

Welcome to Summer Worship in the Chapel. During July and August we meet on Sundays at 10:00am and Wednesdays at 7:00pm in air conditioned comfort. The service is less formal. We have special music but no choir. We hope to see you throughout the summer.

August 13, 20, 27—Rev. Heike

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

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.

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.

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

Board Members

Moderator - Jackie Allen, Clerk - Keith McClelland

Term Ends 2018 Michael Normile, Blair Wentworth, Sharmon Priaux

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.

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The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

10:00 a.m. – 6



The Congregational Church of Needham

An open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ

August 6, 2017 10:00am

**Service of Holy Communion
Re-Dedication of the Chapel and appreciation of Donors
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Peace Service and Commemoration
of Hiroshima and Nagasaki**

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

For the New Year, 1981 Denise Levertov

**I have a small grain of hope—
one small crystal that gleams
clear colors out of transparency.**

I need more.

**I break off a fragment
to send you.**

**Please take
this grain of a grain of hope
so that mine won't shrink.**

**Please share your fragment
so that yours will grow.**

**Only so, by division,
will hope increase,**

**like a clump of irises, which will cease to flower
unless you distribute
the clustered roots, unlikely source—
clumsy and earth-covered—
of grace.**

--Denise Levertov

10:00 a.m. – 5

PRELUDE Romance Op. 41 *Georges Brun*
Francesca Lupino - Flute

INVOCATION

SONG **Welcome**
(see insert)

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

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

HYMN **Guide Me Oh Thy Great Jehovah**
(see insert)

First Lesson
Excerpts from speech by President Barack Obama at Hiroshima, Japan
May 17, 2016

Second Lesson
The Gettysburg Address by President Abraham Lincoln -19 November 1863
Original setting and performed by Chris Boehmer

Gospel

MATTHEW 14:13-21
Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, ‘This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.’ Jesus said to them, ‘They need not go away; you give them something to eat.’ They replied, ‘We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.’ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

HYMN **Put Peace into Each Other’s Hands**
(see insert)

SERMON **Rev. Jim**

Song Do Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly with Your God
Chris Boehmer

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 Flute Concerto in D Major *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*
Andante ma non troppo
Francesca Luppino - Flute

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP
Everyone is welcome to receive the Bread and Cup. The cup contains grape juice.

Blessing of the Bread and Cup

Music During Communion **Peace Before Us**

The Re-Dedication of the Chapel

Prayer of Dedication

CLOSING HYMN **Peace in our time, O God**
(see insert)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Prelude in G Minor *Clara Schumann*

Worship Co-Leader: Charles Baker
Deacons: Jean Veigas, Jane Clayton-Matthews
Altar Guild: Laura Cullen, Jean Veigas
Ushers: Jim Leighton, Robert Kennedy, Phil Gotwals, Rich Weitzel
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 Betty and John Wyeth by their children, Amy and John Jr.

*Thank you to Francesca Luppino,
our guest flautist today for enriching our worship.*

Thank you to our guest performing artist today Chris Boehmer www.boehmersongs.com. Born and raised in Michigan, where she grew up writing songs at the family piano, Chris spent her youth singing harmony in the back seat with her sisters and listening to the great songwriters of the 1970s. She also soaked up an eclectic mix of musical genres that none of her friends listened to, like the Great American Songbook, British folk, bluegrass, and musical theater. In college, Chris was introduced to the music of Gram Parsons and Emmylou Harris, and became a self-confessed Emmylou Harris wannabe. Having studied Chinese, she lived in China for two years, where she improbably developed a new appreciation for American folk classics such as Hank Williams and Johnny Cash. As an adult, Chris settled in the Boston area and found new musical influences such as Iris Dement, Lucinda Williams, Eva Cassidy, and Gillian Welch. She joined the local singer-songwriter community in the early 2000's, and was part of the trio Muddy Limo with Charlie Koch and Brad Meyer for four years. Chris released a solo CD entitled My Own Little Heaven in 2009. She continues to be in demand as a harmony singer, and often sings harmony for nationally-known singer-songwriter Cosy Sheridan. Chris also started the Fireside Coffeehouse in Norwood MA, which continues to be a vibrant open mike series.

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.)

Vacation Bible School | August 2017

SUPERHERO CENTRAL



Have you always wanted super powers? Wouldn't it be fun if you could save the world?

At VBS: Superhero Central, we'll learn about all the super powers we already have! Love, Friendship, Hope, and Faith all work together to make the world a better place!

Our days will be filled with lots of fun arts and crafts, games and playground time, cooking class and snack time.

Students will bring brown bag lunches.
Gluten-free snacks will be provided.

August 21 - 25, 2017

NEW TIME: Drop-off at 9:00 AM; Pick-up at 2:00 PM

Rates:

Get one day free when you sign up for the whole week!
\$30/day or \$120/week for the first child

Family discount:

\$20/day or \$80/week for additional children

Registration is open!

VBS: Superhero Central is open to children ages 3-8.
Children must be toilet trained.

If this program is cost-prohibitive for your family, please reach out to Maddie Downer, our youth director, regarding scholarships at youth@needhamucc.org. Please put "VBS Scholarship" in the subject line.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

August 6, 2017



The Congregational
Church of Needham

Events & Announcements

Office Moving!

