Cdr. Charles
P. Gabeler-USN, & CPO James W. Sensbach-USN, MCPO Chester Peterson,
from “A Shipmate.”*

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.

Open and Affirming Statement

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.
*(This statement adopted in 2000, reflects the welcome of gay,
lesbian, bisexual, transgender people and their friends and families.)*

Welcome to all who are new or here for the first time! If you are
interested in learning more about our church, please email Rev. Jim at
revjim@needhamucc.org, Rev Heike at revheike@needhamucc.org or call
the office at 781-444-2510 to set up a conversation.

For updates on church life, our family ministries, Christian Education and
Youth Ministries follow us at: **@NeedhamUCC on Instagram**
Congregational Church of Needham UCC on Facebook
@needhamucc on Twitter **www.needhamucc.org**

Please silence your cell phone before attending the service. You can Check
In on Facebook and let people know you are here. Feel free to Tweet or
Instagram during the service. If you would like or need a hearing device an
usher will be able to assist you. Children’s Childcare is offered for infants,
toddlers and pre-schoolers in the Nursery located downstairs during the
service.

Vacation Bible School | August 2017

SUPERHERO CENTRAL



Have you always wanted super powers? Wouldn't it be fun if you could save the world?

At VBS: Superhero Central, we'll learn about all the super powers we already have! Love, Friendship, Hope, and Faith all work together to make the world a better place!

Our days will be filled with lots of fun arts and crafts, games and playground time, cooking class and snack time.

Students will bring brown bag lunches. Gluten-free snacks will be provided.

August 21 - 25, 2017

NEW TIME: Drop-off at 9:00 AM; Pick-up at 2:00 PM

Rates:

Get one day free when you sign up for the whole week!
\$30/day or \$120/week for the first child

Family discount:

\$20/day or \$80/week for additional children

Registration is open!

VBS: Superhero Central is open to children ages 3-8.

Children must be toilet trained.

If this program is cost-prohibitive for your family, please reach out to Maddie Downer, our youth director, regarding scholarships at youth@needhamucc.org. Please put "VBS Scholarship" in the subject line.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

July 2, 2017



The Congregational
Church of Needham

Events & Announcements

Book Group Rescheduled July 26th at 7:40pm

We are rescheduling the Book Group for **When Breath Becomes Air** to July 26th at 7:40pm. The book is available in the book area outside the chapel. This gives us all a little more time to read it! Here's a video to watch if you want an incentive: https://youtu.be/1Rg0TJPX_eM

Sing! Prayer and Praise

Join us Wednesday nights in the Chapel during the summer for a short Service of Fellowship, Praise and Singing! We will be using the UCC Songbooks, Sing! Prayer and Praise which were a gift to the church from Kathy Carpenter and Barbra Morton. It's a wonderful way to stay in touch and centered during the summer months!

Be a part of summer Worship!

If you would like to sing or play an instrument as part of the service either solo or in a group, please see Valerie Becker or send her an email at musicdirector@needhamucc.org. We are looking to expand our Worship musically to include more variety for the summer months!

FAMILY PROMISE SUMMER SUPPORT WEEKS-

Fisk Methodist Natick July 16-23 and First Congregational Natick August 13-20. Contact Susan Kirk susanckirk@comcast.net

New Directory 2017

We will be issuing a new member directory this year. Please send your family pictures and any updated contact information into the church office so they can be used in the directory.

August Vacation Bible School: Super Hero Central Ages 3-8

August VBS will be offered to students ages 3-8. We will learn how Jesus is a super power. Lots of games, crafts, and other fun activities. Students will bring brown bag lunches, snacks will be served. Please register online at www.needhamucc.org/VBS.

Dates: Monday August 21– Monday August 25

Times: Drop Off at 9am / Pick Up at 2pm

Bylaws Review

A team of Deacons and Board Members has initiated a review of our Church's bylaws to identify areas where updates would be helpful. The intent is to have any proposed changes ready for Congregational review in the late fall and for a vote at next January's Annual Meeting.

The team is not contemplating changing the Church's governing structure. An example of a helpful change we are considering is that in the case a board/deacons/committee member resigns, at the next Annual Meeting a new member will be elected to serve only the remaining years of the resigned members term, and not the standard 3-year term. This will prevent too many members of a committee all being on the same 3-year cycle. We are also evaluating how to make the Parish and Pastoral Relations Committee (PPRC) a permanent Committee of the Congregation. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for the team, feel free to contact any one of its members: Susan Lively, Mike Normile, Sharmon Priaulx, Howie Sesso, and Scott Stewart.

You can find a copy of the current Bylaws on the church web site. <http://needhamucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/BYLAWS-revision-2011.pdf>. Or, from the Church home page (needhamucc.org) mouse over "Come" in the upper left. A pop-up menu will appear, click on "Who We Are". The "Who We Are" page will appear. Click on "Our Church Bylaws" near the top.

