



CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH
OF NEEDHAM

September 29, 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 29, 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

It is Well With My Soul
arr. Dale Wood (1934-2003)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

K.M. Abraham

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 #22** (New Century) Sing Praise to God

OPENING PRAYER

K.M. Abraham

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

Be Thou My Vision
Arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 10:29-37, NT p.68

SERMON

“The Call to Go Beyond”

Susan Cartmell

HYMN (seated) # 539 New Century

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

MORNING PRAYER

Heike Werder

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

Offertory

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 #495** (New Century) Called As Partners in
Christ's Service

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION God Be With You Till We Meet
Again
Pilgram Hymnal No. 62

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G minor
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: K.M. Abraham

Deacons: Craig Morrison, Lorri Lofvers

Ushers: Frank Arren, Chris Arren, Todd Barth,
Dave Johnson, Jan Rubenstein

Altar Guild: Val Kistler

Flowers: Christine Arren

The flowers on the altar are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alma Treen by her daughter and family, Jane, Adam, Matt and Kara Brand

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ORDINATION OF JOHN ALLEN

Today we are celebrating 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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNDERSTANDING THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS

Join biblical scholar and archaeologist Nate Ramsayer for his last class in this series Sunday September 29, 11:30am. Lunch will be provided.

****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.

Christianity in the 21st Century: Discerning the Future through the Past

Sunday October 6, 11:30am - Christopher Evans, professor at BU's School of Theology will lead this informative class. By providing a brief look into important themes in American religious history, the class will look at how recent shifts in American religious behavior might impact Christianity's development in the decades ahead. Chris has also just published a new book Histories of American Christianity: An Introduction.

Bible Study this fall. Sunu Yeh and Christine Weitzel will lead discussions of the book Saving Jesus from the Church. Sunu's group meets on Sundays in the Conference Room today at 11:30 a.m. Christine leads a group on Thursdays. At 10:30 a.m. in the Reception Room. Bring your questions of faith and join us. Newcomers are always welcome.

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. Ticket prices are \$40 per person/\$25 per student. **Tickets are available in Coffee Hour this Sunday.** Guatemalan crafts and donated items will be available for purchase. Sponsored by the Guatemala Partnership of the Congregational Church of Needham.

The Senior High Youth Group Haunted House are in the midst of planning their annual **Haunted House**, which will be open to the public from **5pm-8pm on Saturday, October 26th** 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 (NO NUTS PLEASE) are needed! Please drop off donations in Rev. Jamie's office by Friday, October 25th.

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.

Last Call!! 2014 Guatemala Delegation Being Finalized

Adults and Youth are needed for the February 12-23, 2014 delegation. Adults and 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 29nd - October 7th

<p>Sunday September 29th</p>	<p>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 Sunu Yeh, <i>Conference Room</i> Bible Village Open House, Chapel, <i>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></p>
<p>Monday September 30th</p>	<p>7:30pm Friendly Society Meeting, <i>Library</i></p>
<p>Tuesday October 1st</p>	<p>6pm Community Dinner, <i>Linden Hall</i> 7pm EMT Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i> Deacons Meeting, <i>Library</i></p>
<p>Thursday October 3rd</p>	<p>10:30am Bible Study with Christine Weitzel, <i>Reception Room</i> 12pm Lunch with Rev. Heike, <i>Library</i></p>
<p>Saturday October 5th</p>	<p>10am Flower Group, <i>Reception Room</i></p>
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<p>Monday October 7th</p>	<p>7pm Needham Interfaith Environmental Meeting, <i>Library</i></p>