



EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 12, 2009

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— REFLECTION —
A SPRINGTIME PRAYER

Ever-renewing and energizing Creator,
come, stir in my dormant spiritual limbs.

Wake up my tired prayer.
Revive my weary efforts of care.
Sing hope into my discouragement.

Wash my dusty, drab attitude
with the cleansing rains of your vision.

Go deep to my roots and penetrate my faith
with the vibrancy of your grace.

Shake loose the old leftover oak leaves
of my tenacious ego-centeredness.

Coax joy to sprout from my difficulties.

Warm the buds of my relationships
so they bloom with healthy love.

Clear out my wintered debris
with the wild breeze of your
liberating presence.

Nudge me, woo me, entice me, draw
me to you.

I give you my trust and my gratitude
as you grace my slowly thawing spirit.

Light-filled Being, my Joy and my Hope,
let the greening in me begin!

--JOYCE RUPP

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

*You are invited to light a candle at any time during worship that we might all share in the Light.
During Communion you will find members of our prayer team available to pray with you and lay hands on you.
Our prayer team will pray through the week the prayers that you offer either verbally or via the prayer request form.
We hope you will let us know that you have been with us by completing the form in the bulletin.*



Welcome

Invocation

Gathering Music

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Lighting the Christ Candle

Confession, Assurance and Celebration

Prayer & Silence

Sung Confession: I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

Assurance of Forgiveness and God's Presence

Passing of the Peace One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Sung Celebration: Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!
Halleluja! Halle-lu-ja!

Call To Prayer

Hope Church Singers

Prayers of the People

Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

As we pray for those whom we love, for ourselves and for the world, we invite you to share your joys and concerns, highs and lows, praise and thanksgiving...and our prayer team will include your prayers throughout the week.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Psalm

Psalm 118

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! (hum)

(Al - le - lu - ia)

Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

One: The Word of Truth All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

STONE ROLLERS

THE REV. WENDY MILLER OLAPADE

Hymn

The Day of Resurrection

COMMUNION

Offering

Invitation to Joyful Stewardship

* Sung Response (*Amen*) and Procession of Gifts

* Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Feast: *This is an open table; everyone is welcome. You are invited forward to receive the bread and dip it into the bowls of grape juice or the chalice of wine. Gluten Free "bread" is available. Should you need assistance; a server will bring you the communion elements.*

Communion Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer of our Savior (sins; sins against us)

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever, amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Living Hope

Closing Hymn

Victory is Mine

Benediction



LIVING HOPE

CHURCH SCHOOL

During worship children are invited upstairs to hear a Godly Play story and then work on what they desire to process the story (or what is going on in their lives). They are encouraged with special crafts, materials, books, and especially their very own fellowship. The room is their own and thus limited to two adult staff/volunteers at any time. We invite all the children to explore the stories of our faith together and then come to the table with the whole church family. There will continue to be nursery care downstairs for children under three. Many blessings.

WORSHIP THIS WEEK & BEYOND: Invite a friend to come along and join us for worship.

Today, Easter Sunday, April 12 at Hope Church: Evening Worship 5:30 pm.

The reality that Jesus' followers encounter is astonishing, wonderful, even frightening; Life is restored, hope is renewed, the Way continues!

Next Sunday, April 19, Second Sunday in Easter: While Thomas brings his doubt to the locked room on the first day of the week, Rev. Wendy preaches a sermon entitled, "Life is Good," referencing the text from Acts 4:32. *"Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common."*

SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

Knitting Group: Hope Church Knitting Group meets on Thursdays from 7-9pm. For more information please contact Robin (rmjoyce@mac.com) or Beverly (bas2360@gmail.com).

Welcome Wagon: The April Welcome Wagon meeting is changed from the second Thursday of the month to the third because of Maundy Thursday. We will be meeting Thursday, April 16, at 6:30 PM in the church office at 67 Poplar Street in Roslindale Square.

Leadership Circle Meeting for this month has been changed to Thursday, April 16th: Meeting Minutes are now posted on web site. Do you have anything you need to bring to the LC—board@hopeboston.org or via J Conlon.

Holy Conversation II - Healing and Reconciliation, Sunday, April 19, 2009, 3 – 5pm, Roslindale Congregational Church Parlor. Join this follow-up Holy Conversation with Leadership Circle members and Rev. Wendy, designed to further healing and reconciliation of relationships.

Meditation and Prayer Group: Wednesday, April 22, 2009, 7:30 – 8:30pm at the Church Office, 67 Poplar Street, Roslindale. We gather for a time of quiet prayer. We sit together, and listen to ancient prayer chant for 35 minutes, then have a time of quiet. We then have 10 minutes of petition prayer. Then go home refreshed. Everyone is welcome.

Hope Your Drop In Book Group invites you to consider joining for the next book, *The Translator: A Tribesman's Memoir of Darfur* available on the Welcome Table. The next group meets after Easter on April 23 at 6:30 pm at isa Price's House. Call for directions.

