



# CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

United Church of Christ

August 21, 2016

Theme: Stories about the 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 21, 2016

10:00am

*Childcare for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers is available in the preschool room downstairs during the service.*

**WELCOMING MUSIC**

Adagio  
Anon

**WORDS OF GREETING**

**\*OPENING HYMN #593(NCH)**

**Lift Every Voice and Sing**  
*See Insert*

**PRAYER**

by Howard Thurman

In the quietness of this place, surrounded by the all-pervading presence of the Holy, my heart whispers:

Keep fresh before me the moments of my High Resolve, that in good times or in tempests,

I may not forget that to which my life is committed.

Keep fresh before me the moments of my High Resolve.

*Silent Prayer*

***Lord's Prayer***

*(please pray whatever form is familiar to you; many choose to pray Our Father and Mother....debts/debtors)*

## LIGHTING CANDLES FOR JOYS & CONCERNS

*(while music is played, you're invited to come forward to light candles)*

Responsive reading from Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s  
"I Have A Dream Speech" August 23, 1963

And so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

**I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.**

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

**I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.**

**I have a *dream* today!**

I have a dream that one day, down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of "interposition" and "nullification" -- one day right there in Alabama little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

**I have a *dream* today!**

And this will be the day -- this will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning:

*My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.  
Land where my fathers died, land of the Pilgrim's pride,  
From every mountainside, let freedom ring!*

And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true.

**And so let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire.**

Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York.

Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania.

**Let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado.**

**Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California.**

But not only that:

Let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia.

Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee.

**Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi.**

**From every mountainside, let freedom ring.**

And when this happens, and when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when *all* of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual:

*Free at last! Free at last!*

*Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!*

**MUSIC**

**\*HYMN #570(NCH)**

**We Shall Overcome**  
**Vs. 1 & 2**  
*See Insert*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

from Exodus 14

**SERMON**

“Two Freedom Marches, Ancient and Modern”  
Jim Mitulski

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OFFERING OF TITHES and GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

Minuet  
*Anon*

*\*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 #394(NCH)**

**In Christ There is No East or West**  
**Vs. 3 & 4**  
*See Insert*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Hornpipe  
*GF Handel*

*\*You are invited to stand*

- Welcome to all who are here for the first time.
- Please turn off your cell phone before attending the service.
- Please ask an usher if you would like or need a hearing device.

*Deacons:* Joanne Seiden, Charles Baker

*Altar Guild:* Jane Clayton-Matthews

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

*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 Debbie Wentworth and family.*



## **Ride for Hunger September 25, 2016**

For all those who are interested in participating in the annual Ride for Hunger, it is time to sign up.

Please go to the Needham Community Council website and click on the rider. Follow instructions for signing up.

Our church group will be a sub-team of the Needham Community Council team.

For those who do not wish to ride but would like to sponsor our team, you will be encouraged to make a donation on Sundays for our riders, starting August 21, 2016. Rev. Heike has a pledge list, and will be ready to receive sponsorship donations.

So far, 8 people are planning to ride but we are hoping and wishing for more.

It is not too late starting to train for the ride. All you need to do is: dust off your bike, pump up the tires, find that helmet, and start biking!

## Worship Schedule Through September 11, 2016

### **August 28 Blessing of the Backpacks**

Young people returning to school are invited to bring their backpacks to church for a special blessing. Rev. Jim will preach from Exodus 34 on “Remembering Emmett Till and why his Black Life still Matters” .

### **September 4 - Communion & Labor Day Sunday “All Work is Sacred”**

Rev. Jim preaches on Luke 13:10-17.

### **Worship resumes in the Sanctuary on Sunday, September 11**

Welcome Back! Sunday & Communion– plan now to invite family and friends for this festive Homecoming Celebration.

### **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

\*If these times do not work for you please contact the office for alternate availability.

### **Staff**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Altar Flower Donations**

An opportunity awaits to honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion in the month of September. Anyone interested may contact the church office at [office@needhamucc.org](mailto:office@needhamucc.org) or 781-444-2510. Additionally, an altar donation form can be found in the circular rack in the Narthex. Complete the form and place it in the manila envelope. The Flower Committee looks forward to acting on your behalf.

### **Family Promise**

As part of our support for [Family Promise Metrowest](#), this Sunday Susan Kirk from our church will make available 25 \$10 gift certificates from TJ Maxx, which you can purchase and donate for Family Promise, or you can bring some on your own. We will bless these when we Bless the Backpacks on Sunday, August 28 of children from our congregation as they begin a new school year. These certificates will be given to children who are guests of FPMetrowest to ensure they are starting off the school year well-equipped.

### **Guatemala Partnership Welcome Back Brunch on September 11th**

We would like to re-start the tradition in which Guatemala partner families host a welcome back brunch for the congregation, this year on September 11th following the service. If you are able to help, please see Val Kistler or Brenda Metzler 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](mailto:valk228@gmail.com). Let's make this a very special welcome back for the congregation, as we return from summer activities!

### **Let's Read Together! "The Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead**

Join us in reading Colson Whitehead's timely new novel "The Underground Railroad." We'll gather on a weeknight in September to discuss the book, on a date yet to be determined. See Jim Mitulski or email with questions

[RevJim@needhamucc.org](mailto:RevJim@needhamucc.org).

