



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

September 14, 2014

Theme: Hospitality



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, September 14, 2014

10:00am

Childcare is available downstairs in the crib/toddler room for infants and toddlers. Preschoolers and Grades 6-8 go directly to classes at 10 am. Grades K-5 will start in the Sanctuary at 10 am, then leave for Bible Village. K-1st in Science, 2-3 in Cooking, 4-5 in Story.

PRELUDE

His Eye is on the Sparrow
arr. Wilbur Held (b. 1914)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Frank Arren

Leader: Welcome to a time of wonder.

People: And music that calls us home.

Leader: Welcome to this place where we listen to God's Word.

People: We come to be inspired and challenged.

Leader: Welcome to this hour of holy hospitality.

People: Hospitality that teaches us how to open ourselves to friends and strangers, too.

Leader: Let us gather in this place of open windows and open doors.

People :Let us come with open minds, open hands, and open hearts.

***OPENING HYMN #558 (NCH) O How Glorious, Full of Wonder**

OPENING PRAYER

Frank Arren

Call to Prayer

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us pray.

Unison Prayer

God of Abraham and Sarah, we stand in awe of those who welcomed strangers and loved their neighbors as themselves. Take us into the heart of Your radical hospitality, Holy One. Help us find the generous table you have spread for us, whether we deserve it or not, whether we have earned it or not, whether we believe in You or not. Be with us in this hour. Come into the rooms of our hearts that feel lonely. Come into the rooms of our souls where we feel lost. As we draw near to you, so sustain us that we reach out to those who rarely find their way to tables of laughter or goodness. So bless us in this hour that we might be a blessing to others...

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response

Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God
Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)

ANTHEM

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones
harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1892-1958)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 10:29-37 NT p.68

SERMON

“The Discipline of Hospitality “
Susan Cartmell

HYMN (seated) *insert*

All Are Welcome

MORNING PRAYER

Concerns and Celebrations

Call to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Leader: O Lord, show your mercy upon us.

People: And grant us your salvation.

Leader: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

People: And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Leader: Let us pray.

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

Anthem

All My Hope on God is Founded

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

**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 #535 (NCH) O Holy God, Whose Gracious Power**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Peter C. Lutkin (1858-1931)

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in B flat
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**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 Leader: Frank Arren

Deacons: Fred Moder, Stephanie Oddleifson

Ushers: Alex Cullen, Frank Luppino, Nancy Lane, Eric Slosser

Altar Guild: Diana Conroy

Flowers: Chris Arren

Flower Delivery: Chris Arren

The flowers on the altar are given today the Glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara Fay and Robin MacMillan by Ken, Debbie (Fay), Erin, and Tom Bassett.

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Bobby DeRegis, Director of Music Ministries
Valerie Becker, Director of Youth Music
The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

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Guatemala Delegation Report Back, September 14th, 11:30am, Linden Hall:

Colorful pictures and impressions from the recent memorable visit to Santa Maria Tzeja will be shared. Many wonderful experiences were had in people's homes, with village children, and in gatherings with village leaders. Please join us to learn more about our church's 27 year partnership and the opportunity it provides for personal engagement and growth. Light refreshments will be served.

Trip to Germany: Plans for our trip to Germany are on their way. If you or a member of your family (extended family too) might be interested in traveling with us, please let them know about these deadlines. Prices and dates depend on the number of people and length of trip. Projected travel dates are: **June 24 to July 3, 2015**. For better airline fares bookings need to be considered soon. **RSVP by September 15th** to Rev. Heike or contact her for more information.

Friendly Society: Meetings resume this month with informal programs. All are welcome. Bring a friend or drop in as a guest. Please mark your calendar for **Thursday, September 18, 12 pm at 1180 Great Plain Ave. OUR TREASURES AND CRAFTS**, bring a brown bag lunch and a treasured object or craft to share with everyone in an informal show and tell.

Guatemala Partnership Friends & Family Social: Saturday, September 20, 6:00-8:00 pm at Caryl and Dave Johnson's at 505 Great Plain Ave. All are invited to join us for an evening of fun, food and fellowship to celebrate all the wonderful work supported by our congregation.

Adult Bible Study: Sunday 11:30-12:30 Reception Room Everyone is welcome to drop by any Sunday after church to try out Bible Study. Those of us who have participated have found it a wonderful way to get to know each other and to increase our comfort level reading the Bible. Our goal is to support each other in our journey of faith. Last year we read Luke and Isaiah by studying a few chapters at a time. We will be selecting another book of the Bible soon to read for the fall, so please join us! For more information, contact Sunu Yeh at dormouse99@gmail.com.

Help Make Your Mark On The New Building: We are so excited to start using our new space. If you would like to be part of getting our new space ready we could use your help. We are planning a work day that will consist of light cleaning, painting, gardening and general sprucing. If interested please contact the office at office@needhamucc.org or 781-444-2510. Opportunities to help for all ages!

Sign-Ups for February 2015 Delegation to Guatemala: Please contact Brenda Metzler to sign up or request information—bmetzler7@verizon.net. Travel

dates are February 11-22, 2015. We especially need youth (with or without parents). The window of opportunity will close when tickets are purchased in late September, so don't delay.

CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 14— SEPTEMBER 25

Sunday, September 14th	9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00am 11:30am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Chancel Choir, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Friendly Chime Ringers, <i>Sanctuary</i> Guatemala Report Back, <i>Linden Hall</i> Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> JH Group Kickball Tourney SH group Kickball Tourney
Monday, September 15th	9:00 am 7:30 pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i> Immigration Task Force Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Wednesday, September 17th	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Outreach Committee Meeting Youth Committee Meeting Music Team Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
Thursday, September 18th	12:00pm 7:30 pm	Friendly Society Meeting, <i>1180 Great Plain Ave.</i> Chancel Choir, <i>Choir Room</i>
Saturday, September 20th	6:00 pm	Guatemala Partnership Friends & Family Event, <i>Johnson's Home (505 Great Plain Ave.)</i>
Sunday, September 21st	8:15 am 9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00am 11:30am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Men's Breakfast, <i>Library</i> Chancel Choir, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Intro to Bible Study, <i>Reception Room</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Shepherd's Staff Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Junior High Youth Group Game Night Senior High Youth Group Game Night
Monday, September 22nd	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i>
Tuesday, September 23rd	7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 25th	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir, <i>Choir Room</i>

ALL ARE WELCOME

TWO OAKS
Marty Haugen



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and
3. Let us build a house where love is found in
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be -
5. Let us build a house where all are named, their



all can safe - ly live. A place where saints and
words are strong and true. Where all God's chil - dren
wa - ter, wine and wheat; A ban - quet hall on
yond the wood and stone, To heal and strength - en,
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for -
dare to seek where dream all God's reign a -
ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice
serve and teach, and live the Word they've
taught and claimed as words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of
new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as
meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re -
known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger bear the
Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of



faith and vault of grace, Here the love of Christ shall
sym - bol of God's grace; Here as one we claim the
veiled in time and space, As we share in Christ the
im - age of God's face, Let us bring an end to
faith and songs of grace. Let this house pro - claim from



end di - vi - sions:
faith of Je - sus; } All are wel - come, all are wel - come,
feast that frees us;
fear and dan - ger:
floor to raft - er:



all are wel - come in this place.