CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEEDHAM

September 28, 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.

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Sunday, September 28, 2014 10:00am

Children are always welcome in Worship with their parents / guardians. Childcare is available in the crib/toddler room on the lower level for infants and toddlers. Preschoolers and Grades 6-8 go directly to classes downstairs at 10 am. Grades K-5 will start in the Sanctuary at 10 am, then leave for Bible Village after Time for Children .
Grades K-1st in Games, 2-3 in Art, 4-5 in Theater.

PRELUDE Concerto in G Major BWV 592
Johann Ernst (1696-1715), trans. J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Connie Kaufman

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 #276(NCH) Holy God, We Praise Your Name**

OPENING PRAYER

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 Lead Me, Lord
Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

TIME FOR CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S HYMN #526 (NCH) **We Are Marching in the Light of God**

(Children dismissed to Bible Village during hymn)

ANTHEM My House Shall Be Called a House of Prayer
Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 14: 15-24 p. 73

SERMON "When Hospitality is Hard"
Susan Cartmell

HYMN (seated) ***insert*** **All Are Welcome**

MORNING PRAYER

Concerns and Celebrations

Call to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.
P**eople: 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 Assurance
John Ness Beck (1930-1987)

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 # 401(NCH) O God in Whom All Life Begins**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION God Be With You Till We Meet Again
Pilgrim Hymnal No. 61

POSTLUDE Toccata
Jaques 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.

W*orship Leader:* Connie Kaufman
Deacons: Mary Lou Hughes, Fabienne Madsen,
Carole Oberle, Connie Kaufman
Ushers: Rob Blauvelt, Craig Morrison, Chris Nyland, Kevin Ward
Altar Guild: Denice Koljonen
Flowers: Chris Arren
Flower Delivery: Martha Lamb

The flowers on the altar are given today to the Glory of God in loving memory of Ernest DeVeuve by Don, Joanne, and Maddy DeVeuve.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***TODAY:* Bible Village Open House- Sunday, Sept. 28th. 11:00- 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, learn about curriculum, and 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!)

***TODAY:* Hot Dogs & Hamburgers All Church One—Read September 28, 11:30pm Church Library:** Today we are discussing the book "Hotdogs and Hamburgers" by Rob Shindler. If you did not get the chance to ready the book, you are welcome to join the discussion on the importance of literacy and the effects of illiteracy. Lunch will be provided.

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@fabiennemadsendesign.com.

Leader Night October 1, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall: Join us on Leader Night for dinner, presentations, and sharing of ideas. Hear updates from the Board and Project Manager on plans for the new building. All committee and team members, and anyone interested in participating are invited to attend. The Board wants to share their thinking and hear your ideas. We hope you can join us. Please RSVP to office@needhamucc.org so we can plan for dinner.

Friendly Society—All About Books: ***Thursday, October 2nd at 1:30pm in the Library.*** 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).

Youth Choir: Do you know a child that likes to sing? We would love to have more students join our youth choirs.

FACT: One of the only activities that activates, stimulates, and uses the entire brain is Music.

FACT: Research shows that music is to the brain as physical exercise is to the human body. Music tones the brain for auditory fitness and allows it to decipher between tone and pitch.

Please consider this opportunity for your children!

Rehearsals are on Sundays throughout the year.
Joyful Noise—9:15-9:45 am
Hallelujah Choir—11:30-12:00 pm
Shepherd's Staff—12:00-1:00pm

Each choir will sing for the congregation 4-5 times throughout the year, culminating with Youth Sunday on June 14.

LAST CALL: February 2015 Delegation to Guatemala: Please contact Brenda Metzler ASAP to sign up or request information --bmetzler7@verizon.net. Travel dates are ***February 11-22, 2015***. Confirmed travelers to date are: Brenda Metzler and Fred Moder, Co-Leaders; Bill, Theresa, and Spencer Garrett; Susan McNeice; Sunny Robinson; and Scott and Joene Pike. Don't miss the warm welcome that awaits you in Santa Maria Tzeja!

Noah's Ark Preschool: Noah's Ark Preschool is in the process of enrolling children for the 2015 – 2016 school year! We offer priority enrollment to our returning students, siblings, and Congregational Church of Needham members, respectively, now through November 21st. If you would like to tour the school and to receive more information, please call Ann Lyons at 781-449-2439. Initial information can be gathered from our website at: www.noahsarkneedham.org.

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 your 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***.

CALENDAR September 28—October 7

Sunday, September 28th **Visitor Sunday**	9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00am 11:00am 11:30am 12:00pm 1:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Chancel Choir, *Sanctuary* Joyful Noise Rehearsal, *Choir Room* Worship Service, *Sanctuary* Bible Village Open House All Church One Read Book Discussion, *Library* Bible Study, *Reception Room* Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, *Choir Room* Friendly Chime Ringers Rehearsal, *Sanctuary* Shepherd's Staff Choir Rehearsal, *Choir Room* Junior High Youth Group Laser Tag ALPHA Meeting, *Linden Hall* Senior High Youth Group Haunted House Prep
Monday, September 29th	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, *Reception Room*
Wednesday, October 1st	6:00 pm	Leader Night, *Fellowship Hall*
Thursday, October 2nd	12:00pm 1:30 pm 7:30 pm	Lunch with Heike, *Library* Friendly Society Meeting, *Library* Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Choir Room*
Saturday, October 4th Volunteer Day	9:00 am	Volunteer Work Day*, 1180 Great Plain Ave.*
Sunday, October 5th	9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00am 11:30am 12:00pm 2:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Chancel Choir, *Sanctuary* Joyful Noise Rehearsal, *Choir Room* Worship Service, *Sanctuary* Family Promise, *Linden Hall* Bible Study, *Reception Room* Hallelujah Choir Rehearsal, *Choir Room* Friendly Chime Ringers Rehearsal, *Sanctuary* Shepherd's Staff Choir Rehearsal, *Choir Room* Junior High Youth Group Tie Dye Party ALPHA Meeting, *Linden Hall* Guatemala Partnership Meeting, *Library* Senior High Youth Group Haunted House Prep
Monday, October 6th	9:00 am 7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Cancer Support Group, *Reception Room* Finance Meeting*, Conference Room* EMT Meeting*, Library*
Tuesday, October 7th	10:00pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters Community Dinner Deacon's Meeting, *Library*

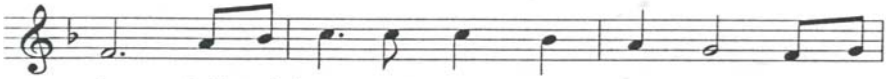
ALL ARE WELCOME

TWO OAKS
Marty Haugen

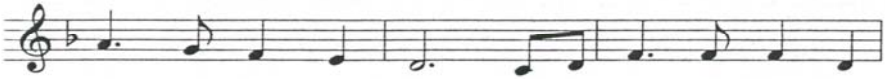
1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and
3. Let us build a house where love is found in
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be -
5. Let us build a house where all are named, their

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 to dream 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
vealed 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:
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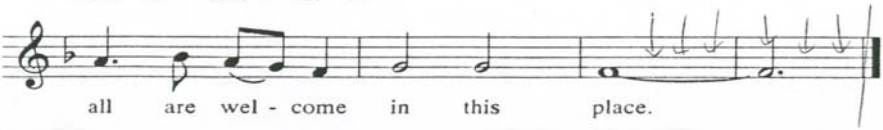

all are wel - come in this place.