



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

September 21, 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 21, 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 after Time for Children .
K-1st in Cooking, 2-3 in Story, 4-5 in Science.*

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace
arr. Robert Hebble (b. 1934)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Nyland

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 # 9 (NCH)**

We Sing to You, O God

OPENING PRAYER

Chris Nyland

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

Andante
Friedrich Kuhlau (1786-1832)
Bruce Goody, flute

TIME FOR CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S HYMN #526 (NCH)

**We Are Marching in the
Light of God**

ANTHEM

O For a Closer Walk with God
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 10: 40-42 NT, p. 10

SERMON

“The Theology of Hospitality “
Heike Werder

HYMN (seated) # 539 (NCH) Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

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

In the Garden
arr. Brent Olstad (1989)
Bruce Goody, flute

***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 # 542 (NCH)**

Born of Christ, Eternal Savior

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION #61 (Pilgrim)

God Be With You Till
We Meet Again

POSTLUDE

Vivace from Concerto in G
G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

*Special thanks to Bruce Goody for sharing the gift
of music with us this morning.*

****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: Chris Nyland

Deacons: Joanne Seiden, Tom Mollerus

Ushers: Mike Normile, Janet Jankowiak, Bob Everts, Jim Conroy

Altar Guild: Lee McNally

Flowers: Chris Arren

Flower Delivery: Amy Kennedy

*The flowers on the altar are given today to the Glory of God in loving
memory of our children’s grandmothers, Helen Pedrotty and Nancy Mi-
trano, by Jim and Laurie Mitrano.*

VISITOR SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 28

- * *Invite someone to church!*
- * *Hear beautiful music*
- * *Enjoy an uplifting sermon*
- * *Sunday School*
- * *Open House*



We encourage church members to bring a friend, relative or neighbor to church to experience all we have to offer!

Be sure to ask your guests to save the date!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: Intro to Bible Study in the Library at 11:30am Join us for an introductory session and come learn what the Bible Study group is all about.

Bible Village Open House- Sunday, Sept. 28th. 11:00 am - 12:00 pm:

Parents and children can meet in the chapel for an introduction from Rev. Jamie. Kids will then be given instructions to make a progressive ice cream sundae. With a parent/guardian, kids can visit each of our Sunday School rooms to pick up bowls, ice cream, spoons, and toppings to make their own ice cream sundae. The Open House is a great way to meet teachers, to learn about curriculum, and to fellowship with other families from the church and the community. Even if you've been at the church for many years, you are invited to come check out the Sunday School rooms (and eat ice cream!)

Altar Flowers October 12: The Flower Committee is looking for a donor of altar flowers for October 12. As always, memorial flowers are appreciated. For more details, please contact Fabienne Madsen at 781-449-6656 or Fabienne@fabienmadsenesign.com.

Friendly Society—All About Books: Thursday, October 2nd at 1:30pm Bring a book for a Yankee book swap, share recommendations, and help select a book for discussion in January 2015. Look for more announcements about Friendly Society meetings weekly in the Bulletin and monthly in Focus. Questions can be directed to any of the Steering Committee members: Doris Cook, Margie Daganhardt, Joan Dimond, Barbara Lovely, Joanne Seiden or Patty Stewart.

Volunteer Work Day 1180 Great Plain Ave., October 4, 9am-2pm: We are getting our new space ready for use. We will be working on fence removal, and general trimming of shrubs and clean-up. If you would like to be part of getting our new space ready we could use more help. Other days are also being planned for sprucing up the inside space consisting of light cleaning, and painting. If interested please contact the office at office@needhamucc.org or 781-444-2510. Opportunities to help for all ages!

Family Promise Metrowest Informational Luncheon: Are you and your family looking for a way to give back to the local community? If so, please join us for lunch on ***Sunday, October 5th*** to learn more about Family Promise and our Church's commitment to their mission. Family Promise is a cooperative interfaith partnership offering hope to homeless families with children. Questions? Please contact coordinators Susan Kirk (susanckirk@comcast.net) or Heidi Wiesel (heidi.wiesel@gmail.com).

The Church Fair—Attic Treasures is looking for your donations! If you are cleaning out clutter and want to find a good home for your no longer needed items, please bring your items to the church.

