



CONGREGATIONAL  
**CHURCH**  
OF NEEDHAM

September 15, 2013

Theme: Called by God



**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 15, 2013

10:00am

*Childcare is available downstairs in the NEW crib/toddler room for infants and toddlers. Preschoolers, Grades 7-8, and Grades 9-12 go directly downstairs to classes at 10am. Grades K-6 start in sanctuary and leave after the "Time for Children" to the chapel and then go to their workshops. K-1 in Science, 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> in Cooking, and 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> in Story. All workshops are downstairs in the main hallway.*

**PRELUDE**    *Berceuse*

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Robert Dunlavey

Leader: Come home, children of God. Let us enter God's holy temple.

**People: It is good to be together in God's house.**

Leader: Come, modern pilgrims, let us gather to listen for God's voice.

**People: We gather in this quiet space to find a sacred wisdom that eludes us all week long.**

Leader: Come, people of God, you are the sheep of God's pasture.

**People: The Good Shepherd knows his sheep and the sheep know God's voice. Let us worship God together.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #21**

**God Reigns o'er All the Earth**

## OPENING PRAYER

Robert Dunlavey

### *Call to Prayer*

Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Leader: Let us pray.

### *Unison Prayer*

**Holy One, we enter this sanctuary seeking to hear your voice.  
Speak Lord, for your servants are listening.  
We have grown accustomed to hearing so much noise all the  
time.  
So, too often we miss whispers of holiness.  
On the way to the symphony, we miss the bird's songs.  
On the way to the rock concert, we miss the wind's harmony.  
Speak to us in the sweet melody of silence.**

### *Silent Prayer*

### *Lord's Prayer*

### *Prayer Response*

**TIME FOR CHILDREN** (Children to Bible Village during song.)

**CHILDREN'S HYMN (#526)** We Are Marching In The  
Light Of God

**ANTHEM** *The Call* Z. Randall Stroope (b. 1953)

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Exodus 3: 1-12 p. 48-49

**SERMON** Holy Ground Susan Cartmell

**HYMN #289** **Come Forth, O Love Divine**

## 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*            *With a Voice of Singing*    Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

*\*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 #459            Come, O Fount of Every Blessing**

### **BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Go In Peace*            tune: Ocean Park

**POSTLUDE**        *Fugue in G*            Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

*\*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](http://www.needhamucc.org), our church website.

*Worship Leader:* Robert Dunlavey

*Deacons:* Lorri Lofvers and Connie Kaufman

*Ushers:* Mike Normile, Janet Jankowiak, Stan Normile, Bob Everts and Jim Conroy

*Altar Guild:* Denice Koljonen

*Flowers:* Christine Arren

*Flower Delivery:* Jane Clayton-Matthews

*The flowers on the altar are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Tina Scharback by Jessa, Joshua, Alecia, Greg, Hailey, Mackenzie, Noah and Flora.*

# **Join us for the Installation of Reverend Jamie Green, Sunday September 15th**

This Sunday, at 5:00pm we will be holding the installation service for Rev. Jamie Green. While she has worked at the church for three years as Youth Director, she has now been officially called as Associate Minister for Youth and Children.

Rev. Jamie's installation service will take place in the Sanctuary.

The youth-oriented service will include elements of experiential worship and contemporary music. Following the installation service there will be a pizza dinner in Fellowship Hall.

This is a public event to help celebrate Rev. Jamie's ministry in Needham. Friends and neighbors in the community are invited to attend.

We hope you can join us.

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The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS!** We have several opportunities to do altar flowers in September. Please contact Chris Arren if you are interested in providing this focal point for our worship services. 781-449-4228 or call the church office.

**TODAY! Sign up for Bible Study this fall.** Rev. Susan will lead a study of the book Saving Jesus from the Church. Classes will be offered on Sundays at 11:30 and on Thursdays at 10:30 Sign up in Coffee Hour for a class and to reserve a book. Sunday classes begins Sept. 15; Thursday classes begins Sept. 19.

**TODAY! Installation Service for Rev. Jamie Green!** The Congregational Church of Needham will hold an installation service on **Sunday, September 15, at 5:00 p.m.** for Rev. Jamie Green. She has now been officially called as Associate Minister for Youth and Children. Following the installation service is a pizza dinner in Fellowship Hall. This is a public event to help celebrate Rev. Jamie's ministry in Needham. Everyone is welcome!

