



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

United Church of Christ

August 7, 2016

Theme: Stories about the Stories of the Bible

Prayers for Peace Commemorating Hiroshima and Nagasaki



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 7, 2016

10:00am

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

WELCOMING MUSIC

Diapason and Voluntary
John Keeble

WORDS OF GREETING

***OPENING HYMN**

Peace in our time, O God
(See Insert)

A Prayer for Peace attributed to Saint Francis and Lighting of Peace Candle

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

Silent Prayer
Lord's Prayer

LIGHTING CANDLES FOR JOYS & CONCERNS

MUSIC

SCRIPTURE LESSON

from Exodus 3

SOLO

I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free
Randa McNamara

SERMON

“God Is Still...Listening”
Jim Mitulski

OFFERING OF TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Air
Jonathan Battishill

**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

ALL are welcome to receive the bread and cup.

Gluten Free option available.

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:

Let there be peace on earth (*See Insert*)

A Prayer of Remembrance

Written by Rev. Loey Powell

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from http://www.ucc.org/hiroshima_day_of_remembrance

O God, tender and just,
the names of Hiroshima and Nagasaki
cut through our denial
that we are capable of destroying the earth
and all that dwell therein.

Forgive us -
and help us to always remember.

We must remember because this must never happen again.

We must remember because you would have us live
in harmony with each other,
seeing the joy of your creation in our
sisters and brothers.

Holy God, God of all the ages,
lead us from death to life,
to the stockpiling of hope, and of possibilities,
and of love
rather than the stockpiling of weapons, or stones to throw,
or of hate.

We pray for the healing of the earth and of its peoples,
especially for our sisters and brothers
upon whom a nuclear rain poured down.

Help us to imagine that another world is possible
and guide our actions towards the peace
you envision, the peace you have already given us.

In the name of the One who came so that we might have life,
and have it abundantly, we pray.

Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

This is my song, O God of all the nations
(See Insert)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro
John Bennett

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome to all who you are invited to attend the service. 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. |
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Deacons: Rick Devereux

Altar Guild: Denice Koljonen, Jane Clayton Matthews

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

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.

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

August Vacation Bible School 8:30am-Noon August 22-26

Kids ages 3-10 are invited to come and learn about the furry, feathery, and creepy-crawly members of God's family. \$30 per day per student for first child, \$20 per day for each child after. Please note, students must be potty-trained. Lunch Bunch option: Noon-1pm, \$5 per student. Our snacks and lunches are entirely peanut and tree-nut free. Sign up at church or at <http://needhamucc.org/VBS>

Labor Day Weekend Rafting!

Rev. Heike and Maddie are leading a trip for our High School Aged youth for a weekend of camping and rafting down the Kennebec River in Maine! Interested? Email Maddie at youth@needhamucc.org.

Ride for Food - September 25th

Do you like riding your bike? Can you envision riding your bike for a good cause? Our Outreach committee is hoping to gather and sponsor a team that will participate in the "Ride For Food", an event that benefits 18 food pantries, including our own here in Needham. Take a look at www.needhamcommunitycouncil.org and scroll down to the 'Bike rider.' Click on the icon for more information. The outreach committee is hoping to help with registration fees and collective fundraising for the event. Bike riders of all levels are invited to participate. Please email the office at office@needhamucc.org if you are interested!

Guatemala Partnership

We would like to re-start the tradition in which Guatemala partner families host a Welcome Back Brunch for the congregation beginning 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. Let's make this a very special

Summer Music

If you are interested in contributing to our musical offering this summer please see Valerie Becker. These services are low key and it is a lovely way to share your gifts with everyone!

Village Fair—Rustic Chic

It's time to start thinking about the Village Fair! In preparation for a new table at the fair, Rustic Chic, items are needed. Contact Isabell Wells at 781-449-8907 or allnorder2@yahoo.com if you have any of the listed items below you can donate.

Items with a 50's flair; Barware—vintage 50's and 60's, mirrors (painted or wood); Succulents; Items to plant with small plants or succulents; Funky candle holders; Votifs; Seashells; Candles; Wine Corks; Beads to make jewelry; Old Maps; Beer Caps

FAMILY PROMISE SUPPORT WEEKS and TRAINING OPPORTUNITY- First Congregational Natick (FCC) August 14-21. Please contact Susan Kirk susanckirk@comcast.net for more information and to learn more about this meaningful summer volunteer opportunity.

CALENDAR August 7th– August 28th

Sunday, Aug. 7th	10:00am	Worship Service-Communion, <i>Chapel</i>
Sunday, Aug. 14th	10:00am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i>
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 Blessing of the Backpacks	10:00am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i>

Sunday, August 7, 2016

Hymn Inserts

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.

TEXT: John Oxenham, 1938; alt.

MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1868

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WORLD PEACE

Let there be peace on earth

Irregular

PEACE ON EARTH

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with

me; _____ let there be peace on earth, the peace that was

meant to be. _____ * With God our cre - a - tor, _____

_____ neigh - bors all are we. _____ Let us

walk with each oth - er _____ in per - fect har - mo - ny. _____

* Original words: *With God as our Father, brothers all are we.*

Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.

Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment

now. With ev - ery step I take, let

this be my sol - emn vow; to take each mo - ment and

live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

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WORLD PEACE

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FINLANDIA

1. This is my song, O God of all the na-tions,
 2. My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3. This is my prayer, O God of all cre - a - tion,

A song of peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my
 And sun-light beams on clo-ver- leaf and pine. But oth - er
 Thy pres - ence come; on earth thy will be done. Let peace de-

home, the coun-try where my heart is; Here are my hopes, my
 lands have sun-light too, and clo-ver, And skies are ev - ery-
 scend like show-ers from the hea - vens, And hearts u - nit - ed

dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are
 where as blue as mine. Oh, hear my song, thou God of all the
 learn to live as one. Oh, hear my prayer, thou God of all the

beat - ing With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 na - tions, A song of peace for their land and for mine.
 na - tions. My - self I give thee; let thy will be done. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, and the bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

TEXT: Lloyd Stone, 1934; v. 3 Georgia Harkness, 1964; alt.

MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 20th c.; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933

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