DONATIONS NEEDED!! The Village Fair will again include a silent auction, and your generous donation of crafts, services, gift cards, and other items (new or gently used) will be much appreciated. If you are interested in donating, please contact Auction Co-Chairs Jane Brand (ajbrand@comcast.net) or Diana Conroy (conroyjd@rcn.com). Also, if you are interested in helping out on the day of the auction, please let us know.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help at the **Village Fair, November 15**. We are looking for volunteers to help during the fair. We are also looking for someone to help coordinate the Used Book Sale as well as volunteers to help with the sorting of books and working on the day of the sale. Please contact Danielle Jurdan in the office to volunteer or with any questions at office@needham.ucc.org or 781-444-2510.

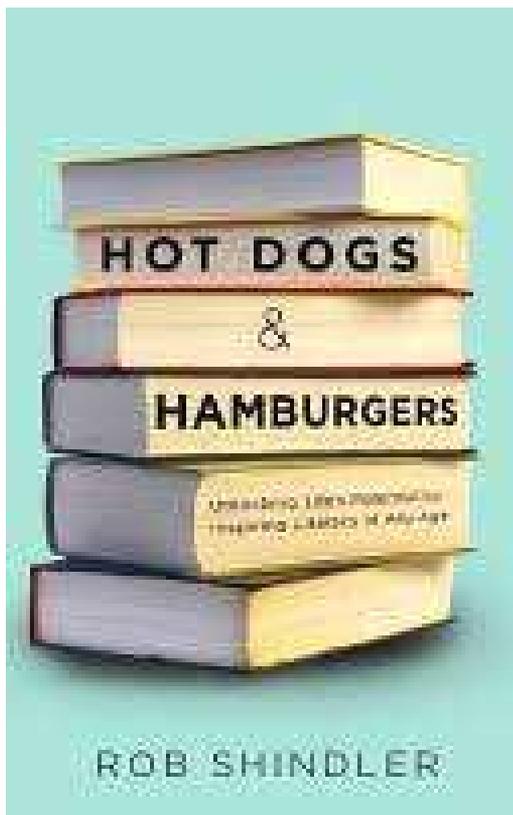
Adult Bible Study: Sunday 11:30-12:30 Reception Room Everyone is welcome to drop by any Sunday after church to try out Bible Study. Those of us who have participated have found it a wonderful way to get to know each other and to increase our comfort level reading the Bible. Our goal is to support each 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.

Senior High Youth Group Annual Haunted House: Will be open to the public from **5pm-8pm on Saturday, October 25th** for kids of all ages. A game room and bouncy house will be available for fun without the scares. **\$5 per person**, all proceeds help youth attend the Summer Mission Trip.

We are in need of ***bags of individually wrapped candy***!(PLEASE NO NUTS & NO PEANUT BUTTER- which means no Reese's, Butterfingers, Snickers, Baby Ruth, Almond Joy, etc) Please drop off donations in Rev. Jamie's office by ***Friday, October 24th***.

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.

Hot Dogs & Hamburgers All Church One—Read



Are you interested in reading a book together for the all-church One Read? This is, a UCC initiative to raise awareness about how literacy impacts a range of social justice issues. If you are interested in reading this book together, feel free to pick up a copy and join us.

September 28, 11:30 pm
Church Library

CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 21—OCTOBER 1

Sunday, September 21st	8:15 am 9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00am 11:00am 11:30am 12:00pm 5:00 pm 6:30 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> Youth Group Parent Meeting, <i>Chapel</i> Intro to Bible Study, <i>Reception Room</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Friendly Chime Ringers Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Shepherd's Staff Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Junior High Youth Group Game Night Youth Group Parent Meeting, <i>Chapel</i> 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>
Sunday, September 28th Visitor Sunday Invite a Friend!	9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00am 11:00am 11:30am 12:00pm 1:30pm 5:00pm 7:00 pm	Chancel Choir, <i>Sanctuary</i> Joyful Noise Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Village Open House All Church One Read Book Discussion, <i>Library</i> Bible Study, <i>Reception Room</i> Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Friendly Chime Ringers Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> Shepherd's Staff Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> Junior High Youth Group Laser Tag ALPHA Meeting Senior High Youth Group Haunted House Prep
Monday, September 29th	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i>
Wednesday, October 1st	6:00 pm	Leader's Night, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>