

Deacons

Term Ends 2018 Lee McNally, Charlie Baker, Claudia Darmofal, Susan Lively, Kirby Salerno

Term Ends 2019 Rick Devereux, Dibby Moder, Scott Stewart, Carol Miller, Jean Veigas

Term Ends 2020 Kevin Blume, Paul Brown, Jane Clayton- Matthews, Sue Cotton, Lucy Slosser

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Term Ends 2018 Michael Normile, Blair Wentworth, Sharmon Priaux

Term Ends 2019 Jim Conroy, Diane Rees, Kristin Mollerus

Term Ends 2020 Howard Sesso, Kenneth Allen, Barbra Morton, Amanda Angel

Parish and Pastoral Relations Committee

Committee Members: Tom Mollerus, Fred Moder and Diana Conroy

The Parish and Pastoral Relations Committee is a standing committee chosen by the Board and Deacons that seeks to support and maintain an open and healthy relationship between the pastor/s and members of the congregation. The committee does not seek to take the place of communications between the congregation and the pastoral staff. Congregants who wish to communicate with this committee may send an email to pprc@needhamucc.org. **Please do not use email to discuss sensitive or confidential matters; just use the email to set up an appointment for a telephone or in-person meeting.**

Welcome to all who are new or here for the first time! If you are interested in learning more about our church, please email Rev. Jim at revjim@needhamucc.org, Rev Heike at revheike@needhamucc.org or call the office at 781-444-2510 to set up a conversation.

For updates on church life, our family ministries, Christian Education and Youth Ministries follow us at: **@NeedhamUCC on Instagram**
Congregational Church of Needham UCC on Facebook
@needhamucc on Twitter www.needhamucc.org

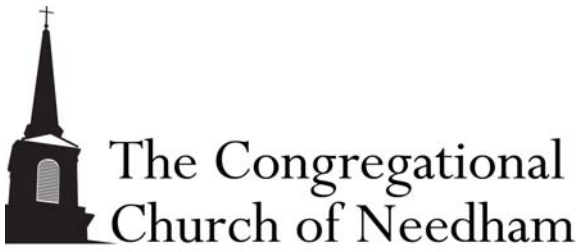
Please silence your cell phone before attending the service. You can Check In on Facebook and let people know you are here. Feel free to Tweet or Instagram during the service. If you would like or need a hearing device an usher will be able to assist you. Children's Childcare is offered for infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers in the Nursery located downstairs during the service.

Rev. Jim Mitulski's Office Hours

Please contact the church office to schedule an appointment during his office hours of Tuesday & Wednesday 2-6pm; Thursday 2-5pm
 Evening hours are also available by appointment.
 *If these times do not work for you please contact the office for alternate availability.

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An open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ

August 13, 2017 10:00am

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome to our worship service. Please join us for refreshments and time for fellowship immediately following the service.

Blessing that Bears the Wind, the Wave
Jan Richardson

**That we will risk
 the drenching
 by which we
 are drawn
 toward the voice
 that calls us,
 the love
 that catches us,
 the faith
 that carries us
 beyond the wind,
 the wave.**

- janrichardson.com

PRELUDE Improvisation on Hymns *Cici Hunt*

INVOCATION Rev. Jim Mitulski

SONG **Welcome**
(see insert)

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

PEACE SONG **Dona nobis Pacem**
(see insert)

CANDLES OF PRAYER

You are welcome to come forward to light a candle. You may share “I light this candle for...”, “I light this candle to celebrate...”, “I light this candle in memory of...” or you may just light the candle and return to your seat.

After a moment of silence we will have prayers for ourselves, each other, the community, the country, the church, the world, concluding with

Community Prayers and Lord’s Prayer

Please use whatever form is comforting to you. Mother/Father, or Our Father/ Our Creator...trespasses or debts

HYMN **Dear God, Embracing Humankind**
(see insert)

SELECTION OF READINGS

Here is Strength

Consider the wild wave, it’s wet tension,
tissues of torn foam in its curled fist;
contradiction of calm, enemy of evenness,
it says to the stormed soul: fear my strength.

Consider the flinty wind, its walled power,
shreds of white clouds in its biting teeth;
uncaring and unkind to brittle weakness,
it says to the scoured soul: fear my strength.