Books are available for purchase in the book store shelves next to the Chapel.

### **Share Your Abundance Sunday!**

If you have first crops, second crops, and bumper crops and you do not know what to do with it, bring it to church to share.

Items can be placed on the table outside for people to take.

## CALENDAR August 21st– September 13th

Sunday, Aug. 21st	10:00am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i>
Monday, Aug. 22nd	8:30 am	Vacation Bible School
Tuesday, Aug. 23rd	8:30 am	Vacation Bible School
Wed., Aug. 24th	8:30 am	Vacation Bible School
Thursday, Aug. 25th	8:30 am	Vacation Bible School
Friday, Aug. 26th	8:30 am	Vacation Bible School
Sunday, Aug. 28th <b>Blessing of the Backpacks</b>	10:00am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i>
Sunday, Sept. 4th	10:00am	Worship Service– Communion, Chapel
Monday, Sept. 5th <b>Labor Day</b>		Office Closed
Tuesday, Sept. 6th	10:00am 6:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i> Community Dinner, <i>Linden Hall</i>
Thurs., Sept. 8th	12:00pm 7:30 pm	Lunch with Heike, <i>1180 GPA</i> Choir Practice, <i>Linden AB</i>
Sunday, Sept, 11th <b>Welcome Back Sunday &amp; Communion</b>	10:00am 11:00pm 11:15am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Village Orientation & Registration Welcome Back/Refreshments Junior High Youth Group Orientation Senior High Youth Group Orientation Guatemala Partnership Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 13th	7:00 pm	Board Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>

August 21, 2016

Hymn Insert

## Lift Every Voice and Sing

*James Weldon Johnson, 1921; alt.*

1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the  
 2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit-ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, God who has

har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing  
 days when hope un - born had died; Yet with a stead - y  
 brought us thus far on the way; God, who by your

rise, high as the lis - tening skies, let it re - sound loud as the  
 beat, have not our wea - ry feet, come to the place for which our  
 might, led us in - to the light, keep us for - ev - er in the

roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the  
 peo - ple sighed? We have come o - ver a  
 path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the

Poet James Weldon Johnson was the first African-American to pass the bar examination in the state of Florida, and served as U.S. consul in Venezuela and Nicaragua. He collaborated with his composer brother, John Rosamond Johnson, to write Broadway operettas and edit song collections. John appeared in vaudeville, directed London musicals, and headed the Music School Settlement in New York.

Tune: LIFT EVERY VOICE Irr.  
 J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921

faith that the harsh past has taught us, Sing a song full of the  
 way that with tears has been wa - tered, We have come, tread - ing our  
 plac - es, our God, where we met you, Lest our hearts, drunk with the

hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the  
 path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, Out from the  
 wine of the world, for - get you; Shad - owed be -

ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun, let us march  
 gloom - y past, till now we stand at last where the white  
 neath your hand, may we for - ev - er stand, true to our

on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 God, true to our na - tive land.

## We Shall Overcome

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United States traditional

John 8:31-32; Rom. 12:21; 2 Cor. 13:11

1 We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver -  
 2 We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in  
 3 We are not a - fraid, we are not a -  
 4 Our God will see us through, our God will see us

come, we shall o - ver - come some day;  
 hand, we'll go hand in hand some day;  
 fraid, we are not a - fraid to - day;  
 through, our God will see us through some day;

(1-6) Oh, deep in my heart, I do be - lieve,

we shall o - ver - come some day.  
 we'll go hand in hand some day.  
 we are not a - fraid to - day.  
 our God will see us through some day.

5 The truth shall make us free . . . some day.

6 We shall live in peace . . . some day.

*This anthem of the 1960s civil rights movement was frequently sung at mass meetings and marches. Several sources have been cited as its origins, including the spiritual "No more auction block for me" based on the tune known as Sicilian Mariners; an old Baptist hymn "I'll Be All Right"; and part of the text from C. A. Tindley's gospel hymn "I'll Overcome Someday."*

Tune: WE SHALL OVERCOME Irr.

United States traditional

Harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1981

## In Christ There Is No East or West

*1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:28; Eph. 2:14-22**John Oxenham, 1908; alt.**St. 3, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1987*

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;  
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-ery-where their high com-mu-nion find;  
 3 In Christ is nei-ther Jew nor Greek, and nei-ther slave nor free;  
 4 In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;

But one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.  
 God's ser-vice is the gold-en cord close-bind-ing hu-man-kind.  
 For men and wom-en live in God, and all are kin to me.  
 One joy-ous, true com-mu-ni-ty through-out the whole wide earth.

*Singer and composer Harry T. Burleigh studied at the National Conservatory of Music from 1892 to 1896. He is recognized as the first African-American composer to employ spirituals in concert arrangements. This tune is named after the rector of St. George's Episcopal Church in New York City, where Burleigh served as baritone soloist for more than fifty years.*

Tune: McKEE C.M.  
 African-American melody  
 Arr. Harry T. Burleigh, 1939  
 Alternate setting: ST. PETER

