



THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER

Sunday, April 26, 2009

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Statement of faith – I do not believe

I do not believe God wills hunger and poverty for the planet's children.

I do not believe God organizes the death of anyone, young or old.

I do not believe God hates our questions and detests our doubts.

I do not believe God wishes us to accept everything without debate.

I do not believe God likes the status quo that denies people liberty and freedom.

I do not believe God is silent in the councils of government.

I do not believe God approves what we have done to religion.

I do not believe God speaks only through words.

I do not believe God can be understood only through the interpretation of scholars.

I do not believe God is limited by human description.

I do believe God loves us.

I do believe God loves us so much that death was crushed, and life began anew.

I believe what I can grasp, and hold, and touch, and also what I cannot grasp but know deep within.

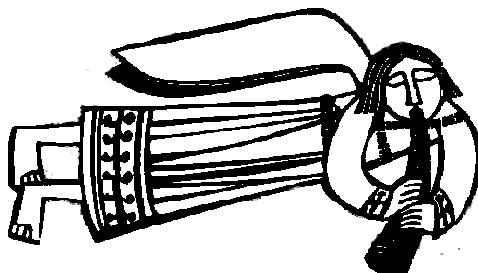
I have not seen the empty tomb but I believe in the Risen Christ.

I believe. God, help my unbelief.

Amen.

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 Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!

Confession, Assurance and Celebration

Prayer & Silence

Sung Confession: Solo: 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.

Congregation:
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

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

(Al - le - lu - ia)

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in 3/4 time. It features a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a supporting bass line. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! (hum)' are placed above the treble staff. A second set of lyrics '(Al - le - lu - ia)' is placed below the bass staff. A repeat sign is present at the beginning of the piece.

Psalm Psalm 65
 Gospel Luke 24:36b-48

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

Sermon FINDING YOUR CENTER The Rev. Chad Smith
 Hymn Dear God, Embracing Humankind

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

Live Into Hope

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, Sunday, April 26. Third Sunday In Easter:

Worship 5:30 pm - Our worship and our texts invite us to grow in faith and be Easter people. What does it mean for us to be Easter people? What does it look like when we are an Easter community? The Rev. Chad Smith preaching.

All Church Meeting 6:45 pm - All are invited to a conversation about the future. Would we, should we collaborate with other UCC churches? The Leadership Circle shares their dialogue with Central Congregational and Roslindale Congregational Churches--and seeks your input.

Next Sunday, May 3, Good Shepherd Sunday, Worship 5:30 pm - The gospel (John 10:11-18) and Psalm 23 of the Fourth Sunday of Eastertide invite us to imagine God's ultimate care for humankind through the essential qualities of a good shepherd: caring, rescuing, feeding, protecting, and guiding. In these passages, we encounter the nature of self-giving love and how this is part of discipleship. Rev. Wendy poses questions about what it is to which we are being called by the voice of the good shepherd.

SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

WAMM Meeting: Worship, Arts, and Music at Hope Church, Sunday, May 3, 2009, 2 – 4pm At Roslindale Congregational church.

Hope In Care Committee: Tuesday, May 5, 2009, 6:30 – 7:30pm will meet at the Church Office at 67 Poplar Street. The committee will meet with Rev. Wendy Vander Hart for In Care Committee Training.

Hope 101: Saturday, May 9, 9-10:00 am in the Church Parlor at Roslindale Congregational Church. Join the pastor and Welcome Wagon for an overview of the history, programs, ministries and denominations of Hope Church – in preparation for (or in response to) your decision to join Hope as a Covenant Partner. All are welcome. Bagels and Coffee will be served and child care will be provided. We will welcome new Covenant Partners on Sunday May 10th.

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).

Hope Your Drop In Book Group invites you to consider joining for the next book, *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant is available on the Welcome Table. Call the office for date and location for May group.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE AND OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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., May 2 2009 it's easy and fun! Please contact Christie Parker, UCC Missions' Committee member at christiemp@comcast.net for details.

