

Deacons

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Term Ends 2019 Rick Devereux, Dibby Moder, Scott Stewart, Carol Miller, Jean Veigas

Term Ends 2020 Kevin Blume, Paul Brown, Jane Clayton- Matthews, Sue Cotton, Lucy Slosser

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Term Ends 2018 Michael Normile, Blair Wentworth, Sharmon Priaux

Term Ends 2019 Jim Conroy, Diane Rees, Kristin Mollerus

Term Ends 2020 Howard Sesso, Kenneth Allen, Barbra Morton, Amanda Angel

Parish and Pastoral Relations Committee

Committee Members: Tom Mollerus, Fred Moder and Diana Conroy

The Parish and Pastoral Relations Committee is a standing committee chosen by the Board and Deacons that seeks to support and maintain an open and healthy relationship between the pastor/s and members of the congregation. The committee does not seek to take the place of communications between the congregation and the pastoral staff. Congregants who wish to communicate with this committee may send an email to pprc@needhamucc.org. **Please do not use email to discuss sensitive or confidential matters; just use the email to set up an appointment for a telephone or in-person meeting.**

Rev. Jim Mitulski's Office Hours

Please contact the church office to schedule an appointment during his office hours of Tuesday & Wednesday 2-6pm; Thursday 2-5pm
Evening hours are also available by appointment.
*If these times do not work for you please contact the office for alternate availability.

Welcome to all who are new or here for the first time! If you are interested in learning more about our church, please email Rev. Jim at revjim@needhamucc.org, Rev Heike at revheike@needhamucc.org or call the office at 781-444-2510 to set up a conversation.

For updates on church life, our family ministries, Christian Education and Youth Ministries follow us at: **@NeedhamUCC on Instagram**
Congregational Church of Needham UCC on Facebook
@needhamucc on Twitter www.needhamucc.org

Please silence your cell phone before attending the service. You can Check In on Facebook and let people know you are here. Feel free to Tweet or Instagram during the service. If you would like or need a hearing device an usher will be able to assist you. Children's Childcare is offered for infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers in the Nursery located downstairs during the service.

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10:00 a.m. – 6



An open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ

August 27, 2017 10:00am

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Times
12th Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 16**

Welcome to our worship service. Please join us for refreshments and time for fellowship immediately following the service.

**United Church of Christ Statement of Faith
—adapted by Robert V. Moss**

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, who is made known to us in Jesus our brother, and to whose deeds we testify: God calls the worlds into being, creates humankind in the divine image, and sets before us the ways of life and death. God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. God judges all humanity and all nations by that will of righteousness declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, God has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the whole creation to its Creator. God bestows upon us the Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races. God calls us into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be servants in the service of the whole human family, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory. God promises to all who trust in the gospel forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, the presence of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in that kingdom which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God. Amen.

10:00 a.m. – 5

PRELUDE Andante *Giacomo Cervetto (1749 - 1837)*

INVOCATION Maddie Downer, M.Div.

SONG **Welcome**
(see insert)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PEACE SONG **Dona nobis Pacem**
(see insert)

CANDLES OF PRAYER

You are welcome to come forward to light a candle. You may share “I light this candle for...”, “I light this candle to celebrate...”, “I light this candle in memory of...” or you may just light the candle and return to your seat.

After a moment of silence we will have prayers for ourselves, each other, the community, the country, the church, the world, concluding with

Community Prayers and Lord’s Prayer

Please use whatever form is comforting to you. Mother/Father, or Our Father/Our Creator...trespasses or debts

SELECTION OF READINGS

Psalm 124

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side—let Israel now say—
if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,
then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled
against us;
then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;
then over us would have gone the raging waters.
Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.
We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken,
and we have escaped.
Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Matthew 16: 13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

HYMN
(see insert)

SERMON “Confession” Rev. Heike Werder

HYMN **Will You Come and Follow Me**
(see insert)

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

In each of our rows today is a black friendship book which we encourage you to fill out and pass to the person next to you during the offering. If you have been with us before, just put down your name, but if you are new today, please let us know who you are. Thanks!

Anthem The Lord’s Prayer
Albert Hay Malotte, Arranged by Carl Deis

Prayer of Dedication

CLOSING MUSIC **God Our Author and Creator**
(see insert)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE March *Christoph Wilibald von Gluck (1714 - 1787)*

Deacons: Charles Baker, Rick Devereux
Altar Guild: Diana Conroy
Ushers: Craig Morrison, Valarie Kistler, Rob Blauvelt
Flowers: Debbie Wentworth
Flower Delivery: Joanne Seiden

*The flowers on the altar are given today by
Christine and Rich Weitzel and their children, Nicole and Ryan,
in honor of Joan M. Waggoner (Christine’s Mother).
Grandma/Nana Joan has been missed everyday this past year.*

We Offer Christ

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.