Calendar July 2nd—July 23rd

Sunday July 2nd	10:00am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i>
Monday July 3rd		Office Closed
Tuesday July 4th		Office Closed—Independence Day
Wednesday July 5th	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study –Book of Acts Sing! Prayer and Praise, <i>Chapel</i>
Friday July 7th		Office Closed
Sunday July 9th	10:00am 11:30 am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i> Deacon and Board Gathering, <i>Linden Hall</i>
Tuesday July 11th	6:00 pm	Community Dinner, <i>Linden Hall</i>
Wednesday July 13th	7:00 pm 7:40 pm	Sing! Prayer and Praise, <i>Chapel</i> Board Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>
Sunday July 16th	8:15 am 10:00am 6:00 pm	Men's Breakfast, <i>Library</i> Worship Service—Guest Preacher Rev. Betsy Sowers, <i>Chapel</i> <i>Guatemala Partnership Potluck and Meeting</i>
Wednesday July 19th	7:00 pm 7:40 pm	Sing! Prayer and Praise, <i>Chapel</i> Deacon's Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>
Friday July 21st		Office Closed
Sunday July 23rd	10:00 am	Worship—Guest Preacher Lex Rofes, <i>Chapel</i>

6/25/2017 Collections* = \$3,501
6/25/2017 Worship Attendance = 104 people
May Electronic Pledge Amount: \$12,639.82

Please contact the church office 781-444-2510 or office@needhamucc.org to find out how you can give electronically.

*Collection amount does not include additional pledges received electronically.

Our current pledge amount for 2017 is \$367,804.00. This represents a budget shortfall of \$56,459.00 for the year.

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

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Katharine Lee Bates, 1859-1929

MATERNA C.M.D.
Samuel A. Ward, 1848-1903

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress
3 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In lib - er - at - ing strife,
4 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That sees be - yond the years

For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!
A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!
Who more than self their coun - try loved, And mer - cy more than life!
Thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, Un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.
Con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law.
Till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - ery gain di - vine.
And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea. A - men.

THE NATION

THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

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Welcome

1. Let's walk to - geth - er for a while and
2. Let's talk to - geth - er of a time when
3. Let's dream to - geth - er of the day when

ask where we be - gin — to build a world where
we will share a feast, — where pride and pow - er
earth and heaven are one, — a ci - ty built of

love can grow and hope can en - ter in, — — to
kneel to serve the lone - ly and the least, — — and
love and light, the new Je - ru - sa - lem, — where our

be the hands of heal - ing and to
joy will set the ta - ble as we
mourn - ing turns to danc - ing, ev - ery

Refrain
plant the seed of peace, — sing - ing wel - come,
join our hands to pray, — sing - ing wel - come,
crea - ture lifts its voice, — cry - ing wel - come,

wel - come to this place. You're in - vit - ed to

come and know God's grace. All are wel - come the

WORDS: Laurie Zelman and Mark A. Miller
MUSIC: Mark A. Miller
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WELCOME
Irr. with Refrain

love of God to share _____ 'cause all of us are wel - come here; —

— all are wel - come in this place. _____

400 Shalom Havayreem

$\text{♩} = 108$

Sha-lom, ha-vay-reem! Sha-lom, ha-vay-reem! Sha-lom, sha-lom!
lom! L' - hit-ra - ot, l' - hit-ra - ot, sha-lom, sha-lom.

Words & music: Traditional Hebrew round

SHALOM
Irregular

276 O Young and Fearless Prophet

$\text{♩} = 60$

1. O young and fear-less Proph-et of an-cient Gal-i-lee: your life is still a sum-mons to way, where hate and lust and false-hood hold kind, that knows not race nor sta-tion as wealth; for some go starved and hun-gry who serve hu-man-i-ty, to make our thoughts and back your ho-ly sway; for-bid false love of bound-ries of the mind; that learns to val-ue plead for work and health. Once more give us your ac-tions less prone to please the crowd, to coun-try, that turns us from your call who beau-ty, in heart, or mind, or soul, and chal-lenge a-bove our nois-y day, and

Words: S. Ralph Harlow, alt., 1885-1972
Music: William Lloyd, 1786-1852

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THE CHRISTIAN SPIRIT

stand with hum-ble cour-age for truth with hearts un-bowed.
lifts a-bove the na-tion the neigh-bor-hood of all.
longs to see God's chil-dren as sa-cred, per-fect, whole.
come to lead us for-ward a-long your ho-ly way.

CITIZENSHIP

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Ps. 82:8

This Is My Song

Lloyd Stone, 1934

1 This is my song, O God of all the na-tions, a song of peace for lands a-far and mine. This is my home, the beams on clo-ver-leaf and pine; But oth-er lands have coun-try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my sun-light, too, and clo-ver, and skies are ev-ery-dreams, my ho-ly shrine; But oth-er hearts in oth-er lands are where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the na-tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

These stanzas, published during the period between the two world wars, express a hope for lasting peace among all nations.

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Jean Sibelius, 1899