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WELCOME Rev. John MacIver Gage

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Friends, we are invited here by the living God, who created all things and calls us each by name.

Many: In the thick of life, in all our joys and challenges, we gather in the presence of God, experienced in the presence of one another.

One: People of every race and ethnicity, younger and older and middle-aged, individuals and families, of differing gifts and abilities,

Many: richer and poorer, gay and straight, of every gender identity and expression, Christ calls us to join in this worship and work.

One: This is a place to pursue the Spirit's vision for all people,

Many: to practice peace, justice, and compassion, to learn to live together in faith.

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

HYMN

Arise, Your Light Has Come (see below)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Maddie Foster

SCRIPTURE

from the Gospels, Luke 4:14-21

SERMON "Roadmap"

Rev. John MacIver Gage

HYMN

Go Forth for God (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 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 In Winter by V. Johnson Chancel Choir

OPPORTUNITIES TO BE PART OF THE GOOD NEWS

SINGING OUR THANKS & PRAISE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures here below! Praise God above, you heavenly hosts—Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!

POSTLUDE



Warrant for 2022 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of The Congregational Church of Needham, UCC, will be held in a hybrid manner both in the Sanctuary and via Zoom immediately following the 10:00am worship service on **Sunday, January 30, at 11:11am**. Members can connect to Zoom via desktop, laptop, tablet, smart phone, or landline. (See Zoom Connection Info below).

As is customary in preparation for the Annual Meeting, we will hold an **informational hearing Sunday**, **January 23**, at **11:11am**, also in a hybrid manner, both in the Sanctuary and via

Zoom. Please attend the hearing to learn more about the Annual Report and to ask questions about articles to be addressed at the Annual Meeting.

Copies of the Annual Report will be emailed to members by Friday, January 21st. Hard copies will be available in the sanctuary before both the hearing on the 23rd and the Annual Meeting on the 30th. They also can be picked up outside the back parking lot door to the church office (door #11) starting Friday, January 21st. If you are unable to access a copy via email or travel to pick one up, please phone the church office at (781) 444-2510, and we'll arrange delivery. The warrant of articles for the Annual Meeting is as follows:

Warrant

Article I - To receive and act on reports of the Standing Committees, Special Committees, and Officers of the Church.

Article II - To elect Officers and Committees for the Church Year 2022.

Article III - To adopt a budget for Fiscal Year 2022.

ZOOM CONNECTION INFO:

To connect via Zoom on your computer, laptop, tablet, or smart phone, go to https://zoom.us/s/907548568. (If you don't already have Zoom downloaded on your device, you will need to do so before the meeting.) You also can join via your landline telephone by calling (253) 215-8782 or (301) 715-8592. You then will be asked to enter this Meeting ID: 907 548 568.





