



# Youth Sunday

*June 5, 2016*

**The Congregational Church of Needham  
United Church of Christ**

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.*



**Recognition of Graduating Seniors**

- KATE ALLEN**
- AMELIA AMATO**
- SAM ATALLAH**
- TOM BAKER**
- HENRY BARTH**
- KARA BRAND**
- COURTNEY BRENNAN**
- JACK CRUICKSHANK**
- ABIGAIL DARMOFAL**
- EMILY GWOREK**
- HAILEY HUFF**
- CHLOE KENNEDY**
- ELIZABETH KUHLMAN**
- COLE LUBY**
- CHRISTIAN YEH**



**Worshipping Through Art**

Our bulletin cover is an interpretation of our own church building offered by Olivia Allen, grade 4.

The mural on the chancel is a project that many of our students, from grade school to high school, have worked on this spring. It is an interpretation of the story of Noah’s Ark, designed by Maddie and brought to life by our students.

# Youth Sunday

Sunday, June 5, 2016

10:00am

*Childcare is available downstairs in the Preschool Room.  
Our worship this morning will be led by our congregation's  
children and youth.*

*\*Designates when you are invited to stand.*

## **PRELUDE**

“Wish You Were Here” & “Love Song”

*Offered in praise and gratitude for the fullness of life  
by the Youth Band*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Maddie Downer, MDiv

Recognition of Abbot Scholars

Outreach Committee

Recognition of Teachers & Chaperones

Liam Salerno, Gr. 5

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Written by Elizabeth Kuhlman and Sam Atallah*

One: We give thanks for all we take for granted.

**Many: We appreciate each pebble  
along the path of life.**

One: Is it worth it, during each hectic day, to pause only  
to reflect on our own shortcomings?

**Many: No! Instead, O God, help us to take  
a peaceful moment to notice birdsong.**

One: Each note in the symphony of breezes, the sounds  
of frogs, laughter, crickets, silence, whispers...

**Many: All are precious and vital to the whole.**

One: Each moment is precious.

**Many: We thank you for Creation and strive to  
appreciate the spectacle of life.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

*Call to Prayer*

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us pray.

*Unison Prayer*

*Written by Maria Libby and Katherine Rock*

**O God, you who carried us through  
our childhood years,  
help us to achieve our aspirations  
and live as you have called us to.**

**We come to you today in worship and prayer  
as we travel on life's journey.  
Be with us as we face challenges at every age  
and shape us into the people we are meant to be.**

**Let us lift our spirits and prayers to the Lord...**

*Silent Prayer*

*Lord's Prayer*

*Led by our Bible Village students,  
Kindergarten through grade 5.*

**ANTHEM**

It Is Good To Give Thanks To The Lord  
*Andrew Bruhn*  
Joyful Noise and Hallelujah Choirs

**GOSPEL LESSON**

“Jesus Blesses the Children”  
*Mark 10:13-16, Spark Bible*  
Leyna Blume

## REFLECTIONS OF EMERGING ADULTS

*Our reflections this morning are offered by*  
Courtney Brennen  
*and*  
Abigail Darmofal

*Pastoral Prayer*

### OFFERTORY

*Call to Offering*

*Offertory Anthem*

A Cannon of Praise  
*Natalie Seeth*

\* *Doxology*    **Praise God from whom all blessing flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below,  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication*

\***CLOSING HYMN**

**Spirit, I Have Heard You Calling**  
*See Insert*

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Heike Werder

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Blessing  
*Katie Moran Bart*

**POSTLUDE**

“Home”  
*Phillip Phillips*

*Offered in thanksgiving by the Youth Band*

## **The Worship Continues!**

### **In the hallway:**

As you walk through the hall to Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall, pay attention to the pictures along the way. The hallway has been decorated in celebration of our graduating seniors and also offers a look back at our children's and youth ministries events throughout this past year.

Please take your time as you move to coffee hour to see the life of the church through the eyes of our children and youth.

### **In Coffee Hour:**

When you get to Fellowship Hall, you will see a large painting similar to that on our chancel this morning. Please fill in a piece of the picture (more instructions are provided in Fellowship Hall) and, as you do this, please offer up a prayer for our children and youth and the ministries offered to them in this community.