Open and Affirming Statement

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.
(This statement adopted in 2000, reflects the welcome of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender people and their friends and families.)

Welcome to Summer Worship in the Chapel. During July and August we meet on Sundays at 10:00am in air conditioned comfort. The service is less formal. We have special music but no choir. We hope to see you throughout the summer. Looking ahead to fall here is some of what is being planned.

September 3– Labor Day
All Work Is Sacred—Rev. Jim

September 10– Welcome Back Sunday
Holy Communion

September 17—Dr. Donald Messer, Retired President, Iliff Theological Seminary

September 24—Ride for Food Sunday

MOVING SALE

Sunday, Aug. 20 & 27 - 9am-noon

Mon. - Thurs., Aug. 21-24 - 9am-5pm

Gently used items from the church move are available in the Narthex for whomever needs them.!

Items include:

Desks

File cabinets

Desk chairs

Vases...

All items must be claimed by 8/27. If you can not pick your item up by 8/27, please arrange a date and time with Rev. Heike or the office.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

August 27, 2017



The Congregational
Church of Needham

Meditation in the Chapel Today @ 11:30 am

Meditation in the Chapel today at 11:30 am. Feel free to invite anyone who might be interested. Sue & Stephanie.

Family Promise Backpacks

As our children begin a new school year, we would like to extend our prayer and good wishes to our friends at Family Promise and helping the families with children with the expense of Back to School supplies. Just like last year, Susan Kirk has taken the initiative to purchase gift certificates for Staples, TJMax and Marshalls in the total amount of \$ 340.00. Last week (August 20) we invited the congregation to help offset the cost by making an extra donation toward the gifts cards. We would like to extend that invitation this Sunday (August 27) as well. The ingathered donations will pay back Susan Kirk first, and any leftovers Outreach will donate to Family Promise. Extra envelopes are provided! Just place them in the offertory plates. If you write out, make it payable to the Congregational Church, and write into memo: Family Promise gift certificates.

Our donations will support the following 11 children: Jaida (15) 10th grade, Ashley (14) 9th grade, Lorena (12) 7th grade, Jorge (6), Jovi-ah (5) Kindergarten, April (4) Head Start, Loressen (12) 7th grade, Jason (8) 3rd grade , Natasha (10) 5th grade, Tobyes (11) 6th grade, Jeffrey (13)

Thank you for your support!
Susan Kirk and the families of Family Promise

Request for Altar Flower Donation

Altar flower donations are needed for Sunday, September 10, 17 and 24. The cost of the arrangement is \$50 with a check payable to the Congregational Church of Needham. You may call the church office or contact Debbie Wentworth at BMWFac@comcast.net to receive more details if you are interested in remembering loved ones with flowers on the altar.

Guatemala Partnership to Host a Welcome Back Brunch September 10th

Guatemala partner families will once again host a Welcome Back brunch for the congregation on Sept. 10 (11:30 am, Fellowship Hall). If you are able to help by bringing baked goods/brunch items or assist with set-up/clean-up, please contact Val Kistler valk228@gmail.com. Please join us for a joyful gathering following our summer activities.

August Delegation Reportback—Sept. 17, 11:30 am, Linden Hall

Please come to hear the travelers' experiences and news from Santa María Tzejá.

Guatemala Partnership Founders’ Dinner, September 24, 6 – 9 pm

The Guatemala Partnership will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the project with founders Clark and Kay Taylor. Catered reception and dinner, marimba band, and stories. Tickets \$25/person. Seating limited. If you would like to attend, please contact Brenda Metzler (bmetzler7@verizon.net) to receive an e-mail invitation.

SAVE THE DATE – Super Saturday – October 21st

A day of workshops, worship and fellowship! Join us at the UCC’s Super Saturday event and find out what is going on in other UCC churches in our area. We would like to bring a group of 8-12 people representing our church. Talk to Rev. Jim or email the church office at office@needhamucc.org to get registered, or with any questions.

SIGN-UP NOW FOR FEBRUARY 2018 DELEGATION

Brenda Metzler and Fred Moder will co-lead the church's upcoming delegation to Santa María Tzejá (February 14-25, 2018). We are seeking a few more adults and high school youth to complete the delegation. Total cost is approximately \$1,500. Sign-ups will close as soon as the delegation is filled (late September or earlier), so don't delay in contacting Brenda or Fred with your interest/questions: bmetzler7@verizon.net; or fmoder@verizon.net.