Jazz In The Square: Friday, May 1, 2009, 7:30 – 8:30pm at Roslindale Congregational Church. Featuring the **The Mood Swings**, an all women big band that plays danceable, fun music, primarily in the 1940's swing style.

World-Jazz Group Natraj Performs In Brighton: On Sunday, May 3, the world-jazz ensemble **Natraj** brings its internationally-acclaimed blend of Indian classical music, West African music, and contemporary jazz to the Brighton Allston Congregational Church, 404 Washington St., Brighton, MA 02135. The concert begins at 3:00 p.m. and is part of the church's concert series to benefit the renovations to the Community Supper kitchen. Tickets are \$10 (general admission), \$5 (students, seniors), free (low income). For tickets and information, call (617) 254-4046; directions to the church, both by car and public transit, can be found at www.brightonucc.blogspot.com. Free parking is available in the Citizens Bank parking lot next door.

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.

The Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO): Judy Wagoner and Stacey Schamber will host a house meeting on Wednesday, May 13, at Hope Church office at 67 Poplar Street, Roslindale Square. The purpose of this meeting is to talk about the effects of economy and how we can both support each other at Hope and collaborate with other faith communities to respond or take action. All are invited to attend; please RSVP to Stacey Schamber [slschamber@gmail.com] or Judy Wagoner [judywmw@gmail.com]. **Also please also save the date** of Thursday, May 26 for the next GBIO delegates' assembly at People's Baptist Church, 830 Tremont Street, to hear the stories of the impact of the economy and be part of GBIO's strategy for social justice in action.

Save the Dates: the Reverend Malcolm Himschoot, the subject of an award winning documentary about a transgender seminarian produced by the UCC, "Call me Malcolm" will be with us on Sunday, May 31st—as guest preacher. Worship will be followed by a reception and Q&A. In addition, we will co-host with Needham congregational church., a showing of the film on Saturday evening at 7:00pm, May 16th. Be sure to share this with your friends. More details to come.

Help your sister church! Eliot Congregational Church in Roxbury, U.C.C. is one of 25 finalists for a grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation's *Partners in Preservation* program. You can help them receive a grant by voting for them on-line (visit www.partnersinpreservation.com). The top recipient of votes will receive a \$100,000 grant for preservation work (another \$900,000 will be awarded by a panel that is reviewing proposals). You can vote once each day between now and May 17th.

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](mailto:Abbi.oldeforest@gmail.com) for more information.



Loaves and Fishes: With continued steady leadership and an excited congregation we are confident that we can achieve secure financial footing soon. Our successes keep us highly motivated and continuously giving of our own time and treasure. We are utterly committed to making Hope Church a beacon of Christian renewal and justice for years to come. You can help us now by suggesting the names of individuals who have witnessed what an important force Hope Church has become in your life. We will contact them with information on how they can support our mission of justice, inclusion, and faith.

HOPE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Ministers: All of us!

Interim Pastor:

Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade, pastor@hopeboston.org

Children's Church :

J.C. Mitchell, johnchristianm@yahoo.com

Administrative Manager:

Frederick Hayes, office@hopeboston.org,

Leadership Circle:

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:	Leadership Circle
Stewardship:	Ellen Snoeyenbos
Welcome Baby:	Barbara McQueen
Welcome Wagon:	Jean Vandergrift
Worship, Arts and Music:	Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade

HOPE CHURCH OPERATING STATEMENT

01/01/2009 thru 3/31/09

	<u>Budget</u> <u>to Date</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>to Date</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>09 Budget</u>
INCOME			
Pledges Received	35,000	33,942	140,000
Offerings	<u>5,500</u>	<u>3,231</u>	<u>22,000</u>
Total Contributions Income	40,500	37,173	162,000
Other Income	<u>250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL INCOME	40,750	37,173	163,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>56,566</u>	<u>48,259</u>	<u>226,266</u>
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(15,816)	(11,086)	(63,266)
CASH BALANCE as of		3/31/09 \$55,940	

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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