



# CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

August 17, 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 17, 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 #407 (NCH)**

**How Firm a Foundation**

**READING**

New Vision  
From "Faith and the Mystery of God"  
By Maurice Wiles

**PRAYER**

*Silent Prayer*

*Lord's Prayer*

**LIGHTING CANDLES FOR JOYS & CONCERNS**

**MUSIC**

**SERMON**

"Daniel, Faithful Servant"  
Heike Werder

**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*

**\* CLOSING HYMN #461 (NCH)**

**Let Us Hope when Hope  
Seems Hopeless**

## FINAL BLESSING

## POSTLUDE

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

*Deacons:* Carole Oberle, Stephanie Oddleifson

*Ushers:* Mike Normile, Janet Jankowiak, Bob Everts, Jim Conroy

*Altar Guild:* Sherrill Salisbury

*Flowers:* Debbie Wentworth

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Shirley and Harry Clayton, by Jane Clayton-Matthews and family.*

- 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](http://www.needhamucc.org), our church website.

**SAVE THE  
DATE  
WELCOME  
BACK  
SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER  
7, 2014**



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The Rev. Dr. Susan Cartmell, Senior Minister    Bobby DeRegis, Director of Music Ministries  
The Rev. Heike Werder, Associate Minister    Valerie Becker, Director of Youth Music  
The Rev. Jamie Klopotoski, Youth Minister    The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Birthday Celebration for Doris Cook: *Come celebrate with Doris on Sunday, August 31 from 2-4pm at the church in Fellowship Hall.*** No gifts necessary, cards with special sentiments written are appreciated, there will be something special for Doris at her celebration. If you can't make it, you can leave/send a card at the church office. RSVP by August 23rd to Joanne Seiden at 781-449-6535 or [jseiden@basiclink.com](mailto:jseiden@basiclink.com).

**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.

**Help Make Your Mark On The New Building:** We are so excited to start using our new space. If you would like to be part of getting our new space ready we could use your help. We are planning a work day that will consist of light cleaning, painting, gardening and general sprucing. If interested please contact the office at [office@needhamucc.org](mailto:office@needhamucc.org) or 781-444-2510. Opportunities to help for all ages!

**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!

**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 6<sup>th</sup> (and returning 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>) graders. For more info, visit [www.myyouthcenter.org](http://www.myyouthcenter.org) or contact Jamie at 781-444-2510 ext. 198 or [info@myyouthcenter.org](mailto:info@myyouthcenter.org).

## CALENDAR August 17—September 4

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>Fellowship Hall</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>