



CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH
OF NEEDHAM

September 22, 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 22, 2013

10:00am

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

PRELUDE *How Great thou Art* - arr. Janet Linker (b.1938)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Janet Jankowiak

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 #1** (Black Hymnal) **Immortal, Invisible,
God Only Wise**

OPENING PRAYER

Janet Jankowiak

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 from Five Mystical Songs*
Text by George Herbert (1593-1633)
Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Esther 4: 13-17** HS, p. 436

SERMON **"Our Place in Time"** Heike Werder

HYMN (seated) # 483 **Out of the Depth I Call**

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

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

**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 # 295** (Black Hymnal) **I Sing a Song of the
Saints of God**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Sweet Savior, Bless Us Ere We Go*
Pilgrim Hymnal No. 542

POSTLUDE *Fanfare* Jacques Lemmens (1823-1881)

**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: Janet Jankowiak

Deacons: Cici Hunt and Peter Attalah

Ushers: Greg Rowan, Rob Blauvelt, Craig Morrison, Kevin Ward

Altar Guild: Debbie Wentworth

Flowers: Christine Arren

Flower Delivery: Amy Kennedy

*The flowers on the altar are given today to the glory of God by
Thomas, Susan, Thomas, Elizabeth and John Lively*

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ORDINATION OF JOHN ALLEN

On September 29, 2013 we will celebrate John's ordination into Christian ministry. A celebratory service will begin at 3 pm. Dr. Barbara Lundblad, Joe R. Engle Professor of Preaching at Union Theological Seminary will give the sermon. Everybody is invited to attend this joyous occasion.

John grew up in our church. After he finished High School here in Needham, John attended Davidson College in NC. After graduating college, he enrolled at Union Theological Seminary to pursue a Master of Divinity. At Union John was awarded the Hudnut Preaching Prize and the Muilenburg Prize in Biblical Studies. He graduated in May of 2013, and has been chosen as one of two Pastoral Residents at the Wellesley Village Church where he will serve the next two years.

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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. 22nd, and 29th from 11:30-1:00. Lunch will be provided for \$3.00.

**PLUS- join us on Sunday, October 13th for a field trip to the Boston Museum of Science to see some of the actual scrolls themselves! Please RSVP to revheike@needhamucc.org.

August Delegation Report-Back, Sunday, Sept. 22, 11:30 am in the Chapel.

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 the Chapel on Sunday, September 22 immediately after Coffee Hour.

ALTAR FLOWERS! We have an opportunity to do altar flowers for October 20th. Please contact the office if you are interested in providing this focal point for our worship services at 781-444-2510 or office@needhamucc.org.

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.

The Village Fair! We only have a few spaces left for any Artists that wishes 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. If you would like to volunteer to help with the Fair contact Danielle Jurdan in the office at office@needhamucc.org or 781-444-2510.

SAVE THE DATE: Complete Works of Shakespeare (Abridged)! Limited Engagement! *Sunday, October 20th and Monday October 21st 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.

2014 Guatemala Delegation Being Finalized/Adults Needed:

To accommodate all the interested youth for the February 12-23, 2014 delegation, a few more adults are needed. Adults or youth should confirm interest with trip leader Brenda Metzler ASAP, as tickets must be purchased very soon: (781) 449-5696 or bmetzler7@verizon.net.

CALENDAR for September 22nd - 30th

Sunday September 22nd	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 Dead Sea Scrolls, <i>Library</i> Bible Study with Rev. Susan, <i>Conference 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>
Thursday September 26th	10:30am Bible Study with Rev. Susan, <i>Reception Room</i> 7:30pm Chancel Choir rehearsal, <i>Choir room</i>
Sunday September 29th	9am Chancel Choir rehearsal , <i>Sanctuary</i> 10am Worship & Visitor Sunday, <i>Sanctuary</i> 11:30am Dead Sea Scrolls, <i>Library</i> Bible Study with Rev. Susan, <i>Conference Room</i> Bible Village Open House, <i>Chapel, Sunday School classrooms</i> 3pm The Ordination of John Allen, <i>Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall</i> 4:30pm Junior High Youth Group, <i>LaserQuest, West Roxbury</i> 7pm Senior High Youth Group, <i>Stevenson Hall</i>
Monday September 30th	7:30pm Friendly Society Meeting, <i>Library</i>