



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

July 26, 2015

Theme: Acts of the Apostles



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 26, 2015

10:00am

Childcare for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers is available in the preschool room downstairs during the service. Children are welcome to enjoy an activity pack today. Please ask an usher for your Worship Pack.

PRELUDE

Ricercare in C minor
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

WORDS OF GREETING

***OPENING HYMN #478** (*Red Hymnal*)

All Things Bright and Beautiful

OPENING READING

Susan Cartmell

PRAYER

Silent Prayer
Lord's Prayer

LIGHTING CANDLES FOR JOYS & CONCERNS

MUSIC

Fantasia in G minor
Johann Pachelbel

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 17: 16-34

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SERMON

“Christian Curiosity”
Sandra Summers

SUNG RESPONSE

**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.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

MUSIC Chorale prelude on Ach Gott vom Himmel, sieh darein
Johann Pachelbel

**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 #416** (*Red Hymnal*)

**Christian, Rise and Act
Thy Creed**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in C major
Johann Pachelbel

* *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, Lee McNally

Altar Guild: Mary Barber

Ushers: Bob Blauvelt, Craig Morrison, Chris Nyland, Kevin Ward

Flowers: Chris Arren

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, John and Ruth Arren and William and Doris Tait, by Frank and Christine Arren.

Musical Notes

Today's featured composer is Johann Pachelbel, Baroque period organist and composer from southern Germany. You may notice in playing his music the organ pedals are not very extensively used. Unlike the north German tradition of organ playing (J.S. Bach), the south German organs had modest pedal divisions, relying mainly on the hands for virtuosity. Pachelbel is the perfect example composer of the south German organ school, minimal pedal use with agile and melodic manual movement. Our chapel organ, built in 1983 by Hans Schmidt of Walpole, Massachusetts, is a perfect example of the Baroque south German school of organ building. It has all mechanical tracker action, and a limited pedalboard that is borrowed from the manual keyboard by a mechanical hitch. Our chapel organ, with 371 pipes, is the perfect replica of a small Baroque period south German organ. One can see how perfectly the music of Pachelbel can be performed on it. This morning's pieces are typical of Pachelbel's compositions as church organist. He arranged common hymns into musical pieces, known as chorale preludes. Many ricercares, toccatas, fugues, chaconnes and fantasias were also written for church services and concerts alike. Of all Pachelbel's music, his most famous composition is the Canon in D, written for strings only. Like many Baroque composers, much of his music was lost and forgotten. The Canon was discovered in manuscript form and first published in 1919, about 230 years after it was written.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help crush our carbon footprint! Replacement of our boiler and other key heating system components is underway! See the EMT web page (<http://needhamucc.org/serve/environmental-ministry-team>) for information on how to help out financially on this "green" short payback project for our *1154* church building.

New "Lay Leadership" Web Page: We have a new Lay Leadership page on the Needham UCC web site. The new page lists all church officers, all members of the five elected church committees, and many of the other church teams and committees with contact information. To reach the Lay Leadership page from the Needham UCC home page, click on "Contact Us" at the upper right, just above the pictures, then on "Lay Leadership" on the page that comes up.

Summer Music: Our youth music director Valerie Becker will be playing the beautiful Steinway recently donated by Rich and Dana Devereux. Members are encouraged to offer solos and instrumental voluntaries during the service as well. Please contact Valerie Becker at davalvideo@verizon.net if you are interested.

Adult Bible Study: Sunday 11:30 Conference Room: Sunday Bible Study: Minor Prophets. Please join us during the summer to read an often overlooked section of the Bible, the minor prophets, those small books at the end of the Old Testament. There are powerful words here about justice, mercy and repentance. If you would like to drop by and see what Bible Study is like, please do so. There is no need to have done any reading before joining us. But if you do want to know what we will be covering the following Sunday, please contact Sunu Yeh at dormouse99@gmail.com.

LED Bulb Donations to Continue: If you are out shopping for energy efficient LED bulbs for your home, please consider purchasing one or two for the church. Please leave bulbs in the donation box located near the mailboxes in the church office. Here is a list of what is needed for the church:

- 14 12W (800-1100 lumens) A-21 lamps
- 45 8W (450-800 lumens) A-19 lamps
- 30 8W (450-800 lumens) G25 lamps

All of the lamps should have a temperature of 2700K which will provide warmer light. Check out the EMT bulletin board for more information about LED bulbs.

Volunteer Opportunity for Baby Basics: Driver(s) needed to pick up/drop off diapers

When: Pick up diapers first Monday of every month and have them delivered into South Boston by 5 pm.

Where: Pick up from BJ's in Weymouth and deliver them to the South Boston Community Health Center in South Boston.

How often: Once a month

What's needed: A car/truck/van large enough to fit 15+ of cases of diapers. (If you're not sure how many you can fit, give us a call and we can talk about it.)

The staff @ BJ's and the SBCHC usually help w/loading/unloading of diapers but volunteers should be able to move them independently if needed.

Why: We rely on our diaper drivers to pick up/deliver the diapers so that we can provide these free diapers to our working, low-income families. We are growing our program so need more volunteers.

Interested in helping? Contact Amy Millay @ 617-840-6060 for more details. Thanks!

Your Legacy?: Have you considered leaving the church in your will? For more information contact Len Chang. adelennig@verizon.net. Thanks for considering this important way to light the path for others who follow.

Friendly Chimers: Friendly Chimers invites anyone interested in a fun, hands-on musical experience to join them in their rehearsals, in the sanctuary. Prerequisites: be able to keep time, enjoy being in a group. For information, contact Joanne Seiden 781-449-6535; jseiden@basiclink.com.

Registration for the 2015/2016 school year at The Center is now open: The Center is an after school drop-in program for 6th (and returning 7th/8th) graders. With staff supervision, we hope that youth grow in confidence and respect for themselves and others, develop lasting friendships, learn to make positive choices, and pursue new interests. For more information, visit www.myyouthcenter.org or call 781-453-4078 or email info@myyouthcenter.org.

The Furniture Team needs your help. The church has lots of wonderful new space to furnish and put to work for church programs. Monetary and in-kind donations are welcome: **MOST WANTED FURNITURE LIST:** Two large conference tables and chairs, Nichols & Stone college arm chairs, Pair of modern upholstered chairs, Pair of traditional upholstered chairs, Loveseat, Coffee table and side table, FIVE 60" round folding tables, Artwork and frames--medium to large.

Items must be in very good condition. Upholstered pieces can be in need of slipcovers. Please contact Judi Stewart at jmgstewart@verizon.net with photos and dimensions or call 781-449-3999. The furniture team would like to look at all furniture prior to donation.



SAVE THE DATE

WELCOME BACK

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

CALENDAR July 26th—August 30th

Sunday, July 26th	10:00 am 11:30 am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i>
Monday, July 27th	8:45 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>1180 Great Plain Ave.</i>
Thursday, July 30th	7:00 pm	Board Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Sunday, August 2nd Communion Sunday	10:00 am 11:30 am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i>
Tuesday, August 4th	6:00 pm	Community Dinner, <i>Linden Hall</i>
Sunday, August 9th	10:00 am 11:30 am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i>
Sunday, August 16th	10:00 am 11:30 am	Worship, <i>Chapel</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i>
Sunday, August 23rd	10:00 am 11:30 am	Worship, <i>Chapel</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i>
Sunday, August 30th	10:00 am 11:30 am	Worship, <i>Chapel</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i>