One Book One Community – 2017 Community Book Read in Needham

The Needham Free Public Library is partnering with several other community organizations to sponsor a One Book One Community Program this summer. The chosen book is “In the Country We Love: My Family Divided” by Diane Guerrero.

“In September, the library and co-sponsors will present discussion groups and a lecture to wrap up the program,” said library Director Ann MacFate. “These programs will provide a forum for people to come together and discuss the ideas in the book.” For information, contact the library at 781-455-7559, option 2 or check the online calendar at <http://needhamma.gov/calendar.aspx>. No registration is required to attend.

Book Discussions are scheduled as follows:

- Monday, August 28th at 7:30 PM *Community Room at the Library*
- Wednesday, August 30th at 7:00 PM *Presbyterian Church, 1458 Great Plain Ave.*
- Thursday, September 14th at 7:30 PM *Community Room at the Library*
- Sunday, September 24th at 2:00 PM *Community Room at the Library*
- Tuesday, September 26th at 7:30 PM *Community Room at the Library*

The Village Fair is Coming!!

Our Village Fair volunteers will soon be hard at work preparing for the fair. You can help us recycle and upcycle by donating items— such as wine corks, wooden picture frames (medium to large size), battery powered candles, old mirrors, fall and holiday silk flowers and foliage, and green wreaths, small trees, ornaments and other Christmas related items—which can be repurposed into new decorations, displays and creations. Donations can be dropped off in the box labeled “Village Fair Donations” located in the hall by the Chapel. Questions? Contact Jane Brand at ajbrand@comcast.net

Calendar August 27th—September 17th

Sunday August 27th	10:00 am 11:30 am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i> Meditation w/ Sue Findlay, <i>Chapel</i>
Friday September 1st		<i>Office Closed</i>
Sunday September 3rd	10:00 am	Worship Service, <i>Chapel</i>
Monday September 4th		<i>Office Closed—Labor Day</i>
Tuesday September 5th	10:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters Community Dinner, <i>Linden Hall</i> Finance Team Meeting, <i>Reception Room</i>
Thursday September 7th	12:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:30 pm	Lunch w/ Heike Open House— Mosaic Family Faith Formation & Ministry Choir Practice, <i>Linden AB</i>
Sunday September 10th	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am 7:00 pm	Choir Practice, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship Service—Welcome Back Sunday, <i>Sanctuary</i> Guatemala Partnership Coffee Hour Guatemala Partnership Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Tuesday September 12th	7:00 pm	Board Meeting, <i>1154 GPA</i>
Wednesday September 13th	7:00 pm	Outreach Meeting
Sunday September 17th	8:15 am 8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Men’s Breakfast, <i>Library</i> Choir Practice, <i>Sanctuary</i> Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Junior High Youth Group Bake Sale Guatemala Report Back, <i>Linden Hall</i>

New Directory 2017

We will be issuing a new member directory this year. Please send your family pictures and any updated contact information into the church office so they can be used in the directory.

Shop Amazon Smile and the church can benefit.

If you are an Amazon shopper please set up Amazon Smile as your default shopping website and designate the church as your chosen charity. The church will receive 0.5% of the value of your purchases. You pay regular Amazon prices and the church will receive nice monthly checks. Spread the word. Just go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> and search for Congregational Church of Needham as your charity for donations.

Bylaws Review

A team of Deacons and Board Members has initiated a review of our Church’s bylaws to identify areas where updates would be helpful. The intent is to have any proposed changes ready for Congregational review in the late fall and for a vote at next January’s Annual Meeting.

The team is not contemplating changing the Church’s governing structure. An example of a helpful change we are considering is that in the case a board/ deacons/committee member resigns, at the next Annual Meeting a new member will be elected to serve only the remaining years of the resigned members term, and not the standard 3-year term. This will prevent too many members of a committee all being on the same 3-year cycle. We are also evaluating how to make the Parish and Pastoral Relations Committee (PPRC) a permanent Committee of the Congregation. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for the team, feel free to contact any one of its members: Susan Lively, Mike Normile, Sharmon Priaux, Howie Sesso, and Scott Stewart. You can find a copy of the current Bylaws on the church web site. <http://needhamucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/BYLAWS-revision-2011.pdf>. Or, from the Church home page (needhamucc.org) mouse over “Come” in the upper left. A pop-up menu will appear, click on “Who We Are”. The “Who We Are” page will appear. Click on “Our Church Bylaws” near the top.

- 8/20/2017 Collections* = \$910
- 8/20/2017 Worship Attendance = 55 People
- July Electronic Pledge Amount: \$13,359.17

Please contact the church office 781-444-2510 or office@needhamucc.org to find out how you can give electronically.

*Collection amount does not include additional pledges received electronically.

