



# CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

July 20, 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, July 20, 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 #275(NCH)**

**Come Now, Almighty God**

**READING**

“Seeing with the Eyes of the Heart”  
From *God Has a Dream* by Desmond Tutu

**PRAYER**

Jamie Klopotoski

*Silent Prayer*

*Lord’s Prayer*

**LIGHTING CANDLES FOR JOYS & CONCERNS**

**MUSIC**

**SERMON**

“King David: God’s Dream for Us”  
I Samuel 16-30  
Susan Cartmell

**TIME TO REFLECT**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

*Congregational Response*

**Spirit of the Living God**

**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

Divertimento II. Andante

*Roger Boutry*

Emily Verschoor-Kirss , alto saxophone

Valerie Becker, 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 #371(NCH)    God, Creation's Great Designer**

## FINAL BLESSING

## POSTLUDE

Divertimento I. Allegro ma non troppo

*Roger Boutry*

Emily Verschoor-Kirss , alto saxophone

Valerie Becker, piano

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

*Deacons:* Connie Kaufman, Carol Oberle

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

*Altar Guild:* Diana Conroy

*Flowers:* Christine Arren

*Flower Delivery:* Joanne Seiden

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in  
celebration of SUMMER.*

- 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](http://www.needhamucc.org), our church website.

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| The Rev. Dr. Susan Cartmell, Senior Minister | Bobby DeRegis, Director of Music Ministries |
| 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**

### **\* TODAY: BLESSING OF 1180 GREAT PLAIN AVE. \***

**Blessing of our new space at 11:15 a.m today, July 20. The ministers will do a special liturgy for the blessing of the building. Refreshments will be served there after worship with an opportunity to view the property.**

**Lost and Found:** There are a few items in the lost and found bin. Please stop by the bin located in the office to check to see if any of the items belong to you. Thank you!

**Guatemala Delegation Send-Off -- Tuesday, August 5th, 7:00 pm:** All are invited to join the Guatemala travelers for a brief send-off celebration at the Taylor's residence, 372 Warren St., Needham. Travelers are co-leaders Alan Clayton-Matthews and Caryl Johnson, Will Barber, Madison Darmofal, Amy Kennedy, Chloe Kennedy, Dave Johnson, and Suzanne Wildman. Folks will have a chance to hear about the delegation's planned activities and share refreshments and well-wishes with the travelers and their families. The Report back presentation following the delegation's return will be Sunday, September 14th at 11:30 am in Linden Hall.

**Calling all Partner-Family Letters for Guatemala!** If you haven't yet written the letter to your partner-family or scholarship student, please do so TODAY and e-mail it to: [Davebjohnson@verizon.net](mailto:Davebjohnson@verizon.net). With the delegation leaving in early August, there is just enough time remaining for our volunteer translators to get your letters translated into Spanish. Writing your letter now will also help you (as well as the Guatemala Partnership) avoid any follow-up/reminder phone calls. Many thanks.

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

What you do: Arrive at 9 a.m. in the Choir 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 board. 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.

**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.

**Registration for the 2014/2015 school year at The Center is now open:**

The Center is an after school drop-in program for 6<sup>th</sup> (and returning 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>) graders. For more info, visit [www.myyouthcenter.org](http://www.myyouthcenter.org) or contact Jamie at 781-444-2510 ext. 198 or [info@myyouthcenter.org](mailto:info@myyouthcenter.org).

**Join the February 2015 Delegation to Guatemala:** The February 2015 delegation to Guatemala is beginning to fill, so if you may be interested, contact delegation leader Brenda Metzler soon for more information or to sign up: [bmetzler7@verizon.net](mailto:bmetzler7@verizon.net). Travel dates are February 11-22, 2015. Tickets will be purchased in September or earlier if the delegation fills up, so start planning now. We especially would like to have a good youth component.

## CALENDAR July 20—August 5

*The Blessing of our new building at 1180 Great Plain Ave. today, July 20.*

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| Sunday,<br>July 20th    | 9:00 am<br>10:00 am<br>11:15 am | Pick Up Choir, <i>Choir Room</i><br>Worship Service, <i>Fellowship Hall</i><br>1180 Great Plain Ave. Building Blessing     |
| Tuesday,<br>July 22nd   | 7:00 pm                         | Christian Education Committee Meeting  |
| Sunday,<br>July 27th    | 9:00 am<br>10:00 am             | Pick Up Choir, <i>Choir Room</i><br>Worship Service, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>  |
| Wednesday,<br>July 30th | 7:00 pm                         | Youth Committee Meeting, <i>Tegeler Residence</i>  |
| Sunday,<br>August 3rd   | 10:00 am                        | Worship Service, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>  |
| Tuesday,<br>August 5th  | 7:00 pm                         | Guatemala Delegation Send Off,<br><i>Taylor Residence</i><br>EMT Meeting, <i>Chapel</i><br>Deacons Meeting, <i>Library</i> |