Our church offices are moving from the 1180 building back to the 1154 building on Thursday and Friday, August 10 & 11. Our office phone lines will be down and we will have unreliable access to email during the day. If you need to get in touch with the ministers or the office and it is not urgent, feel free to email. If it is urgent, please contact us via cell: Rev. Jim: 323-578-4454, Rev. Heike: 617-827-4610, Danielle: 617-694-5867. We should be back up and running by Monday 8/14.

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

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.

FAMILY PROMISE SUMMER SUPPORT WEEK-

First Congregational Natick August 13-20. Contact Susan Kirk susanckirk@comcast.net

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!

Be a part of summer Worship!

If you would like to sing or play an instrument as part of the service either solo or in a group, please see Valerie Becker or send her an email at musicdirector@needhamucc.org. We are looking to expand our Worship musically to include more variety for the summer months!

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.

August Vacation Bible School: Super Hero Central Ages 3-8

August VBS will be offered to students ages 3-8. We will learn how Jesus is a super power. Lots of games, crafts, and other fun activities. Students will bring brown bag lunches, snacks will be served. Please register online at www.needhamucc.org/VBS.

Dates: Monday August 21– Monday August 25

Times: Drop Off at 9am / Pick Up at 2pm

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 Commit-

Calendar August 6th–August 27th

Sunday August 6th	10:00 am	Worship-Peace Service & Chapel Rededication, <i>Chapel</i>
Wednesday August 9th	7:00 pm	Board Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>
Thursday August 12th		<i>Church Offices Moving to 1154</i>
Friday August 11th		<i>Church Office Closed</i>
Sunday August 13th	10:00 am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i>
Monday August 14th	7:00 pm	Finance Team Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>
Friday August 18th		<i>Church Office Closed</i>
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>

tee (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 Prialux, 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->

7/30/2017 Collections* = \$6,601

7/30/2017 Worship Attendance = Not Recorded

June Electronic Pledge Amount: \$12,113.82

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.

Peace Before Us

1. Peace be - fore us, peace be - hind us,
 2. Love be - fore us, love be - hind us,
 3. Light be - fore us, light be - hind us,
 4. Christ be - fore us, Christ be - hind us,

peace un - der our feet. _____ Peace with - in us,
 love un - der our feet. _____ Love with - in us,
 light un - der our feet. _____ Light with - in us,
 Christ un - der our feet. _____ Christ with - in us,

1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

peace o - ver us, let all a - round us be peace. _____
 love o - ver us, let all a - round us be love. _____
 light o - ver us, let all a - round us be light. _____
 Christ o - ver us, let all a - round us be Christ. _____

6. peace. _____ Let all a - round us be peace. _____

6. Let all a - round us be peace. _____

5. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
 6. Peace before us, peace behind us,
 peace under our feet.
 Peace within us, peace over us,
 let all around us be peace. (three times)

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Peace in our time, O God

S.M.D.

DIADEMATA

1. Peace in our time, O God, To all the peo - ples, Peace!
 2. Too long mis - trust and fear Have held our souls in thrall;
 3. O shall we nev - er learn The truth all time has taught,

Peace sure - ly based up - on Thy will And built in right - eous - ness.
 Sweep thro' the earth, keen Breath of heav'n, And sound a no - bler call!
 That with - out God as ar - chi - tect Our build - ing comes to naught?

Thy pow'r a - lone can break The fet - ters that en - chain
 Come as Thou didst of old, In love so great that we
 God, help us and in - spire Our hearts and lives that we,

The sore - ly strick - en soul of life, And make it live a - gain.
 Shall cast a - side all oth - er gods And turn a - gain to Thee!
 May build with all Thy won - drous gifts A new com - mun - i - ty! A - men.

- 4 Peace in our time, O God!
 To all the peoples, Peace!
 Peace that shall grace a glad new world
 With thy high liberties.

O living Christ, who still
 Dost all our burdens share,
 Come now and dwell within the hearts
 Of people everywhere! Amen.

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 MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1868
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WORLD PEACE

THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

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Welcome

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

Refrain

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. —

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 MUSIC: Mark A. Miller
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WELCOME
 Irr. with Refrain

Dona Nobis Pacem 388

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

PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

Put Peace into Each Other's Hands 69

1 Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands and like a
2 Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands with lov - ing
3 Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands, like bread we
4 Put Christ in - to each oth - er's hands, he is love's

treas - ure hold it. Pro - tect it like a
ex - pec - ta - tion; be gen - tle in your
break for shar - ing; look peo - ple warm - ly
deep - est mea - sure; in love make peace, give

can - dle flame, with ten - der - ness en - fold it.
words and ways, in touch with God's cre - a - tion.
in the eye; our life is meant for car - ing.
peace a chance and share it like a trea - sure.

ST. COLUMBA was collected by George Petrie in the mid-nineteenth century. It is named for the Irish missionary who introduced Christianity to Scotland from the island of Iona.

ST. COLUMBA

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William Williams, 1717-1791
Tr. Peter Williams, 1727-1796, and others

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.
John Hughes, 1873-1932

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious
bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; Hold me with thy
stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me all my
fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me safe on
power - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
jour - ney through; Strong De - liv - erer, strong De - liv - erer,
Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es,
Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.
Be thou still my strength and shield, Be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee. A - men.

PROVIDENCE