



CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH
OF NEEDHAM

August 4, 2013

Theme: Today's Saints



Our Covenant



C. S. LEWIS

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 4, 2013

10:00am

Childcare for infants & toddlers is available downstairs in the nursery. Older children are welcome to attend the worship service.

WELCOMING MUSIC

WORDS OF GREETING

***HYMN # 547 Amazing Grace**

READING

PRAYER

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (using "debts," p.513, red hymnal)

LIGHTING CANDLES FOR JOYS & CONCERNS

MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 15: 11-24

SERMON C.S. Lewis – Surprised by Joy

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

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

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

Hymn # 329 Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts

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. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN # 23 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

FINAL BLESSING

POSTLUDE

** You are invited to stand.*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. |
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Deacons: Robert Kennedy and Diana Conroy

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

Altar Guild: Mary Barber and Sherrill Salisbury

Flowers: Debbie Wentworth

Flower Delivery: Joanne Seiden

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. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PICTURES FOR THE DIRECTORY! We are currently collecting pictures for our updated Church Directory. Send a great photo of you and your family to the church office at office@needhamucc.org.

VBS IS BACK AUGUST 26-29! Kids ages 3 - 10 are invited to a week of active, adventurous fun. The theme is "Everywhere Fun Fair"! The fee is \$20 per day (8:30am-12pm). Lunch Bunch will be offered from 12-1pm for \$5 per day. Additional children in each family will receive a 50% discount and EVERYONE can save \$20 if you register by August 1st! Download a registration form at: www.needhamucc.org/learn/vbs.

The Village Fair! It's not too early! We are accepting applications from Artists that wish to show and sell their work at the Village Fair on November 16, 2013. Applications are available online at <http://needhamucc.org/come/villagefair/> or email office@needhamucc.org.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the Fair please contact Danielle Jurdan in the office at office@needhamucc.org or 781-444-2510.

August Delegation Send-Off, August 6

All are welcome to Joan and Bob Evans home, 50 Greenwood Ave., on Tuesday, August 6 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. This is an opportunity to speak with the travelers and wish them well as they leave for Guatemala early the following morning. We hope to see you there.

CALENDAR for August 4th

<i>August 7th - 18th</i>		Guatemala Delegation
<i>Sunday August 11th</i>	10am	Worship, <i>Chapel</i>