



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

August 3, 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 3, 2014

10:00am

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

WELCOMING MUSIC

WORDS OF GREETING

BLESSING of the GUATEMALA DELEGATION

Amy and Chloe Kennedy, Alan Clayton-Matthews,
Dave and Caryl Johnson, Will Barber, Madison Darmofal,
Suzanne Wildman

HYMN #562(NCH)

Take My Gifts

READING

PRAYER

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

LIGHTING CANDLES FOR JOYS & CONCERNS

MUSIC

SERMON

“For Such a Time as This”
Jamie Klopotoski
Sandra Summers

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

Sonatina, Mouvet de Menuet
Ravel (1905)
Soomi Lee Lowry, piano

**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

ORDER FOR THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

Prayer Response

**Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you Lord!**

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Music for the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith. Increase our love for one another. Send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

CLOSING HYMN #360(NCH)

Thuma Mina

FINAL BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Italian Concerto, BWV 971

Bach (First Movement)

Soomi Lee Lowry

**You are invited to stand.*

- 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, our church website.

Worship Assistant: Sandra Summers

Deacons: Joanne Seiden, Frank Luppino

Ushers: Jim Leighton, Phil Gotwals, Rich Weitzel, Robert Kennedy

Altar Guild: Diana Conroy, Lee McNally

Flowers: Debbie Wentworth

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betty and John Wyeth, Sr. by their children Amy and John Jr. and their families.

Communion

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is served on the first Sunday of every month in our church. Along with Baptism, it is one of two sacraments in the United Church of Christ.

At Holy Communion we remember that Jesus ate with his disciples on the last night before he died. In that upper room he transformed the Passover meal something new. As he broke the bread that night he reminded them that it was a symbol for his own body which was broken for all of us. As he lifted the cup of wine he told them that it was a symbol of the covenant- which had come from Abraham and Moses - between us and God.

So when we eat the bread and dip it into the cup we remember that God loved us so much that God sent Jesus. Through Christ we came to know God even better. At this table, through faith, we believe Christ joins us and comes to be our host.

Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey you are welcome at this table. We offer children instruction in the sacrament of Holy Communion in the second grade. We leave it to families to decide if their children will take the communion, but everyone is welcome at any age. If your child will not be taking communion but would like a short blessing, please tell one of the ministers.

When you come forward the minister will give you the bread and say – "The Bread of Heaven for you". Many people respond saying, "Amen" or "Thanks be to God". Dip the bread into the cup of grape juice. As you do, the Deacon will say, "The cup of salvation for you." Again you may respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." You are encouraged to eat the bread soaked in the juice right away, and then return to your seat down the side aisle.

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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

ALTAR FLOWERS for August 10th! There is an opening on August 10 for altar flowers. If you would like to donate the flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one, please contact the church office at 781-444-2510 or at office@needhamucc.org. Thank you.

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!

Guatemala Delegation Send-Off -- Tuesday, August 5th, 7:00 pm: All are invited to join the Guatemala travelers for a brief send-off celebration at the Taylor's residence, 372 Warren St., Needham. Travelers are co-leaders Alan Clayton-Matthews and Caryl Johnson, Will Barber, Madison Darmofal, Amy Kennedy, Chloe Kennedy, Dave Johnson, and Suzanne Wildman. Folks will have a chance to hear about the delegation's planned activities and share refreshments and well-wishes with the travelers and their families. The Report back presentation following the delegation's return will be Sunday, September 14th at 11:30 am in Linden Hall.

Join a "Pick Up" Choir :This summer Valerie, our Youth Music Director, will lead a Pick Up Choir every Sunday throughout July and August.

What you do: Arrive at 9 a.m. in the Choir Room
Practice an uplifting anthem
Sing at the service

Who is welcome: All singers. This might be for you if you don't have time to commit to the choir but love to sing.

This is a fun, and a nice way to share your musical gifts.

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 6th (and returning 7th/8th) graders. For more info, visit www.myyouthcenter.org or contact Jamie at 781-444-2510 ext. 198 or info@myyouthcenter.org.

Join the February 2015 Delegation to Guatemala: The February 2015 delegation to Guatemala is beginning to fill, so if you may be interested, contact delegation leader Brenda Metzler soon for more information or to sign up: bmetzler7@verizon.net. Travel dates are February 11-22, 2015. Tickets will be purchased in September or earlier if the delegation fills up, so start planning now. We especially would like to have a good youth component.

CALENDAR August 3—August 28

Sunday, August 3rd	9:00 am 10:00 am	Pick Up Choir, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship Service, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
Tuesday, August 5th	7:00 pm	Guatemala Delegation Send Off, <i>Taylor Residence</i>
Sunday, August 10th	9:00 am 10:00 am	Pick Up Choir, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship Service, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
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