



**MANY MEMBERS, ONE TABLE  
STEWARDSHIP 2010**

**Sunday, November 15, 2009**

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### **For Reflection:**

#### **On the Theology of Welcome *from a study by Isaac Canales***

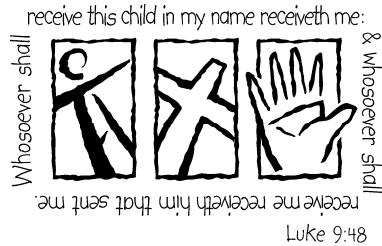
If we were to characterize Jesus today, we might say he was a partygoer! He seems to always have been on his way to a banquet—or inviting himself to one. It is hard to distinguish a pattern in his choice of people with whom he celebrated, rested and talked. Except perhaps that they represented every possible social and cultural stratum—rich and poor, Jew and Gentile, pious and prostitute.

One of Jesus' most delightful characteristics is his ability to draw people in, to welcome everyone (especially the morally and socially outcast) to his table. The image of Jesus "at table"—so common in the Gospels—is significant, for in Jewish culture to eat with someone was to accept him or her as family. And Jesus' table never lacked people, people of every conceivable "type." All felt embraced. All acknowledged their need for him.

In Jesus we see Yahweh's fulfillment of Yahweh's desire for unity across all barriers. As we seek to "be Jesus" to our world...Our table should look like his table.

## 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 find members of our prayer team are available to pray with you.  
Our prayer team will pray through the week the prayers that you offer 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.*



**Living Hope**

**Welcome**

**Gathering Music** "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

**Invocation**

**Confession, Assurance and Celebration**

**Prayer & Silence**

**Sung Confession:** "In the Lord I'll be ever Thankful"

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,  
in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid;  
lift up your voices: the Lord is near,  
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**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:** "Bless the Lord"  
Bless the Lord, Bless the Lord  
Bless the Lord: There is no other God.

**Call To Prayer**

**Hope Church Singers**

**Prayers of the People**

*In addition to our open prayer time, you are encouraged to use the prayer circles that are available during Holy Communion and the Prayer Request in this bulletin which will bring your prayers to the attention of the pastor and the prayer ministry team.*

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### Scripture



Musical notation for the hymn "Alleluia". The score is written for a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a rest, followed by the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! (hum)". The piano accompaniment provides a steady harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines.

Psalm 34

Luke 9:46-48

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

### Reflections

WITNESS OF THE WELCOME TABLE

### Hymn

"We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table "

## COMMUNION

### Offering

Invitation to Joyful Stewardship

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

### Closing Hymn

"She's Got the Whole World in Her Hands "

### Benediction

## **CHILD CARE**

Child Care and Godly Play is available in the parlor,  
(through right hand door at the front of the sanctuary).

## **LIVING HOPE**

### **WORSHIP THIS WEEK & BEYOND:**

Invite a friend to come along and join us for worship.

**Today, Sunday, November 15**

**Worship, Arts and Music Ministry Team (WAAM) meeting, Sunday, Nov 15, 3:00—4:30 PM:** Capen Hall, Join this creative team as they collaborate on worship, music and the use of the arts in worship (and beyond).

**5:30 pm worship:** Our Many Members, One Table series continues and we hear how the Welcome Table has nourished us and encouraged our sharing. Join us for the “Witness of the Welcome Table” as Hope Partners tell their stories.

**Sunday, November 22—Thanksgiving/Consecration Sunday**

**3:00—5:00 pm Thanksgiving Supper:** Hope, Central and Iglesia Hispana gather to weave at the Thanksgiving Table. All are Welcome—bring a friend, bring a neighbor, bring your mother. For more details, see note on page 6 and sign up in the front foyer (Narthex) of the church.

**5:30 pm Thanksgiving/Consecration Worship:** We “Set the Welcome Table” with our gifts of time, talent and treasure in a worship celebration of God’s abundance and grace. Pledges will be gathered, the table will be set and our covenant to be stewards of the gospel will be consecrated with Holy Communion. Special music will be offered by “Gifted”, a Gospel Ensemble directed by Brother Dennis Slaughter of the Boston Community Choir.

