



Celebrating Baptism & Confirmation

5/21 @ 10am, LIVE! On-Site & Online

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May 21, 2023: 7th Sunday in Eastertide

PRELUDE

Little Prelude in E Major, by J.S. Bach
Valerie Becker, organ

WELCOME

Rev. Maddie Foster

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As we come to this holy work of worship, let us remember God's good gifts to us in the sign of water:

Many: Womb to wave, stream to sea, God's love rains down.

One: In the beginning, God breathed on the waters and stirred up life, the world and all that is in it; from the wet stuff of the earth, God formed us and called us all good.

Many: Womb to wave, stream to sea, God's love rains down.

One: When evil threatened to swallow up creation, God sent a flood to wash it away; when the children of God were caught between the devil and the deep blue sea, God parted the waters and brought them over into freedom.

Many: Womb to wave, stream to sea, God's love rains down.

One: In the fullness of time, God came to us in Jesus, nurtured in the waters of Mary's womb, baptized by John on Jordan's bank—Jesus, who washes his disciples' feet and offers us living water that will not fail.

Many: God's love rains down, on just and unjust alike; this is the sign of God's grace toward us all.

All: Let us worship God together in spirit and in truth, in word and in deed.

HYMN

Little Children, Welcome (see below)

SHARING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Stella Bea Mack & Rose Marie Mack
with their parents, Julie & Bob Mack,
and godparents Dave Pearce & Alli Pearce

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

REFLECTION

“Dive In!”

Rev. Maddie Foster

CELEBRATING CONFIRMATION Anna Busby & Magdalena Krug

HYMN

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry (see below)

SHARING OUR PRAYERS (“O God, hear our prayer”)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

(using these or whichever words are closest to your own heart)

Our Father/Mother in heaven, holy is your name. Your reign come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kin-dom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM “*Dona Nobis Pacem*” by Mary Lynn Lightfoot Chancel Choir

Dona Nobis Pacem

Grant Us Peace

PARTNERING IN THE GOOD NEWS

BLESSING FOR THE JOURNEY

POSTLUDE



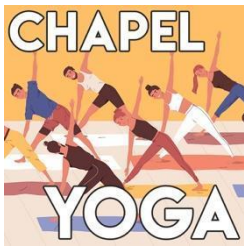
Kids’N’Church

Children of all ages are always welcome in worship!

Quiet books and **pew pals** (soft toys) are available in the foyer outside the sanctuary doors. If your family needs a quieter space, our **reception room** has comfy chairs, a big toy box, a pack and play, and a speaker that broadcasts the service. You'll find the reception room by going right

outside the sanctuary, the set of double doors in the elbow of the hall. All bathrooms have **changing tables**. **Pre-K** children who are potty trained are welcome to join our elementary Sunday school activities.

Parents are always welcome to accompany their child at any age. **Sunday School** (for children in older Pre-K through Grade 5) and **Youth Group** (for students in grades 6 through 12) are both offered during our 10am worship service as scheduled. All children and youth remain in the sanctuary with their families to share **communion** (as parents decide), usually on the first Sunday of the month. Have questions about our Children's and Youth Ministries? Check in with Rev. Maddie following the service or email RevMaddie@NeedhamUCC.org



Chapel Yoga THURS @ 9am

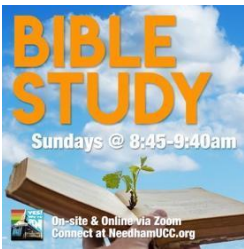
One of the best things any of us can do for our physical, mental, and spiritual health is find ways to reaffirm the living connection between our body, mind, and soul. And yoga is a great way to do that. Our own **Carol Oberle, a trained yoga instructor**, is leading this **50m yoga on Thursdays @ 9am in the chapel**. This beautiful space we now share with the Charles River Ballet is perfect for yoga. **This class is free to church members and their guests.** *Participants will need bring a yoga mat and be prepared to leave your shoes and water bottles in the hallway before entering.*



Mindful Meditation ONLINE Sundays @ 7pm LIVE! via Zoom

at <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79920727588>

What is mindful meditation? *It's a type of meditation in which you focus on being intensely aware of what you're sensing and feeling in the moment, without interpretation or judgment. Practicing mindfulness involves breathing methods, guided imagery, and other practices to relax the body and mind and help reduce stress. Who couldn't use more of that? Join longtime practitioner Sue Findlay and others Sunday evenings online via Zoom.*



Bible Study, Sundays @ 9-9:40am *Note: New and more reasonable time!*

On-site in the Reception Room at church

Our current Year W project, listening for the voices of women, girls, and the divine feminine in the scriptures is the perfect opportunity/excuse to do some Bible study together. Join us to reflect together on each Sunday's Bible passages for preaching, listening for what tradition, scholarship, and the insight of the Spirit has to say to us today.



Big Adventure Summer Fun Week for kids in K-5 | AUG 21-25

Needham UCC & The Hills Church are partnering to offer a week of summer fun for kids in Kindergarten - Grade 5. Join us for Epic Scavenger Hunts, Wacky Water Games, Fun Farm Adventures, and a whole week of learning about the earth with STEM activities, stories, music, and crafts! Find more info & Sign up at: tinyurl.com/BigAdventure2023

Youth in Grades 6 - 12 & adult volunteers are needed during the week!

Email RevMaddie@NeedhamUCC.org or SallyT@HillsChurch.org for more info.

Little Children, Welcome
New Century Hymnal #323

1 Little children, welcome!

Earth is yours to live in;
arms of love protect you,
little children, welcome!

2 Little children, welcome!

Jesus cares about you;
Jesus now enfolds you,
little children, welcome!

3 Little children, welcome!

We, the Church of Jesus,
we will help your growing,
little children, welcome!

4 Little children, welcome!

God will make you happy,
Jesus save and keep you,
little children, welcome!

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

Unison

D7 G D G D G D

1 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 2 When you found the won - der of the Word, I was
 3 In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too
 4 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

G D G D7 G D

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
 there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

G D G C D7 G

were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
 liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long.
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. *St. 4, end*

G/B C G

I was there when you were but a child, with a
 Should you find some-one to share your time and you
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

Am D G G/B C

faith to suit you well; I'll be there in case you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have

G A7 D *to beginning*

wan - der off and find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.