Fair Trade: Help make Hope Church a fair trade church, and help other organizations in Roslindale and JP make the switch, join the Hope fair trade team. Contact Abbi oldeforest@gmail.com for more information.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE AND OUR CHURCH FAMILY



The F Word: Images of Forgiveness is a thought provoking collection of arresting images and personal narratives exploring forgiveness in the face of atrocity. First launched in London in 2004, it has since been displayed in over 300 venues worldwide. Drawing together voices from South Africa, America, Israel, Palestine, Northern Ireland and England, the exhibition examines forgiveness as a healing process, a journey out of victimhood and, ultimately, a journey of hope. The F Word exhibition can be seen: April 6 – 18th, The First Baptist Church in Jamaica Plain, 633 Centre St., 617.524.3992, www.firstbaptistjp.org, Monday, Tuesday, Wed, Friday — 5-8pm, Wednesday, 5-6.30pm, Saturdays, 10am-2pm. For further information please contact Kathryn House: kharthouse@gmail.com

And Still We Rise: The Eliot Missionary Association of the Eliot Congregational Church of Roxbury, invites you to a live performance given by the members of **And Still We Rise**, an ensemble cast of ex-prisoners and their loved ones working in harmony with theatre artists and social justice advocates; a working collaborative to bring a powerful and personal voice to the prison experience and its affects on families. It is a powerful witness which we hope will enlighten you and hopefully, smooth the progress of the education, empowerment and social change of pressing criminal justice issues. Eliot Congregational Church is located at Walnut Avenue and Dale Street, Roxbury MA. Gather at 5:30pm in the social hall on Thursday, April 23rd for a “meet and greet” light collation. The performance will begin at 6:00pm. If you have questions, email gsadler11@verizon.net or call Gail Sadler at (617) 296-7286.

Sister to Sister, www.sistertosister.org is dedicated to providing women with FREE screenings to detect issues that may be linked to heart disease. They are the only organization in the United States that combines screenings, education, an online web community and research targeted at women and heart disease. To help women find out if they may be at risk and how to protect their hearts, a FREE National Women’s Heart Health Fair is planned for Saturday, May 9 at The Prudential Center in Boston in the Belvidere Arcade from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., raffles, and giveaways. Pre-Registration at sistertosister.org/Boston is strongly encouraged.

WALK TOGETHER: Great Opportunity to form a team of UCC members and WALK TOGETHER in the 20-mile Project Bread Walk For Hunger across Boston on Sun., May2 2009 it's easy and fun! Please contact Christie Parker, UCC Missions' Committee member at christiemp@comcast.net for details.

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HOPE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Ministers: All of us!

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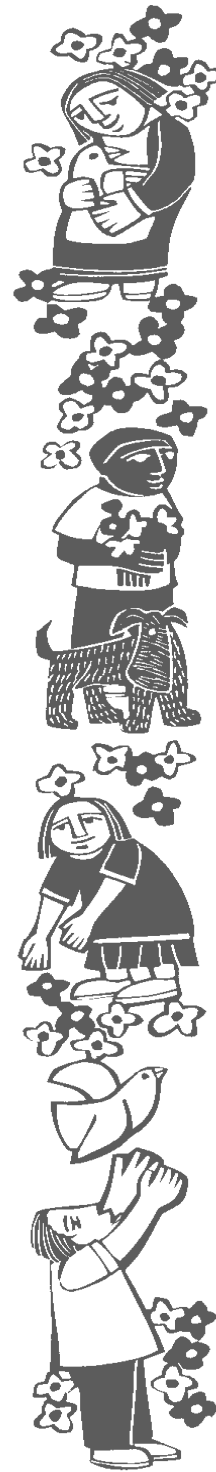
J Conlon, board@hopeboston.org (Moderator) John Brock, Bob Drake, Christie Dustman, Kathie Mainzer, Stacey Schamber, Frank Stevens, Kevin Tucker, Judy Wagoner

Music Leadership: Hope Church Singers, Jeanne Lucas, Sara Goplin, Bobby Hall, Neil Helme, Todor Stoinov

HOPE CHURCH MINISTRIES

Hope Church is a vibrant and growing community with lots of ways to get involved. Please contact these leaders and let us know where you feel called to serve and we'll plug you in!

Casserole Care:	Kathy Bermingham
Children's Church:	J.C. Mitchell
Finance:	Frank Stevens
Hospitality:	Ron Scanlon
Nominating Committee:	Laura Everett
Prayer Ministry:	Beverly Pacheco
Search Committee:	Beth Chandler
Seminarian Support:	Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade
Social Justice:	Lisa Price
Stewardship:	Ellen Snoeyenbos
Welcome Baby:	Barbara McQueen
Welcome Wagon:	Jean Vandergrift
Worship, Arts and Music:	Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade



Welcome to Hope Church...

Welcome to all who have no church home, need strength, want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not believe.

Welcome to new visitors and to old friends.

Welcome to grandparents, to mothers, fathers, and single people.

Welcome to people of all colors, cultures, abilities, and sexual orientations, to old and young, to believers and questioners – and welcome to questioning believers.

Welcome to everyone!

Tonight we are all invited to live into God's love, peace, and justice

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