

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 24, 2021 @ 10am

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

www.NeedhamUCC.org

PRELUDE

Number 8
Valerie Becker, *organ*

by J. James

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come as seekers, unsure of what we seek, or why.

Many: Creator God, comfort and discomfort us by your presence.

One: We come as followers, not understanding the One we follow.

Many: Lord Jesus, make your purpose known to us again today.

One: We come to worship, though we don't know how.

Many: Holy Spirit, ignite our hearts by your power.

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

HYMN

"Let Us With a Joyful Mind" (see below)

SCRIPTURE

from the Hebrew Prophets, Jonah 4

TIME ESPECIALLY WITH CHILDREN

The Rev. Maddie Foster

SERMON

"Thy Will Be Done"

The Rev. John MacIver Gage

HYMN

"Take My Life and Let It Be" (see below)

SHARING OUR PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER *(using these or words 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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Song Without Words"
Soomi Lee, *piano*

by F. Mendelssohn

OFFERING OUR THANKS & OURSELVES

BLESSING & COMMISSION

You are invited to participate in a Budget Hearing in the same Zoom room immediately following worship to review and discuss the proposed church budget for 2021.

Let Us with a Joyful Mind

Let us with a joy - ful mind
New - made earth was filled with light
Daz - zling bright the sun o - beys
Stars and moon that span - gle night
Crea - tures of the sea and land
There - fore with a joy - ful mind,

praise our God for - ev - er kind,
through God's all - com - man - ding might,
God who shines with bright - er rays,
all de - pend on heav - en's light,
all are fed by God's own hand,
praise our God for - ev - er kind,

Rich with mer - cies that en - dure, ev - ver faith - ful, ev - er sure.

Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my life and let it be con - se - cra - ted,
Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,
Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse
Take our love, dear Lord, we pour at thy feet our

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days;—
for my King. Take my lips and let them be—
of thy love. Take my feet and let them be—
treasure store. Take our hearts, and we will be—

let them flow in end - less praise,—
filled with mes - sa - ges from thee,—
swift and beau - ti - ful for thee,—
ev - er, on - ly, all for thee,—

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Warrant for Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 31, 2021

The Annual Meeting of The Congregational Church of Needham will be held via Zoom immediately following the 10am worship service on **Sunday, January 31, at 11:15am**. Members can connect to Zoom via desktop, laptop, tablet, smartphone, or landline. (See Connection Info below)

Copies of the Annual Report will be emailed to members by Friday, January 22nd. Hard copies can be picked up outside the parking lot door of the church starting Friday, January 22nd. Copies will be delivered to homebound members. The warrant of articles for the meeting is as follows:

Warrant

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

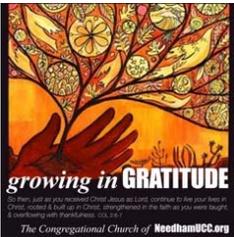
Article II - To elect Officers and Committees for the Church Year 2021.

Article III - To adopt a budget for Fiscal Year 2021.

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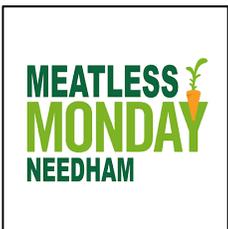
To connect via Zoom on your computer, tablet, or smart phone, go to <https://zoom.us/s/907548568> (this link may be found on our website at www.NeedhamUCC.org) and follow the directions there. (If you don't already have Zoom downloaded on your device, you will need to do so before the meeting.) You also 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.

Events, Fellowship and Mission



growing in GRATITUDE: "Gratitude runs completely counter to the 'never-enough' culture of the world around us. It asks us to give thanks for everything in our lives, good or bad, that has brought us to the present moment; to receive this moment, with all its blessings and challenges, as a gift; and to look to the future with hope and commitment. With all that is happening in the world, this has definitely been a year for lots of gratitude practice." Please consider how you can generously support our church and work together from a place of generosity in the coming year. Fill out a pledge form at

www.NeedhamUCC.org/Giving



From our Environmental Ministries Team: We know that one of the easiest ways we can make a positive impact on global climate health and our own health is to reduce the amount of meat we eat and move toward a more plant-based diet. Green Needham offers the Meatless Monday pledge program to help us make this change. And now they're offering us this special incentive: a cooking class fundraiser with Sweet Basil's Dave Becker LIVE! via Zoom on February 8 @ 6:30pm. This fun event is good for our health, the planet, and will benefit the Needham Community Council's Food Pantry. Register at

<https://www.greenneedham.org/blog/2021/01/meatless-monday-pledgers-get-early-registration-for-dave-becker-cooking-class/>