

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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Moderator - Jackie Allen, Clerk - Keith McClelland
Term Ends 2018 Michael Normile, Blair Wentworth, Sharmon Priaulx
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.

10:00 a.m. – 5

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.

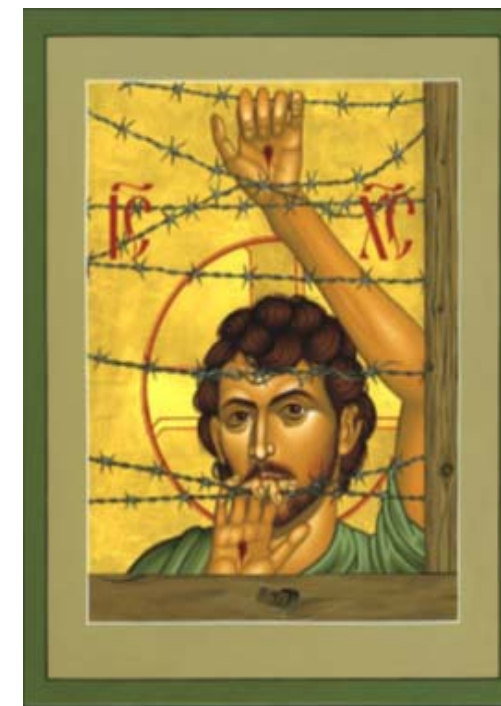


An open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ

August 20, 2017 10:00am

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 11th Sunday after Pentecost**

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



Christ of Maryknoll

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The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

10:00 a.m. – 6

PRELUDE Andante *Anon*

INVOCATION

SONG **Welcome**
(see insert)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

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

SELECTION OF READINGS

Psalms 67 (NRSV)
May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Matthew 15: 21-28 (NRSV)
Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

HYMN **Help Us Accept Each Other**
(see insert) **vs. 1 and 2**

SERMON “Jesus’ Most Memorable Lesson” Rev. Heike Werder

HYMN **Help Us Accept Each Other**
(see insert) **vs. 3 and 4**

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 *Benedictus from Requiem* *W.A. Mozart (1756 - 1791)*
Elizabeth Sterling, Maggie Furtak, Joseph Rondeau, Crosby Goshgarian Jr.

Prayer of Dedication

CLOSING MUSIC **Now Thank We All Our God**
(see insert)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Almighty Father Chorale from MASS*
Leonard Bernstein (1918 - 1990)
Elizabeth Sterling, Maggie Furtak, Joseph Rondeau, Crosby Goshgarian Jr.

Deacons: Charles Baker, Rick Devereux
Altar Guild: Denice Koljonen
Ushers: Jim Conroy, Mike Normile, Janet Jankowiak, Bob Everts
Flowers: Debbie Wentworth
Flower Delivery: Mary Lou Hughes

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Stuart and Emily Campbell by Blair and Debbie Wentworth.

Artist's Narrative on the Icon
I have named this icon “Christ of Maryknoll” because Maryknoll and Orbis Books mean so much to me. Both endeavor to see the Christ among the least of us, and to serve the Christ that lives in the margins of this world. Maryknoll priests, brothers, sisters and lay people have been imprisoned in China and elsewhere for their work among the poor, the broken, the oppressed; Orbis has taken great risks to extend the Maryknoll vision.

I hope this icon will bring inspiration to all those who share in that vision. The icon does not make clear which side of the fence Christ is on. Is he imprisoned or are we? Through our cultural institutions and personal lives we all place barriers between ourselves and true happiness. We and our institutions also try to imprison Christ in various ways, to tame him and the dangerous memories he would bring us of our goals and ideals.
—Br. Robert Lentz, OFM, September 11, 2002

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

MOVING SALE

Sunday, Aug. 20 & 27 - 9am-noon

Mon. - Thurs., Aug. 21-24 - 9am-5pm

Gently used items from the church move are available in the Narthex for whomever needs them.!

Items include:

Desks

File cabinets

Desk chairs

Vases...

All items must be claimed by 8/27. If you can not pick your item up by 8/27, please arrange a date and time with Rev. Heike or the office.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

August 20, 2017



The Congregational
Church of Needham

Request for Altar Flower Donation

Altar flower donations are needed for Sunday, September 10, 17 and 24. The cost of the arrangement is \$50 with a check payable to the Congregational Church of Needham. You may call the church office or contact Debbie Wentworth at BMWFAC@comcast.net to receive more details if you are interested in remembering loved ones with flowers on the altar.

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 or check the online calendar at <http://needhamma.gov/calendar.aspx>. No registration is required to attend.

