



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

July 5, 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 5, 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.

WELCOMING MUSIC

WORDS OF GREETING

***OPENING HYMN #440 (Red Hymnal) O Beautiful for Spacious Skies**

OPENING READING

Maddie Downer

PRAYER

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

LIGHTING CANDLES FOR JOYS & CONCERNS

MUSIC

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 9: 1-9

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SERMON

“A Much Bigger Vision”
Susan Cartmell

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.**

OFFERTORY

MUSIC

**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

ORDER FOR THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

Prayer Response

**Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you Lord!**

Distribution of the Bread and Cup:

Music for the Bread and Cup:
#443 (Red Hymnal) **Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith. Increase our love for one another. Send us forth in to the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #547** (*Black Hymnal*)

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

- 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.

****You are invited to stand***

Deacons: Peter Atallah, Lee McNally

Altar Guild: Diana Conroy, Chris Arren

Ushers: Jim Leighton, Phil Gotwals, Rich Weitzel, Robert Kennedy

Flowers: Joanne Seiden

Flower Delivery: Chris Arren

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Radm. Ralph M. Ghormley– USN, Capt. Martin J. Twite-USN, Cdr. Charles P. Gabeler-USN, & CPO James W. Sensbach-USN. From “A Shipmate.”

Today we welcome as our liturgist Madelyn Downer. We have just called Maddie to be our new Director of Children and Youth Ministries. A recent graduate from Andover Newton Theological School, she comes to us after serving as Youth and Children's Ministries Coordinator at the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church. Please take this opportunity to welcome Maddie to our church.

COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is served on the first Sunday of every month in our church. Along with Baptism, it is one of two sacraments in the United Church of Christ.

At Holy Communion we remember that Jesus ate with his disciples on the last night before he died. In that upper room he transformed the Passover meal something new. As he broke the bread that night he reminded them that it was a symbol for his own body which was broken for all of us. As he lifted the cup of wine he told them that it was a symbol of the covenant- which had come from Abraham and Moses - between us and God.

So when we eat the bread and dip it into the cup we remember that God loved us so much that God sent Jesus. Through Christ we came to know God even better. At this table, through faith, we believe Christ joins us and comes to be our host.

Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey you are welcome at this table. We offer children instruction in the sacrament of Holy Communion in the second grade. We leave it to families to decide if their children will take the communion, but everyone is welcome at any age. If your child will not be taking communion but would like a short blessing, please tell one of the ministers.

When you come forward the minister will give you the bread and say – "The Bread of Heaven for you". Many people respond saying, "Amen" or "Thanks be to God". Dip the bread into the cup of grape juice. As you do, the Deacon will say, "The cup of salvation for you." Again you may respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." You are encouraged to eat the bread soaked in the juice right away, and then return to your seat down the side aisle.

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The Rev. Heike Werder, Associate Minister
The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

Bobby DeRegis, Director of Music Ministries
Valerie Becker, Director of Youth Music
Madelyn Downer, Director of Children &
Youth Ministries

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New “Lay Leadership” Web Page: Have you ever needed to know who are the members of a particular church committee, but you seem to have misplaced the list from the last Annual Meeting? You can now stop searching for that misplaced list. We have a new Lay Leadership page on the Needham UCC web site. The new page lists all church officers, plus all members of the five elected church committees (Board, Deacons, Outreach, Christian Education and Youth) together with contact information. The page also lists and gives contact information for many of the other church teams and committees, including Finance, Open and Affirming, Music, Environmental Ministry, and Guatemala. 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.

Call for February 2016 Delegation Travelers: It's not too early to be planning to join the February 2016 delegation to Guatemala! Travel dates are February 10-21, 2016. We hope to have a healthy mix of adults and high school youth to represent the church. Since airline tickets must be purchased in late September, please contact delegation leader Brenda Metzler as soon as possible with your interest or questions: (781) 449-5696 or bmetzler7@verizon.net.

Crush our carbon footprint and energy costs! Our church building *1154* boiler replacement and heating system upgrade is happening this summer and you can be part of the energy! Some capital campaign financing has been approved for this. Reductions of over \$20,000 in energy costs and 100,000 lbs in carbon footprint are on their way with a little help, please, from the congregation: some additional investment plus some radiator vacuuming in good fellowship. Visit the Environmental Ministries Team web page, our bulletin board on the way to Fellowship Hall, or contact Anne Hayek and Isabell Wells: EMT@needhamucc.org or [781 449 2052](tel:7814492052) (Anne)

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.

Family Promise Metrowest Celebrates The Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ and St. Andrew's Church Framingham as New

Hosts: This summer the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ, the denomination of many of our network congregations, and St. Andrew's Church, Framingham, begin a partnership as host congregations for Family Promise Metrowest. Families will be housed at the UCC Conference Center at 1 Badger Road, Framingham for two weeks beginning June 28-July 14.

Edwards House provides guests comfortable beds, air conditioning on the first floor and window fans for their rooms. Each family has its own full bathroom as well: all this in a beautiful, rustic setting with acres of land, animals, and activities for children, creating a "vacation" for our families.

St. Andrews will coordinate meals and dinner/overnight hosting from volunteers across the Network. We ask that you give an evening of your time to provide a summer respite for the families we serve. www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F054BAFA728A5FB6-family. Contact Barbara Ward, St. Andrew's lead coordinator, with any questions bward156@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!

New Grief Group : Grief does not end with a funeral. When you lose someone you love it takes a long time to adjust to the change. Whether the grief you experience is a death or other loss, sometimes it helps to know you are not alone. Living with someone who has memory loss is a grief process. Often it helps to be with others who have some similar experiences. If you would be interested in joining a prayer support group for those who are grieving please speak to Rev. Susan or send her an e-mail – revsusan@needhamucc.org.

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.

CALENDAR July 5—August 9th

Sunday, July 5th Communion Sunday	10:00 am 11:30 am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i>
Tuesday, July 7th	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Guatemala Pot Luck, <i>Taylor's Home</i> (372 Warren Street) Guatemala Partnership Meeting, <i>Taylor's Home</i> (372 Warren Street)
Sunday, July 12th	10:00 am 11:30 am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i>
Monday, July 13th	8:45 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i>
Tuesday, July 14th	7:00 pm	Board Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Sunday, July 19th	10:00 am 11:30 am	Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i>
Monday, July 20th	8:45 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i>
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>Reception Room</i>
Sunday, August 2nd Communion Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i>
Sunday, August 9th	10:00 am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i>