ORDER OF WORSHIP for 10am Sunday, June 21, 2020

The Congregational Church of Needham (MA), United Church of Christ

Sarah Laughs: Unexpected Joy & Surprise

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Gracious God, we bring you the broken parts of ourselves.
All: Hem us in before and behind.
One: Creator God, we bring you the joyful parts of ourselves.
All: Weave us together in hope and praise.
One: God of new life, we bring you doubt and faith knotted up in our hearts.
All: Unravel our doubt. Weave faith into our hearts.
Draw us together and point us toward you.
One: In hope and faith we pray. In hope and faith we worship.
All: Let us worship God together!

GATHERING SONG ***Wa Wa Wa Emimo (Come, O Holy Spirit, Come)***

SCRIPTURE READING *from the Pentateuch of the Hebrew Bible* Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

TIME ESPECIALLY WITH CHILDREN

SERMON The Rev. John MacIver Gage

HYMN ***"Give Us Laughter Unexpected"*** *(see below)*

SHARING OUR PRAYERS

(via chat on Zoom or send ahead to RevJohn@needhamucc.org or call ahead to 781.444.2510 x105)

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 ***"Assurance"*** arr. J. Ness Beck

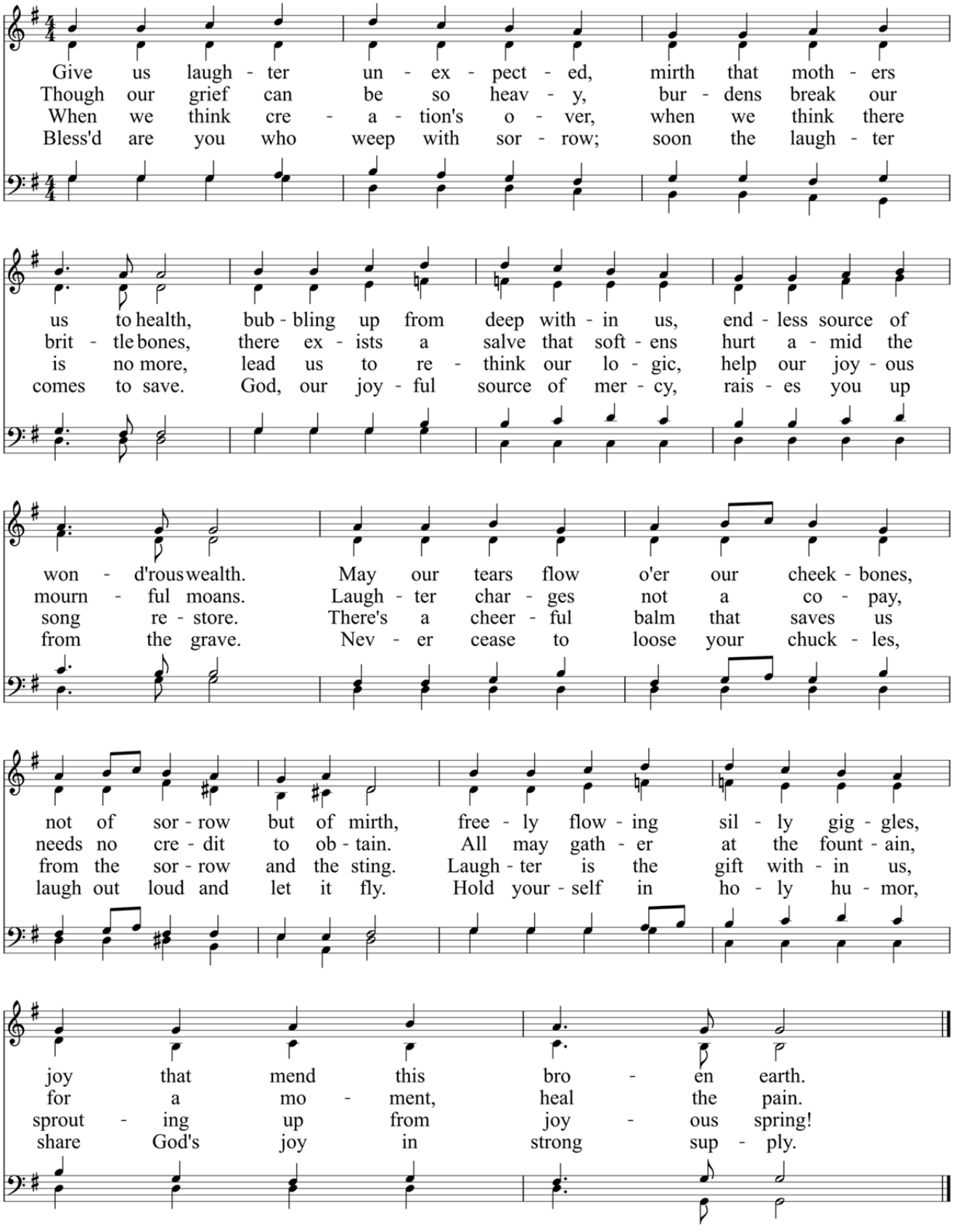
OFFERING & OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT

SINGING OUR THANKS & PRAISE

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

BLESSING & COMMISSION

Give Us Laughter Unexpected



TUNE: HYMN TO JOY, L. Van Beethoven (1824); WORDS: S.M. Fearing (2019)