### **FRIENDLY SOCIETY POT LUCK SUPPER**

Our annual pot luck supper will be held on Wednesday, September 18, at 6:00 p.m. in Linden Hall. Rev. Heike will entertain us with a talk about her summer trip to Greece and Turkey. All members of the church are welcome. If you are not a member of Friendly and would like to attend the supper, please call Doris Cook at (781) 444-5591 or email her at [DorisCook2@aol.com](mailto:DorisCook2@aol.com).

**August Delegation Report-Back, Sunday, September 22 at 11:30 am (LH)**—The August delegation was large in numbers of people and they were inspired by the spirit of the people of Santa Maria Tzeja. Come hear what the travelers have to say about their experiences, learn what they did, and see if they visited your partner family. Join us for refreshments and photographs in Linden Hall on Sunday, September 22 immediately after Coffee Hour.

**SAVE THE DATE: Complete Works of Shakespeare (Abridged)! Limited Engagement!** *Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> and Monday October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm.* See a light-hearted adaptation of all the bard's classics in a two-act tour-de-force (farce?), starring Joshua Scharback and two of his professional actor colleagues. Ticket prices are \$40 per person/\$25 per student. Complimentary refreshments and newly acquired Guatemalan crafts and donated items that will be available for purchase. Sponsored by the Guatemala Partnership of the Congregational Church of Needham.

### **Join the February 2014 Delegation to Guatemala**

Brenda Metzler is seeking adult and youth travelers to join the February 12-23, 2014 delegation to Santa María Tzejá. Tickets need to be purchased soon, so please contact Brenda ASAP with your interest and to receive trip details/cost: (781) 449-5696 or [bmetzler7@verizon.net](mailto:bmetzler7@verizon.net). Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind opportunity.

**The Village Fair!** We are accepting applications from Artists that wish to show and sell their work at the Village Fair on November 16, 2013. Applications online at <http://needhamucc.org/come/villagefair/> or email [office@needhamucc.org](mailto:office@needhamucc.org). If you would like to volunteer to help with the Fair contact Danielle Jurdan in the office at [office@needhamucc.org](mailto:office@needhamucc.org) or 781-444-2510.

**NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL OPENING!**

Noah's Ark has a vacancy in the Lambs (young 3 year old class) for a child who was born in the summer of 2010, on or before August 31. If you or someone you know has a child that age who is looking for preschool for the fall please call the Director, Frankie Gartner 781-449-2439.

**UNDERSTANDING THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS**

Join biblical scholar and archaeologist Nate Ramsayer as he leads church members down the path of discovery into the world of the Qumran community, its history, and what lies inside these treasured fragments of Hebrew scripture. Classes will be Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-1:00. Lunch will be provided for \$3.00.

\*\*PLUS- join us on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> for a field trip to the Boston Museum of Science to see some of the actual scrolls themselves! Please RSVP to [revheike@needhamucc.org](mailto:revheike@needhamucc.org).

**CALENDAR for September 15<sup>th</sup>–28<sup>th</sup>**

<p><b>Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>8:15am Men's Group Breakfast &amp; Discussion, <i>Library</i>            9am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i>            10am Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i>            11:30am Adult Ed w/Nate Ramsayer, <i>Library</i>            Bible Study with Rev. Susan, <i>Conference Room</i>            5pm Installation for Rev. Jamie, <i>Sanctuary</i></p>
<p><b>Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>6pm Friendly Potluck Supper, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>            7:30pm Outreach, <i>Chapel</i></p>
<p><b>Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>  <b><i>New Members Welcome</i></b></p>
<p><b>Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup></b></p>	<p>9am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i>            10am Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i>            11:15am Youth Group Parent Meeting #1, <i>Sanctuary</i>            11:30 am Guatemala Report Back, <i>Chapel</i>            11:30am Adult Ed w/Nate Ramsayer, <i>Library</i>            Bible Study with Rev. Susan, <i>Reception Room</i>            5pm Junior High Youth Group, <i>Stevenson Hall</i>            6:30pm Youth Group Parent Meeting #2, <i>Chapel</i>            7pm Senior High Youth Group, <i>Stevenson Hall</i></p>