Consider the fragile flesh, its limitations,
gravity’s slave and tattered by time;
weak against wave and wind’s toughness,
it says to the struggling soul: I’ve little strength.

Consider Christ who walks through storm toward us,
who reaches out, compassion in his hands,
counters fearing with God’s loving faithfulness.
Who says to the yearning soul: *here is strength*.

-From Andrew King’s blog: A poetic kind of place

Gospel Matthew 14: 22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

CHANT **In God Alone**
(see insert) *Repeat 3 Times*

SERMON “Walking on Water” Heike Werder

HYMN **Stand By Me**

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

In each of our rows today is a black friendship book which we encourage you to fill out and pass to the person next to you during the offering. If you have been with us before, just put down your name, but if you are new today, please let us know who you are. Thanks!

Anthem As the Deer *Martin Nystrom*

Prayer of Dedication

CLOSING HYMN **Give the Winds Thy Fear**
(see insert)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Bridge Over Troubled Waters *Simon and Garfunkle*

Deacons: Paul Brown, Jean Veigas
Altar Guild: Jane Clayton-Matthews
Ushers: David Libby, Alex Cullen, Nancy Lane, Scott Lively
Flowers: Debbie Wentworth
Flower Delivery: Martha Lamb

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Emily Campbell by the Lucas Family.

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.

Open and Affirming Statement

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.

(This statement adopted in 2000, reflects the welcome of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender people and their friends and families.)

Welcome to Summer Worship in the Chapel. During July and August we meet on Sundays at 10:00am in air conditioned comfort. The service is less formal. We have special music but no choir. We hope to see you throughout the summer. Looking ahead to fall here is some of what is being planned.

September 3– Labor Day
All Work Is Sacred—Rev. Jim

September 10– Welcome Back Sunday
Holy Communion

September 17—Dr. Donald Messer, Retired President, Iliff Theological Seminary

September 24—Ride for Food Sunday

Vacation Bible School | August 2017

SUPERHERO CENTRAL



Have you always wanted super powers? Wouldn't it be fun if you could save the world?

At VBS: Superhero Central, we'll learn about all the super powers we already have! Love, Friendship, Hope, and Faith all work together to make the world a better place!

Our days will be filled with lots of fun arts and crafts, games and playground time, cooking class and snack time.

Students will bring brown bag lunches.
Gluten-free snacks will be provided.

August 21 - 25, 2017

NEW TIME: Drop-off at 9:00 AM; Pick-up at 2:00 PM

Rates:

Get one day free when you sign up for the whole week!
\$30/day or \$120/week for the first child

Family discount:

\$20/day or \$80/week for additional children

Registration is open!

VBS: Superhero Central is open to children ages 3-8.
Children must be toilet trained.

If this program is cost-prohibitive for your family, please reach out to Maddie Downer, our youth director, regarding scholarships at youth@needhamucc.org. Please put "VBS Scholarship" in the subject line.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

August 13, 2017



The Congregational
Church of Needham

Events & Announcements

Church Office Moved Back To 1154!

Our church offices moved from the 1180 building back to the 1154 building on Thursday and Friday, August 10 & 11. Our office phone lines should be back up and running on Monday, August 14. If you need to get in touch with the ministers or the office and it is not urgent, feel free to email. If it is urgent, please contact us via cell:
Rev. Jim: 323-578-4454, Rev. Heike: 617-827-4610,
Danielle: 617-694-5867.

One Book One Community – 2017 Community Book Read in Needham

The Needham Free Public Library is partnering with several other community organizations to sponsor a One Book One Community Program this summer. The chosen book is "In the Country We Love: My Family Divided" by Diane Guerrero.

"In September, the library and co-sponsors will present discussion groups and a lecture to wrap up the program," said library Director Ann MacFate. "These programs will provide a forum for people to come together and discuss the ideas in the book."

For information, contact the library at 781-455-7559, option 2

SAVE THE DATE – Super Saturday – October 21st

A day of workshops, worship and fellowship! Join us at the UCC's Super Saturday event and find out what is going on in other UCC churches in our area. We would like to bring a group of 8-12 people representing our church. Talk to Rev. Jim or email the church office at office@needhamucc.org to get registered, or with any questions.

