



June 2, 2013
Theme: Today's Saints



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, June 2, 2013

10:00am

*Childcare for infants and toddlers is available downstairs.
Preschoolers and grades 9-12 meet for class downstairs at 10am.
Grades K-8 go directly to chapel at 10am and will join their families in worship for communion.*

PRELUDE

Softy and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

Dale Wood (1934-2000)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Nyland

Leader: Come all who love God's name

People: Let us gather to proclaim God's love for all the world.

Leader: There is good news! God's grace is not confined to heavens shores, or held beyond our grasp.

People: Good news! Seeds of faith hope are manifest all around us each day.

Leader: So let us lift our voices in songs of praise, and let every tear be dry.

People: Standing here, on holy ground, let us praise God's name together.

***OPENING HYMN #377 (black) Forward Through the Ages**

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

**Lord, our God, you have loved us before we were born.
You love us still.
Grateful for your many gifts, we seek ways to serve you.
Teach us how to be bearers of light and hope.
Where there is confusion let us bring clarity.
Where there is unrest, let us bring peace.
When we encounter mean spirits, let us foster goodness of heart.
When we find fear, let us live with faith.
As we ponder today's saints – set our imaginations free to fly
with your Holy Spirit to those places where you can match our
gifts with the world's great needs...**

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response

O Taste and See

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

ANTHEM *Notre Père* Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)
(The Lord's Prayer, sung in French)

SCRIPTURE LESSON II Samuel 12:1-7 p. 278

SERMON Desmond Tutu – Entrepreneur of the Spirit
Susan Cartmell

HYMN (seated) #383 **Come, Let us join with Faithful Souls**

OFFERTORY

Concerns and Celebrations

Anthem *Ave Verum* Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

**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

ORDER FOR THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

Prayer Response

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you Lord!

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Hymns for the Bread & Cup:

#449 (black) Softly and Tenderly

#455 (black) I Am Yours, O Lord

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith. Increase our love for one another. Send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #384 (black)

**For the Faithful Who
Have Answered**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*
Peter C. Lutkin (1858-1931)

POSTLUDE *Fugue in D* Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

****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: Tim Barber and Fred Moder

Communion: Connie Kaufman, Diana Conroy, Robert Kennedy,
Lorri Lofvers

Ushers: Jim Leighton, Phil Gotwals, Rich Weitzel, Robert
Kennedy

Altar Guild: Carol Miller and Lee McNally

Flowers: Beverly Bolivar

Flower Delivery: Frida Boyd

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God in memory
of Shirley Muther by her family.*

Communion

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is served on the first Sunday of every month in our church. Along with Baptism, it is one of two sacraments in the United Church of Christ.

At Holy Communion we remember that Jesus ate with his disciples on the last night before he died. In that upper room he transformed the Passover meal something new. As he broke the bread that night he reminded them that it was a symbol for his own body which was broken for all of us. As he lifted the cup of wine he told them that it was a symbol of the covenant- which had come from Abraham and Moses - between us and God.

So when we eat the bread and dip it into the cup we remember that God loved us so much that God sent Jesus. Through Christ we came to know God even better. At this table, through faith, we believe Christ joins us and comes to be our host.

Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey you are welcome at this table. We offer children instruction in the sacrament of Holy Communion in the second grade. We leave it to families to decide if their children will take the communion, but everyone is welcome at any age. If your child will not be taking communion but would like a short blessing, please tell one of the ministers.

When you come forward the minister will give you the bread and say –“The Bread of Heaven for you”. Many people respond saying, “Amen” or “Thanks be to God”. Dip the bread into the cup of grape juice. As you do, the Deacon will say, “The cup of salvation for you.” Again you may respond with “Amen” or “Thanks be to God.” You are encouraged to eat the bread soaked in the juice right away, and then return to your seat down the side aisle.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLING ALL KEYS!!! If you have a church key kindly contact Danielle at the office to let her know (office@needhamucc.org)! If you are not a leader of a church group or committee, please return the key to the office or mail to the church at 1154 Great Plain Ave. Thank you.

COMPUTER PROGRAMS FOR FREE! On June 9th at 11:30am join Keith McClelland in exploring the world of Open Source Applications that can help you save money and reduce your computer's vulnerability!

VBS IS BACK! Vacation Bible School will run August 26-29th. Kids ages 3 to 10 are invited to a week of active, adventurous fun at The Congregational Church of Needham's VBS program. The theme this summer is "Everywhere Fun Fair"! The fee is \$20 per day for morning activities (8:30am-12pm). Lunch Bunch will be offered from 12-1pm for \$5 per day. Additional children in each family will receive a 50% discount and EVERYONE can save \$20 if you register by August 1st! Download a registration form at: www.needhamucc.org/learn/vbs.

TODAY: Bible Village End of Year Celebration! Everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall after worship for a free lunch, award presentation, and singing by Bible Village children. Food will be set up on buffet tables in Linden Hall. Grab some food, take a seat, and enjoy the program!

Youth Group End of Year BBQs

Junior High: 1-3pm at the Brown Residence (102 Ellicott)

Senior High: 5-7pm at the Gotwals Residence (221 Elmwood)

- Please bring a dish to share based on your last name:
 - A-D: appetizer, E-K salad or side dish, L-O: Drinks, P-Z: Dessert.
- Hot dogs, burgers, and veggie burgers will be provided.
- Youth and parents welcome! Rain location at the church.

CALENDAR for June 2nd – 20th

Sunday June 2nd	9am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> 10am Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i> 11:30am Sunday School End of the Year Celebration, <i>FH</i> 2-4pm Center Open House for Prospective Students 4pm Shepherd's Staff Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> 5pm Junior High Youth Group, <i>SH</i> 7pm Senior High Youth Group, <i>SH</i> 7pm Guatemala Partnership Meeting
Monday June 3rd	9am Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i>
Tuesday June 4th	6pm Community Dinner 7pm Environmental Ministry Team Meeting 7pm Deacons Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Thursday June 6th	12pm Lunch with Rev. Heike, <i>Library</i> 7:30pm Youth Committee Meeting, <i>Rm 108</i> 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Sunday June 9th	8:30am Worship Band Practice, <i>Sanctuary</i> 9am Youth Sunday Speaker Practice, <i>Sanctuary</i> 9am All Youth Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i> 10am Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i> 11:30am Computer Programs for Free! 1pm Junior High BBQ, <i>Brown Residence</i> 5pm Senior High BBQ, <i>Gotwals Residence</i>
Monday June 10th	9am Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i>
Wednesday June 12th	9am Administrator's Meeting, <i>Offsite</i> 7pm Board Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Thursday June 13th	7pm Healing Service, <i>Chapel</i> 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Choir Room</i>
Sunday June 16th	8am Men's Breakfast, <i>Library</i> 9am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, <i>Sanctuary</i> 10am Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i>
Monday June 17th	9am Cancer Support Group, <i>Reception Room</i>
Wednesday June 19th	7:30pm Music Team Meeting, <i>Reception Room</i> 7:30pm Outreach, <i>Library</i>
Thursday June 20th	7pm Center Open House for Perspective Students, <i>SH</i>