



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

August 10, 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, August 10, 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 #23 (NCH) There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

READING

PRAYER

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

LIGHTING CANDLES FOR JOYS & CONCERNS

MUSIC

SERMON "Jonah was a Prophet, but he never really got it"
Sandra Summers

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

Welcome

*Paul Dunbar and Marge Piercy
Emily Verschoor-Kirss, 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 # 502 (NCH)

**Dear God,
Embracing Humankind**

FINAL BLESSING

POSTLUDE

You Are
Russell Kelfer
Emily Verschoor-Kirss, piano

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

Deacons: Peter Atallah, Lee McNally

Ushers: Alex Cullen, Frank Luppino, Nancy Lane, Eric Slosser

Altar Guild: Carol Miller

Flowers: Debbie Wentworth

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving
recognition of the Sakai family of Nagoya, Japan by
Betty and Charlie Baker.*

- 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.



SAVE THE DATE

WELCOME

BACK

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER

7, 2014

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The Rev. Jamie Klopotoski, Youth Minister The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE!!! : Welcome Back Sunday is September 7th! Hope everyone had a restful summer. Be sure to check the announcements and website for upcoming information about Welcome Back Sunday.

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!

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.

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 August 10—September 4

Sunday, August 10th	9:00 am 10:00 am	Pick Up Choir, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship Service, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
Monday, August 11th	7:00 pm	Finance Team Meeting
Sunday, August 17th	10:00 am	Pick Up Choir, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship Service, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
Wednesday, August 20th	7:30 pm	Music Team Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
Sunday, August 24th	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Pick Up Choir, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship Service, <i>Fellowship Hall</i> VBS Training and Decorating
Monday, August 25th	8:30 am	Vacation Bible School
Tuesday, August 26th	8:30 am	Vacation Bible School
Wednesday, August 27th	8:30 am	Vacation Bible School
Thursday, August 28th	8:30 am	Vacation Bible School
Sunday, August 31st	10:00 am 2:00 pm	Worship Service, <i>Fellowship Hall</i> Celebration for Doris, <i>Church</i>
Monday, September 1st Labor Day		** Office Closed**
Tuesday, September 2nd	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Community Dinner EMT Meeting, <i>Chapel</i> Deacon's Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Thursday, September 4th	12:00 pm	Lunch with Heike, <i>Library</i>