Our current pledge amount for 2017 is \$367,804.00. This represents a budget shortfall of \$56,459.00 for the year.

God Our Author and Creator

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Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1985

Gen. 1:1-2:3; Acts 17:22-31; Rom. 12:2; John 3:16-17

Unison

1 God our Au - thor and Cre - a - tor, in whose life we find our own,
2 Like those first a - pos-tles, Sav-ior, give us strength to love and serve:
3 Keep us faith-ful, Ho-ly Spir-it, help us bear the mes-sage true,

make our dai - ly wit - ness great-er, by our lives make your love known.
when our faint-ing spir - its wa - ver, fire our hearts and steel our nerve.
that at last all lands may hear it: "God is love; Christ died for you."

Help us show how love em-brac-es those whom fear and greed down-trod;
Teach us wis - dom and com-pas-sion: bid our rest - less thoughts be still;
Join our lives in might-y cho-rus till we come from ev - ery place,

in all yearn-ing hearts and fac - es let us see a child of God.
by your guid-ance help us fash-ion lives con-formed un - to your will.
with all those who went be - fore us, to the full - ness of God's grace.

In 1985, a hymn competition was held to commemorate the centennial of the Women's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention. This winning text by Carl P. Daw, Jr., fulfilled the guideline that the hymn address mission in the context of daily life.

Tune: JEFFERSON 8.7.8.7.D.
Southern Harmony, 1835
Harm. John Ferguson, 1973

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Welcome

1. Let's walk to- geth - er for a while and
2. Let's talk to- geth - er of a time when
3. Let's dream to- geth - er of the day when

ask where we be - gin — to build a world where
we will share a feast, — where pride and pow - er
earth and heaven are one, — a ci - ty built of

love can grow and hope can en - ter in, — — to
kneel to serve the lone - ly and the least, — — and
love and light, the new Je - ru - sa - lem, — where our

be the hands of heal - ing and to
joy will set the ta - ble as we
mourn - ing turns to danc - ing, ev - ery

Refrain
plant the seed of peace, — sing - ing wel - come,
join our hands to pray, — sing - ing wel - come,
crea - ture lifts its voice, — cry - ing wel - come,

wel - come to this place. You're in - vit - ed to

come and know God's grace. All are wel - come the

love of God to share _____ 'cause all of us are wel - come here; —

— all are wel - come in this place. _____

WORDS: Laurie Zelman and Mark A. Miller
MUSIC: Mark A. Miller
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WELCOME
Irr. with Refrain

Dona Nobis Pacem 388

♩ = 42

Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem; do - na no - bis
 pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem;
 do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na
 no - bis pa - cem; do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Words: Traditional Latin
 Music: Traditional canon

DONA NOBIS PACEM
 Irregular

We Offer Christ

Brian Wren, 1986

1 We of-fer Christ to all the world a-round us, born in - to faith,
 2 We of-fer Christ from all our best tra - di - tions, by grace a - lone,
 3 We of-fer Christ the bar - ri - er - be - strid - er, whose full-ness far
 4 We of-fer Christ and, God-be-loved, our Sav - ior now of - fers us,
 re - leased from pride and shame; Em - braced by love, we show how
 a - mazed and strange - ly warmed, Cre - a - ted e - qual, stirred by
 ex - ceeds our lo - cal view, Whose Spir - it, breath - ing deep in
 born of the Spir - it's kiss, to love cre - a - tion and cre -
 love has found us; at peace with God, we speak our Sav - ior's name.
 free - dom - vi - sions, self - crit - i - cal, pre - pared to be re - formed.
 ev - ery cul - ture, brings Christ to us, the same, yet strange - ly new.
 a - tion's Lov - er, with skill, com - pas - sion, jus - tice, care and peace.

"We Offer Christ" was commissioned by St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Orangeburg, South Carolina, for its 150th anniversary. The opening phrase derives from John Wesley's advice to Thomas Coke as he departed for America: "Offer them Christ."

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Tune: CHARTERHOUSE 11.10.11.10.
 David Evans, 1927

WITNESS

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Will You Come and Follow Me 473

CALLING

Unison

1. Will you come and fol - low Me if I but call your name?
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when You but call my name.
 Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low You and nev - er be the same.
 Will you let My love be shown, will you let My name be known,
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In Your com - pa - ny I'll go where Your love and foot - steps show.
 will you let My life be grown in you and you in Me?
 Will you let Me an - swer prayer in you and you in Me?
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
 through My sight and touch and sound in you and you in Me?
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.

WORDS: John L. Bell and Graham A. Maule, 1987
 MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987

KELVINGROVE
 7.6.7.6.7.7.6

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