FAMILY PROMISE SUMMER SUPPORT WEEK-

First Congregational Natick August 13-20. Contact Susan Kirk susanckirk@comcast.net

Guatemala Partnership Welcome Back Brunch on September 10th

We are once again asking Guatemala partner families to host a Welcome Back brunch for the congregation, this year on September

10th, following the service. If you are able to help, please see Val Kistler or Jane Clayton-Matthews after church to sign up to bring baked goods or other brunch items, or to help with set-up or clean-up. Or you can email Val Kistler at valk228@gmail.com. Let's make this a very special welcome back for the congregation, as we return from summer activities!

New Directory 2017

We will be issuing a new member directory this year. Please send your family pictures and any updated contact information into the church office so they can be used in the directory.

August Vacation Bible School: Super Hero Central Ages 3-8

August VBS will be offered to students ages 3-8. We will learn how Jesus is a super power. Lots of games, crafts, and other fun activities. Students will bring brown bag lunches, snacks will be served. Please register online at www.needhamucc.org/VBS.

Dates: Monday August 21– Monday August 25

Times: Drop Off at 9am / Pick Up at 2pm

Shop Amazon Smile and the church can benefit.

If you are an Amazon shopper please set up Amazon Smile as your default shopping website and designate the church as your chosen charity. The church will receive 0.5% of the value of your purchases. You pay regular Amazon prices and the church will receive nice monthly checks. Spread the word. Just go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> and search for Congregational Church of Needham as your charity for donations.

Bylaws Review

A team of Deacons and Board Members has initiated a review of our Church's bylaws to identify areas where updates would be helpful. The intent is to have any proposed changes ready for Congregational review in the late fall and for a vote at next January's Annual Meeting.

The team is not contemplating changing the Church's governing structure. An example of a helpful change we are considering is that in the case a board/deacons/committee member resigns, at the next Annual Meeting a new member will be elected to serve only the remaining years of the resigned members term, and not the standard 3-year term. This will prevent too many members of a committee all being on the same 3-year cycle. We are also evaluating how to make the Parish and Pastoral Relations Committee (PPRC) a permanent Committee of the Congregation. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for the team, feel free to contact any one of its members: Susan Lively, Mike Normile, Sharmon Priaulx, Howie Sesso, and Scott Stewart. You can find a copy of the current Bylaws on the church web site. <http://needhamucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/BYLAWS-revision-2011.pdf>. Or, from the Church home page (needhamucc.org) mouse over "Come" in the upper left. A pop-up menu will appear, click on "Who We Are". The "Who We Are" page will appear. Click on "Our Church Bylaws" near the top.

Calendar August 13th—August 27th

Sunday August 13th	10:00 am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i>
Monday August 14th	7:00 pm	Finance Team Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>
Friday August 18th		<i>Church Office Closed</i>
Sunday August 20th	10:00 am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i>
Monday August 21st	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School
Tuesday August 22nd	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School
Wednesday August 23rd	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School
Thursday August 24th	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School
Friday August 25th	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School <i>Church Office Closed</i>
Sunday August 27th	10:00 am 11:30 am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i> Meditation w/ Sue Findlay, <i>Reception Room</i>

7/30/2017 Collections* = \$4,766

7/30/2017 Worship Attendance = 57 People

July Electronic Pledge Amount: \$13,359.17

Please contact the church office 781-444-2510 or office@needhamucc.org to find out how you can give electronically.

*Collection amount does not include additional pledges received electronically.

Our current pledge amount for 2017 is \$367,804.00. This represents a budget shortfall of \$56,459.00 for the year.

Stand By Me

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1. When the storms of life are rag-ing,
 2. In the midst of trib - u - la-tion,
 3. In the midst of faults and fail-ures, stand by me; (stand by me)
 4. In the midst of per - se - cu-tion,
 5. When I'm grow - ing old and fee-ble,

when the storms of life are rag-ing,
 in the midst of trib - u - la-tion,
 in the midst of faults and fail-ures, stand by me. (stand by me)
 in the midst of per - se - cu-tion,
 when I'm grow-ing old and fee-ble,

When the world is toss - ing me, like a ship up-on the sea,
 When the host of hell as - sail, and my strength be-gins to fail,
 When I've done the best I can, and my friends mis-un-der-stand,
 When my foes in war ar - ray un-der-take to stop my way,
 When my life be-comes a bur-den, and I'm near-ing chil - ly Jor-dan,

thou who rul - est wind and wa-ter,
 thou who nev - er lost a bat-tle,
 thou who know-est all a-bout me, stand by me. (stand by me)
 thou who sav - ed Paul and Si-las,
 O thou Lil - y of the Val-ley,