### **Youth Band Musical Selections:**

“Wish You Were Here” *Pink Floyd*

Pink Floyd may not seem like worship music at first glance. The song “Wish You Were Here” is one that speaks to life's struggles. We have all felt the pangs of confusion, loneliness, and grief; this selection honors those moments in our lives.

**When you are hurting, remember, you are holy by the grace of Christ and wholly loved by God.**

“Love Song” *Sara Bareillis*

This song, which looks at the relationship between two people, speaks to finding value in yourself. There are times when we doubt ourselves and look outside for validation. God's endless love for us doesn't require grandiose acts. God's love is evident in each beat of our hearts, each song of sorrow or praise, each prayer of lament or psalm of celebration.

## God's love endures forever.

“Home” *Phillip Phillips*

This song is sung in appreciation for the spiritual home offered to our children and youth here at Congregational Church of Needham, UCC. This morning, we celebrate all the children of God who call this place home. As we sing and listen, let our prayer be this: **Creator God, may we affirm the voices of our children and youth in the life and ministry of this beloved congregation.**

- 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 Band:*

Courtney Brennan, Elizabeth Kuhlman,

Maria Libby, Katherine Rock

Sam Atallah

Dave Johnson

*Vocals*

*Piano*

*Guitar*

*Deacons:* Frank Luppino, Jean Veigas

*Altar Guild:* Diane Myers

*Flowers:* Beverly Bolivar

*Flower Delivery:* Martha Lamb

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of my Mother, Shirley Clayton by Jane Clayton-Matthews and family.*

# Upcoming Children's & Youth Offerings

## Vacation Bible School: Animal Academy

**Monday, August 22 - Friday, August 26**

Age 3 - Grade 5: Participate as campers!

Grades 6-8: Counselors

Grades 9-12: Teach workshops!

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## Blessing of the Backpacks

**Sunday, August 28, 2016**

Students of all ages are invited to have their backpacks blessed during morning worship!

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## Welcome Back Sunday & Bible Village Open House

**Sunday, September 11, 2016**

Come and see the classrooms after worship. You will also be able to register your students for the 2016-2017 Sunday School year. Online registration is available at:  
[needhamucc.org/learn/registration/](http://needhamucc.org/learn/registration/)

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Madelyn Downer, Director of Children &  
Youth Ministries

Valerie Becker, Music Director  
The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus  
Sangyoung Kim, Organist/Accompanist



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **TODAY at 11:30am – Village Fair Meeting**

It's not too early to start planning! Everyone is invited to join in an organizational meeting for our Village Fair. Come with ideas to help make the Fair a hit and any questions you might have about this year's Fair. If you would like to put your hat in the ring to volunteer some time to the Fair and can not attend the meeting, please email the office at [office@needhamucc.org](mailto:office@needhamucc.org) .

**Adult Bible Study, Sunday's @ 11:30** Conference Room: Are you interested in deepening your understanding of the Bible? Everyone is welcome to try out Adult Bible Study. We meet on Sundays immediately after church from 11:30 to 12:30 in the reception room. We will be studying Paul's epistle to the Romans, for what should be a wonderful discussion about faith. Contact Sunu Yeh at [dormouse99@gmail.com](mailto:dormouse99@gmail.com) for more information. Please drop by and try us out!

### **Partner-Family Letters Due June 5th!**

Our volunteer translators need time to work their magic on your partner-family letters for the August delegation to Santa Maria Tzeja, so please submit them by June 5th to: [davebjohnson77@gmail.com](mailto:davebjohnson77@gmail.com) or drop them off in the Guatemala Box or at the Church Office. Thank you.

### **Summer Music**

If you are interested in contributing to our musical offering during the summer time please see Valerie Becker. These services are low key and it is a lovely way to share your gifts with everyone!

**Request for Altar Guild Volunteers:** The Altar Guild is looking for volunteers. High school students are welcome to join. Please contact Carol Miller at [millercc291@verizon.net](mailto:millercc291@verizon.net) for more information.

