



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

July 6, 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 6, 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

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READING

PRAYER

Silent Prayer
Lord's Prayer

LIGHTING CANDLES FOR JOYS & CONCERNS

MUSIC

READING

SERMON

"Ruth: A Story for our Time"
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

**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

#547 NCH Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

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 into the world in courage
and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

FINAL BLESSING

**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: Peter Atallah, Mary Lou Hughes, Fabienne Madsen

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

Altar Guild: Diana Conroy, Christine Arren

Flowers: Christine Arren

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. From “A Shipmate”

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

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Katherine 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.

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

* BLESSING OF 1180 GREAT PLAIN AVE.*

Mark your calendars for a Blessing of our new space at **11:15 a.m on July 20**. The ministers will do a special liturgy for the blessing of the building.

Refreshments will be served there after worship and there will be an opportunity to view the property.

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 preschool 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 6th (and returning 7th/8th) graders. For more info, visit www.myyouthcenter.org or contact Jamie at 781-444-2510 ext. 198 or info@myyouthcenter.org.

CALENDAR July 6– August 17

The Blessing of our new building at 1180 Great Plain Ave. is scheduled for July 20, following the Worship Service.

Sunday, July 6th	10:00 am	Worship Service, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
Wednesday, July 9th	7:00 pm	Board Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Sunday, July 13th	10:00 am	Worship Service, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
Sunday, July 20th	10:00 am 11:15 am	Worship, <i>Fellowship Hall</i> 1180 Great Plain Ave. Building Blessing
Sunday, July 27th	10:00 am	Worship Service, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
Wednesday, July 30th	10:00 am	Youth Committee Meeting, <i>Tegeler Residence</i>
Sunday, August 3rd	10:00 am	Worship Service, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
Sunday, August 10th	10:00 am	Worship Service, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
Wednesday, August 13th	10:00 am	Board Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Sunday, August 17th	10:00 am	Worship Service, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>