



ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 27, 2021 @ 10am

LGBTQ+ Pride Sunday

The Congregational Church of Needham (MA)
United Church of Christ
www.NeedhamUCC.org

PRELUDE

Musette by W. Morley

Valerie Becker, *organ*

WELCOME

The Rev. John MacIver Gage & The Rev. Maddie Foster

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We bid you welcome, who come with a weary spirit seeking rest,

Many: who come with troubles that are too much with you, who come hurt and afraid.

One: We bid you welcome, who come with hope in your heart,

Many: who come with anticipation in your step, who come proud and joyous.

One: We bid you welcome, who are seekers of new faith, no matter your age or experience,

Many: who come to probe and explore, who come to learn and to lead.

One: We bid you welcome, who enter this hall, yes, and this community as a homecoming,

Many: who have found here room for your spirit, who find in this people a family.

One: Whoever, however you are, no matter where you are on life's journey,

Many: you are invited here, and welcome...

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation (see below)

Maggie Furtak, *cantor*

TIME WITH CHILDREN

The Rev. Maddie Foster

SCRIPTURE

from the Letters of the Early Church, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

SERMON

More Than Enough

The Rev. John MacIver Gage

HYMN

If Only I Had Known (see below)

Maggie Furtak, *cantor*

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

PRAYER FOR PRIDE SUNDAY

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 kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

