



CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH
OF NEEDHAM

July 21, 2013

Theme: Today's Saints



Our Covenant

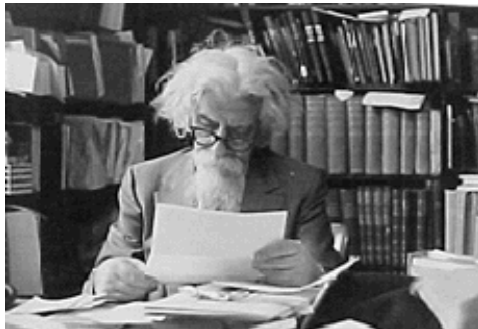
We strive to be a joyful, welcoming Christian Community.

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 21, 2013

10:00am

Childcare for infants & toddlers is available downstairs in the nursery. Older children are welcome to attend the worship service.

WELCOMING MUSIC *Preludes in C Major* Bach

WORDS OF GREETING

***HYMN # 436** (Black) **God of Grace and God of Glory**

READING

PRAYER

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (using "debts," p.513, red hymnal)

LIGHTING CANDLES FOR JOYS & CONCERNS

MUSIC *Nocturne in C Sharp Minor* Chopin

SCRIPTURE READING

SERMON

Joshua Abraham Heschel
Rev. Richard Fernandez

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: In a democracy, while some may be guilty, all are responsible.

Community: We give thanks for Rabbi Heschel who, having lost most of his family in the Holocaust, reminds each of us to persevere in the struggle for justice and peace.

Leader: There are no final proofs for the existence of God, Father and Creator of all. There are only witnesses.

Community: We are enriched by Heschel's notion that we can, each day of the week, give testimony and bear witness to the Power which is our inspiration.

Leader: All philosophy is but a word in a sentence, just as to a composer the most complete symphony is but a note in an inexhaustible melody.

Community: We are grateful to Rabbi Heschel, the mystic, whose words temper our arrogance and point toward a humility that we might embrace along our journey.

Leader: Those whom we honor we have the possibility of becoming.

Community: Each one of us feels blessed to think that, in honoring this thoughtful, wise, and prophetic Rabbi, we might actually follow closer in his footsteps.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Congregational Response #283 (Black Hymnal)

**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 *Sonata in A Flat Major Second Movement*

Beethoven

**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 #495 (Black) Called as Partners in Christ's
Service**

FINAL BLESSING

POSTLUDE

** 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.

Deacons: Mary Lou Hughes and Frank Arren

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

Altar Guild: Denice Koljonen

Flowers: Joanne Seiden

Flower Delivery: Chris Arren

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

Our preacher today is the Reverend Richard R. Fernandez. He is a retired UCC minister who spent his entire career working for justice in Philadelphia. Along the way he became a close friend of Joshua Abraham Heschel. He is no stranger to our church and has been a worshipper here many times when he came to support one of his grandchildren- Will, Megan or Dana. He is the father of John Fernandez and the father-in law of Vance. A popular speaker among inter-faith audiences throughout New England, Dick brings a very unique perspective.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PICTURES FOR THE DIRECTORY! We are currently collecting pictures for our updated Church Directory. Send a great photo of you and your family to the church office at office@needhamucc.org.

VBS IS BACK AUGUST 26-29! Kids ages 3 - 10 are invited to a week of active, adventurous fun. The theme is "Everywhere Fun Fair"! The fee is \$20 per day (8:30am-12pm). Lunch Bunch will be offered from 12-1pm for \$5 per day. Additional children in each family will receive a 50% discount and EVERYONE can save \$20 if you register by August 1st! Download a registration form at: www.needhamucc.org/learn/vbs.

The Village Fair! It's not too early! We are accepting applications from Artists that wish to show and sell their work at the Village Fair on November 16, 2013. Applications are available online at <http://needhamucc.org/come/villagefair/> or email office@needhamucc.org.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the Fair please contact Danielle Jurdan in the office at office@needhamucc.org or 781-444-2510.

Last Call -- Guatemala Partner-Family Letters: The August delegation is leaving for Guatemala in approximately 2 weeks. Please don't leave your partner-family empty-handed! Send your letter ASAP to Dave Johnson: Davebjohnson@verizon.net.

August Delegation Send-Off, August 6

All are welcome to Joan and Bob Evans home, 50 Greenwood Ave., on Tuesday, August 6 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. This is an opportunity to speak with the travelers and wish them well as they leave for Guatemala early the following morning. We hope to see you there.

CALENDAR for July 21st -28th

<i>Sunday July 21st</i>	10am	Worship, Chapel
<i>Sunday July 28th</i>	10am	Worship, Chapel