### **SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES**

**Adult Formation: Path to Spiritual Growth: An Introduction to the Spiritual Practices of Christianity.** Continues on Tuesday, November 17, 6:30—8:00pm, Hope Church Office, (*enter at 87 Seaverns*) Co-led by Fred Hayes and Michael McSherry. Using Richard Foster’s bestselling classic text “Celebration of Discipline” the final session will include: Practices of the Community. We will consider topics such as celebration and worship. Bring your experience with these practices, your wonderings about those you don’t know and join the journey.

**Seminarian, In-Care, Searching Support Group, Thursday, Nov 19, 6:30—8:30pm:** Keltie Chapel Upper Level

**Knitting with the Kitty Dukakis Treatment Center -** Nancy Azar ([njazar@rcn.com](mailto:njazar@rcn.com)) and the Knitting Circle will gather on Friday, November 20 at 7:30pm. Please let Nancy know if you would be interested in participating with them or if you have any yarn or knitting needles that you could donate.

**Advent Family Craft Workshop: Advent Wreaths and other fun things...Sat Nov 21, 9:00am to 1:00pm.** Capen Hall. Bring your anticipation and we will learn about the season of waiting for Jesus through story, song, and creating some of the wonderful, rich symbols of the season. Advent Wreaths, Advent Calendar Chains, Nativity Scenes...lots of fun and fellowship mixed in. Designed for children of every age. Bring your kids, bring your play date, bring your nieces and nephews and neighbors kids. BUT, children are not required. We will be happy to create with grown ups too! If you can help with set up, clean up, refreshments, please contact Fred Hayes at [office@hopeboston.org](mailto:office@hopeboston.org).

**Nominating Committee, Monday, November 23, 6:30—8:30 pm:** Keltie Chapel Upper Level

**Save the Dates!**

**Advent Adult Formation: Tuesdays, December 1, 8, 15, 6:30—8:00 pm.**

**Community Christmas Carol Sing—Sat, Dec 12, 4-6 pm, Sanctuary**

**Christmas Basket Building—Dec 19, 10 am—noon, Capen Hall**

**NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE AND OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Pledge Sunday**  
**November 22 Worship**  
**following the Thanksgiving Supper**

**Thanksgiving Supper, Sunday, Nov 22, 3:00—5:00 pm:** We are delighted to be sharing in a Thanksgiving celebration with our sisters and brothers from Central and Iglesia Hispana. We hope everyone will take part in this opportunity to break bread together. Several folk will volunteer to Roast Turkeys and others are asked to sign up to bring the rest of the meal! Here are the categories: Vegan Entrees, Stuffing/Potatoes, Vegetables, Salads, Drinks, Desserts, Gravy, Cranberry, set up crew, clean up crew, breakdown crew—check out the sign up sheets in the foyer in the front of the church (the Narthex), break out your family favorites and specialties from your heritage, and let's set the table!



## HOPE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

**Ministers:** All of us!

**Interim Pastor:**

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Frank Stevens, Kevin Tucker , Judy Wagoner

## 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!*

<b>Casserole Care:</b>	Kathy Bermingham
<b>Children's Church:</b>	Fred Hayes
<b>Finance:</b>	Frank Stevens
<b>Hospitality:</b>	All of us....
<b>In Care Committee</b>	Polly Hamlen
<b>Nominating Committee:</b>	Laura Everett
<b>Prayer Ministry:</b>	Beverly Pacheco
<b>Search Committee:</b>	Beth Chandler
<b>Seminarian Support:</b>	Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade Rev. Steven Vandergrift
<b>Social Justice:</b>	Neeka Stanley
<b>Stewardship:</b>	Ellen Snoeyenbos
<b>Welcome Baby:</b>	Barbara McQueen
<b>Welcome Wagon:</b>	Jean Vandergrift
<b>Worship, Arts and Music:</b>	Nanette Savides/Sarah Goplin

## **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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