**The Environmental Ministry Team** has information available about garden, lawn and tree care on their bulletin board in the hallway going towards Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to take any of the information you may need to help you create flower and vegetable gardens, provide green lawn care and plant and care for native trees.

### **June Book Discussion Group**

City Mission's Executive Director, Rev. June Cooper, who preached at our church in March, will lead a three-session discussion group on Robert D. Lupton's provocative book, *Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help*. The author shares his insights and experience that some well-intentioned charity and volunteer service can actually undermine the aspirations of people they intend to help.

Enrollment is first-come/first-served and limited to 20 participants. The group will meet for three sessions on June 6, June 13, and June 20 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Newton Highlands Congregational Church, 54 Lincoln St., Newton Highlands. To enroll in the group, please contact Peniey McClary, [pmcclary@citymissionboston.org](mailto:pmcclary@citymissionboston.org).

### ***Invitation from the Board***

Please join Board members and our Treasurer, Jen

Connors at 11:30 on

Sunday, June 26 for a forum on the Capital Campaign, the future use of 1180 Great Plain Avenue and plans for capital improvements at 1154 Great Plain Avenue. (Spoiler alert: These are all related!)



We plan to review where we are, how we got here, and options for the future- short and long term. We are interested in hearing from you as we move forward together. I hope you can join us.

*Jackie Allen, Moderator*

## CALENDAR June 5th—June 19th

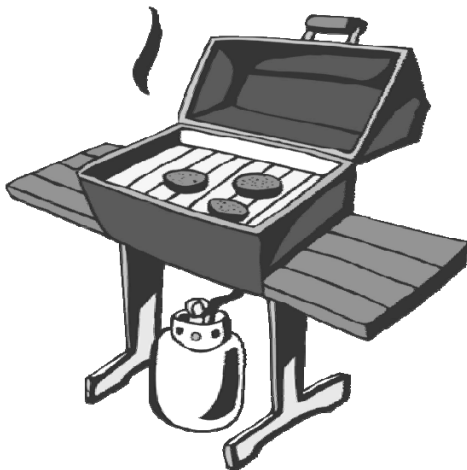
Sunday June 5th <b>Youth                  Sunday</b>	10:00am 11:30am	Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> Village Fair Meeting, <i>Chapel</i>
Monday June 6th	9:00 am 7:15 pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>1154 Reception</i> EMT Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
Tuesday June 7th	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Community Dinner, <i>Linden Hall</i> Youth Committee
Wednesday June 8th	7:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>
Thursday June 9th	7:30 pm	Choir Practice, <i>Linden AB</i>
Sunday June 12th	10:00am 11:30am	Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Bible Study, <i>Conference Room</i> End of Year Church BBQ
Monday, June 13th	9:00 am	Cancer Support Group, <i>1154 Reception</i>
Tuesday June 14th	7:00 pm	Board Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i>
Sunday June 19th <b>Father's                  Day</b>	8:15 am 10:00am	Men's Breakfast, <i>Library</i> Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i>

save THE DATE!

END OF THE YEAR  
**BBQ**

Sun. June 12th

Immediately  
following Worship.  
Everyone is  
welcome!



# Spirit, I Have Heard You Calling

Thew Elliot

1. Spir - it I have heard you call - ing, like a mem - 'ry long grown dim, cry - ing  
2. Now I see you all a - round me, now I hear you call my name. Now I  
3. Since you moved u - pon my wa - ters, since you spoke and set me free, I have

from cre - a - tion's mo - ment, seek - ing voice from deep with - in. I have  
speak the words you give me, now I feed cre - a - tion's flame. You are  
yearned for this com - mu - nion, for your fire in - side of me! Now your

heard you in my long - ing, I have heard you in my pain. Now I  
speak - ing through my long - ing, You are speak - ing through my pain. Now I  
love de - fines my long - ing, now your love shines through my pain. Now we

feel you mov - ing in me, feel you burn - ing like a flame.  
feel you mov - ing in me, and I'll nev - er be the same.  
dance in end - less un - ion, sing - ing out cre - a - tion's name.