Book Discussions are scheduled as follows:

Monday, August 28 th at 7:30 PM	<i>Community Room at the Library</i>
Wednesday, August 30 th at 7:00 PM	<i>Presbyterian Church, 1458 Great Plain Ave.</i>
Thursday, September 14 th at 7:30 PM	<i>Community Room at the Library</i>
Sunday, September 24 th at 2:00 PM	<i>Community Room at the Library</i>
Tuesday, September 26 th at 7:30 PM	<i>Community Room at the Library</i>

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.

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!

SIGN-UP NOW FOR FEBRUARY 2018 DELEGATION

Brenda Metzler and Fred Moder will co-lead the church's upcoming delegation to Santa María Tzejá (February 14-25, 2018). We are seeking a few more adults and high school youth to complete the delegation. Total cost is approximately \$1,500. Sign-ups will close as soon as the delegation is filled (late September or earlier), so don't delay in contacting Brenda or Fred with your interest/questions: bmetzler7@verizon.net; or fmoder@verizon.net.

The Village Fair is Coming!!

Our Village Fair volunteers will soon be hard at work preparing for the fair. You can help us recycle and upcycle by donating items— such as wine corks, wooden picture frames (medium to large size), battery powered candles, old mirrors, fall and holiday silk flowers and foliage, and green wreaths, small trees, ornaments and other Christmas related items—which can be repurposed into new decorations, displays and creations. Donations can be dropped off in the box labeled “Village Fair Donations” located in the hall by the Chapel. Questions? Contact Jane Brand at ajbrand@comcast.net

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.

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 Priaux, 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 20th—September 10th

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>
Friday September 1st		<i>Office Closed</i>
Sunday September 3rd	10:00 am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i>
Monday September 4th		<i>Office Closed—Labor Day</i>
Tuesday September 5th	10:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters Community Dinner, <i>Linden Hall</i> Finance Team Meeting, <i>Reception Room</i>
Thursday September 7th	12:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:30 pm	Lunch w/ Heike Open House— Mosaic Family Faith Formation & Ministry Choir Practice, <i>Linden AB</i>
Sunday September 10th	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Choir Practice, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship Service—Welcome Back Sunday, <i>Sanctuary</i> Guatemala Partnership Coffee Hour

8/13/2017 Collections* = \$5,756
8/13/2017 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.



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



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. _____

Dona Nobis Pacem 388

♩ = 42

1
Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem; do - na no - bis

2
pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem;

3
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

Help Us Accept Each Other 388

Fred Kaan, 1974; alt.

- 1 Help us ac-cept each oth-er
as Christ ac-cept-ed us;
teach us as sis-ter, broth-er,
each per-son to em-brace.
Be pres-ent, God, a-mong us,
and bring us to be-lieve
we are our-selves ac-cept-ed
and meant to love and live.
- 2 Teach us, O God, your les-sons,
as in our dai-ly life
we strug-gle to be hu-man
and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for peo-ple,
for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them,
or as they may be-come.

Dutch theologian Fred Kaan was ordained in the United Reformed Church in England and Wales and has served as an international church administrator. Author of more than 200 hymns, Kaan frequently has addressed contemporary issues in his texts.

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John 15:12; 17:20-23; Eph. 4:1-6, 11-16

- 3 Let your ac-cep-tance change us,
so that we may be moved
in liv-ing sit-u-a-tions
to do the truth in love;
To prac-tice your ac-cep-tance,
un-til we know by heart
the ta-ble of for-give-ness
and laugh-ter's heal-ing art.
- 4 God, for to-day's en-coun-ters
with all who are in need,
who hun-ger for ac-cep-tance,
for righ-teous-ness and bread,
Bring us new eyes for see-ing,
new hands for hold-ing on;
re-new us with your Spir-it;
God! Free us, make us one!

Tune: AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.
Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

THANKSGIVING

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Sir. 50:20-24; 39:35; Ps. 67

Nun danket alle Gott (Now Thank We All Our God)

Martin Rinkart, 1647; transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.

1 Nun dank - et al - le Gott, mit Herz - en, Mund und Händ - en,
1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God our Mak - er now be giv - en,

der gro - sse Ding - e tut an uns und al - len End - en;
Who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es,
With ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
To Christ, and Spir - it, too, our help in high - est heav - en,

der uns von Mut - ter - leib und Kind - es - bein - en an
Who, from our par - ents' arms, has blessed us on our way
And keep us still in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
The one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heaven a - dore,

un - zäh - lig viel zu gut bis hier-her hat ge - tan.
With count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.
For thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

For much of his life, German Lutheran pastor and musician Martin Rinkart ministered to the walled city of Eisleben amidst the bombardment of the Thirty Years War.

Tune: NUN DANKET 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6.
Johann Crüger, 1647