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

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10:00 a.m.– 6

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

Christ of Maryknoll

The 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.

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.

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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 witness to the truth, and proclaiming God’s love and mercy for all people.

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.

Welcome to Covenant Community. (This statement adopted in 2000, reflects the welcome of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender people and their friends and families.)
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 28th at 7:30 PM Community Room at the Library
- Wednesday, August 30th at 7:00 PM Presbyterian Church, 1458 Great Plain Ave.
- Thursday, September 14th at 7:30 PM Community Room at the Library
- Sunday, September 24th at 2:00 PM Community Room at the Library
- Tuesday, September 26th at 7:30 PM Community Room at the Library

SAVE THE DATE – Super Saturday – October 21
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.

Moving “Sale”
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.
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, 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, Sharman 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 20th—September 10th

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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.
Welcome

1. Let’s walk together for a while and
   ask where we begin to build a world where pride and power
   where earth and heaven are one...

2. Let’s talk together of a time when
   love can grow and hope can enter in...
   to the lonely and the least...

3. Let’s dream together of the day when
   the hands of healing will set the table as we
   mourn the turning to dancing, everywhere...

Refrain

Join our hands to plant the seed of peace, singing well...
Singing well...
Singing well...

Welcome to this place. You’re invited to...

Come and know God’s grace. All are welcome...

Love of God to share ‘cause all are welcome here...

Welcome
Dona Nobis Pacem

Words: Traditional Latin
Music: Traditional carol

Help Us Accept Each Other

Fred Kam, 1974, alt.

1 Help us accep-t each oth-er
as Christ accep-ted us;
Teach us as sis-ter, broth-er,
each per-son to em-brace;
Be pres-ent, God, am ong us,
and bring us to be-fie-ve
we are one in accep-ti-on
and meant to love and live.

2 Teach us, O God, your les-sons,
as in our dai-ly life
we strug-ge 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-born.

3 Let your accep-ti-ence change us,
so that we may be moved
in liv-ing situa-tions
to do the truth in love;
To prac-tice your accep-ti-ence,
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-counters
with all who are in need,
who hun-gry for accep-ti-ence,
for eigh-ten-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!

Text: AURELIA T. A. K.
Music: Samuel W. Wesley, 1864

THANKSGIVING

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

Martin Rincker, 1597; tran. Catherine Winkworth, 1863

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1 Nun danket all e Gott,
Now thank we all our God,
Mit an See-len, mit Ge spi en,
With ev - er joy - ful cheer.
Der gro - ße Dis-ge.
Who won - der - ous things has done,
Nun sei - en mit Ge spi en,
For than it was, is now.
2 Nun danket all e Gott,
Now thank we all our God,
Mit an See-len, mit Ge spi en,
With ev - er joy - ful cheer.
O meh - von ten - tens,
Our hearts and our
Mit an See-len, mit Ge spi en,
And free us from all void.
3 Nun danket all e Gott,
Now thank we all our God,
Mit an See-len, mit Ge spi en,
With ev - er joy - ful cheer.
All praise and thanks to God,
Our Mak - er, now be - gin,
Mit an See-len, mit Ge spi en,
And from the light of day.
4 Nun danket all e Gott,
Now thank we all our God,
Mit an See-len, mit Ge spi en,
With ev - er joy - ful cheer.
The one e - ter nal
God, and has
Mit an See-len, mit Ge spi en,
For then it was, is now.
5 Nun danket all e Gott,
Now thank we all our God,
Mit an See-len, mit Ge spi en,
With ev - er joy - ful cheer.
Kind - heit - en en
Bless - ed ones on our
Mit an See-len, mit Ge spi en,
And from the light of day.
6 Nun danket all e Gott,
Now thank we all our God,
Mit an See-len, mit Ge spi en,
With ev - er joy - ful cheer.
Mit an See-len, mit Ge spi en,
And from the light of day.

Text: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
Music: JOHANN CRYP, 1667