Gymnopedie No. 1 by E. Satie

Bruce Goody, *flute*; Pam Goody, *piano*

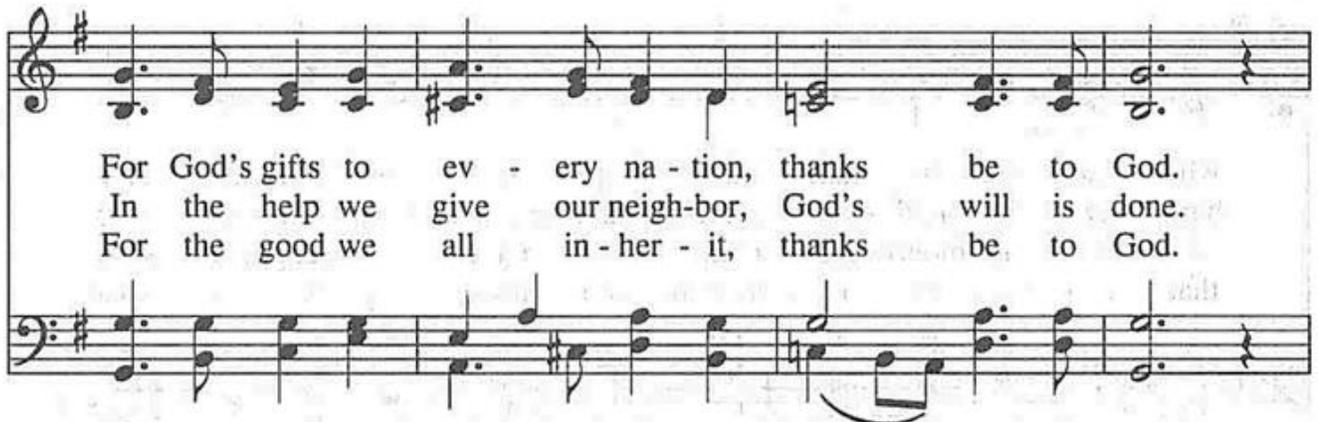
OFFERING OUR THANKS & OUR LIVES

BLESSING & COMMISSION

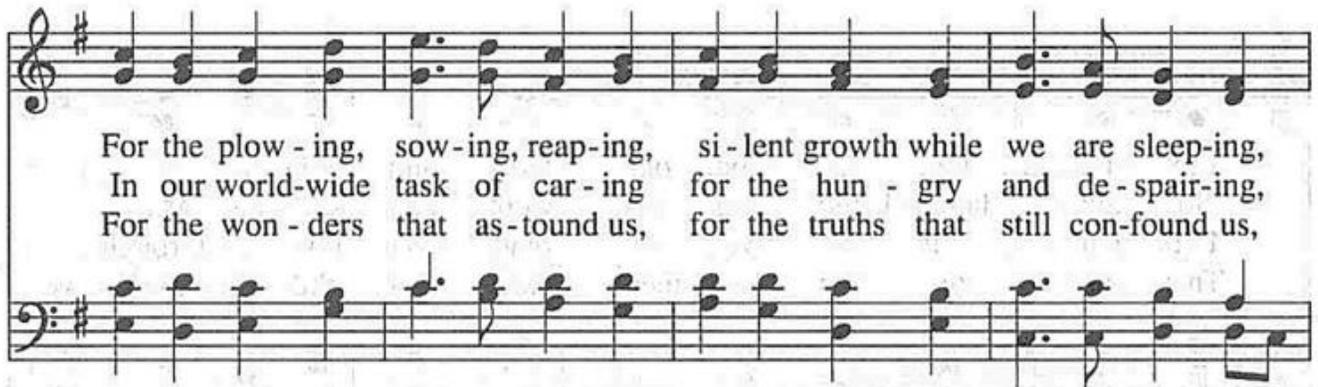
For the Fruit of All Creation



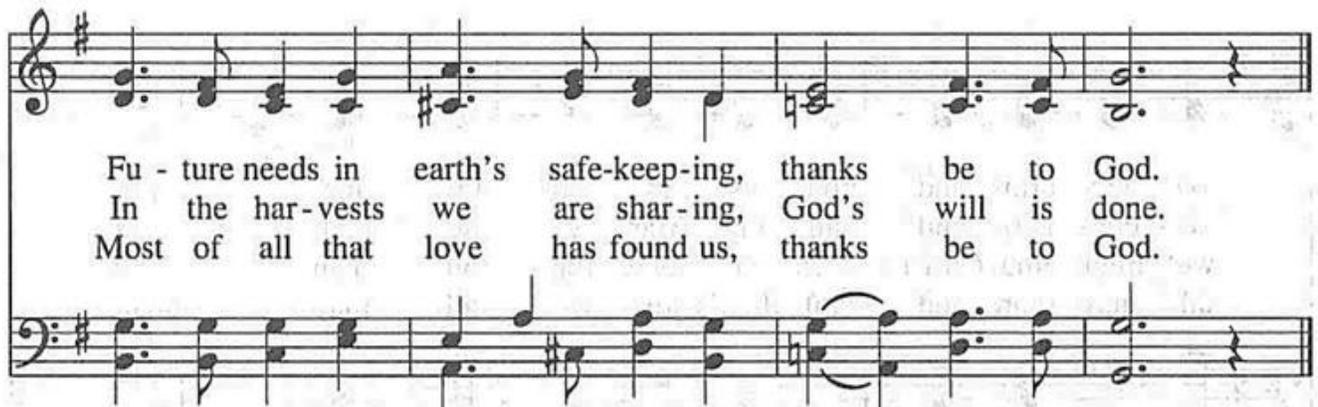
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For God's gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Tune: AR HYD Y NOS 8.4.8.4.8.8.8.4.

Welsh traditional melody
 Musical Relicks of the Welsh Bards, Dublin, 1784

If Only I Had Known

"If on - ly I had known the cost of hu - man greed,
 If on - ly we could see which bar - gains in the store
 And, too, if we could hear a moth - er's lul - la - by;
 If on - ly we could learn what keeps us want - ing more:
 O Christ, if we could know God's will for all the earth!

per - haps I would have reached out more to those in need.
 are made in dis - mal sweat - shops that op - press the poor.
 she's sing - ing now to calm her hun - gry tod - dler's cry.
 we build our big - ger bars so we'll feel more se - cure.
 And yet, by your own Spir - it, you have shown God's truth:

But now I see the truth a - cross the great di - vide!
 For each sub - sis - tence wage, each ti - ny crip - pling stitch,
 For cor - por - a - tions came, took land and wa - ter rights,
 But you a - lone, O God, give true se - cur - i - ty;
 "Do just - ice, help the poor, share life and love and land,

If on - ly I had known and changed," the rich one cried.
 makes wi - der the di - vide be - tween the poor and rich.
 and left the poor with hope - less days and hun - gry nights.
 pos - sessed by our pos - ses - sions, we can - not be free.
 and when you see the hun - gry, o - pen wide your hand.

Events, Fellowship and Mission



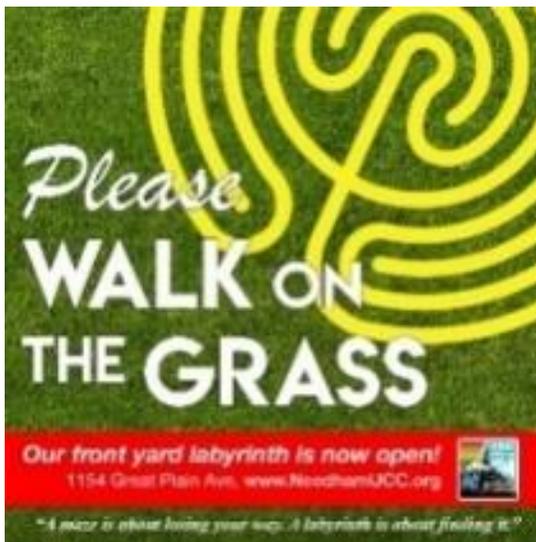
Mindful Meditation ONLINE SUNDAY 6/27 @ 7pm - LIVE! via Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/165101489?pwd=enBVd1d1S3lYMcNwYWhPY2ptMjNBQT09>
Stressed? Worried? Scared? Bone-Tired? There's never been a better time to lean into mindful meditation. It's a way to reel in all our frayed emotional-mental-physical feelers and ground ourselves again in the present moment. Join us online on the Zoom platform via desktop, laptop, tablet, smartphone, or landline.

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Save the Date! - July 11th after Worship - On Sunday July 11th, there will be a presentation by Diego Low of the Metrowest Worker Center about the ways in which the Center helps immigrant workers and their families, and how our church can help.



"A maze is about losing your way. A labyrinth is about finding it."
A labyrinth is an ancient spiritual tool, a walking meditation for the heart, mind, soul, and body.. We hope walking this labyrinth gives you peace, clarity, and even just some nice time outdoors.
Remember: Unlike a maze, you cannot get lost in a labyrinth. Just keep walkin'...

Small Repair Grant Program - The Town of Needham is providing grants of up to \$5,000 to help eligible residents needing financial assistance make modest repairs and alterations to their homes for health and safety reasons. For more information contact Karen Sunnarborg at ksunnarborg@needhamma.gov or visit <http://www.needhamma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/23860/Small-Repair-Grant-Program-62?bidId=>