WORDS: Charles Albert Tindley, ca. 1906 (Mt. 8:23-27; Mk. 4:35-41; Lk. 8:22-25)
 MUSIC: Charles Albert Tindley, ca. 1906; arr. by William Farley Smith, 1989
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STAND BY ME
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LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

815 Give to the Winds Thy Fears

1 Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be
 2 Through waves and clouds and storms God gent - ly
 3 Leave to God's sov - ereign sway to choose and
 4 Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast

un - dis - mayed. God hears thy sighs and
 clears the way. Wait pa - tient - ly; so
 to com - mand. So shalt thou, won - dering,
 truth de - clare, and pub - lish with our

counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.
 shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.
 own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!
 fi - nal breath thy love and guard - ian care.

This text uses selected stanzas from sixteen four-line English stanzas based on the original German text, which was twice as long. The German hymn was constructed as an acrostic on Martin Luther's translation of Psalm 37:5, and much of the spirit of that psalm is retained here.

THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

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Welcome

1. Let's walk to- geth - er for a while and
 2. Let's talk to- geth - er of a time when
 3. Let's dream to- geth - er of the day when

ask where we be - gin — to build a world where
 we will share a feast, — where pride and pow - er
 earth and heaven are one, — a ci - ty built of

love can grow and hope can en - ter in, — — to
 kneel to serve the lone - ly and the least, — — and
 love and light, the new Je - ru - sa - lem, — where our

be the hands of heal - ing and to
 joy will set the ta - ble as we
 mourn - ing turns to danc - ing, ev - ery

Refrain

plant the seed of peace, — sing - ing wel - come,
 join our hands to pray, — sing - ing wel - come,
 crea - ture lifts its voice, — cry - ing wel - come,

wel - come to this place. You're in - vit - ed to

come and know God's grace. All are wel - come the

love of God to share — 'cause all of us are wel - come here; —

— all are wel - come in this place. —

WORDS: Laurie Zelman and Mark A. Miller
 MUSIC: Mark A. Miller
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WELCOME
 Irr. with Refrain

Dona Nobis Pacem

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♩ = 42

Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem; do - na no - bis
 pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem;
 do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na
 no - bis pa - cem; do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Words: Traditional Latin
 Music: Traditional canon

DONA NOBIS PACEM
 Irregular

Dear God, Embracing Humankind

John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872; alt.

Mark 1:16-20; Matt. 14:22-23; 1 Kings 19:11-12

1 Dear God, em-brac - ing hu - man - kind, for - give our fool - ish
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be - side the Syr - ian
 3 O sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O calm of hills a -
 4 Drop your still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings
 5 Breathe through the puls - es of de - sire your cool - ness and your

ways; Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in
 sea, The gra - cious call - ing of your word, let
 bove! There Je - sus met you prayer - ful - ly: the
 cease; Take from our souls the strain and stress, and
 balm; Let sense be numb, let flesh re - tire; speak

pur - er lives your ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 us, like them, by spir - it stirred, rise up and fol - lowers be.
 si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love.
 let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of your peace.
 through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

In his poem "The Brewing of Soma," New England poet John Greenleaf Whittier compares frenzied ecstasies of a sect of Hindu priests to the noisy Christian revivals he found so offensive. This hymn of quiet worship is from the final stanzas.

Tune: REST 8.6.8.8.6.
 Frederick C. Maker, 1887
 Alternate tune: REPTON
 (repeating last phrase)

In God Alone

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Mon âme se repose

In God a - lone my soul can find rest and peace, in
 Mon â - me se re - po - se en paix sur Dieu seul: de
 God my peace and joy. On - ly in God my
 lui vient mon sa - lut. Oui, sur Dieu seul mon
 soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.
 â - me se re - po - se, se re - po - se en paix.

This prayer response based on Psalm 62:1, 5 comes from the ecumenical community in Taizé, France (see also no. 843). It is intended for repeated singing in either language (or both). It can also be used effectively as a recurring congregational response in a series of prayers.

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1991
 MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1991
 Text and Music © 1991 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

MON ÂME SE REPOSE
 Irregular