



**MANY MEMBERS, ONE TABLE
STEWARDSHIP 2010**

Sunday, November 22, 2009

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A Thanksgiving Prayer

In this season of thanksgiving we give thanks to you,
Holy One for all that is good in the world.

We discover your blessings
in the beauty of nature,
the fullness of the harvest,
and the love of family and friends.

We share your blessings
when we care for the earth,
give from our abundance,
and embrace each other in a spirit of love and peace.

We ask for your blessings as we
seek to be peacemakers in times of violence and war;
attempt to build bridges of hope across chasms of fear and despair;
and strive to create a world of love and justice for all of creation.

Bless us, comfort us, strengthen and sustain us as we seek to be healers
and hope-holders in our battered world. Amen.

**This prayer was composed by the MACUCC
Just Peace Ministry**

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

"Sit at the Welcome Table"

Invocation

Confession, Assurance and Celebration

Prayer & Silence

Sung Confession: "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

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

Gifted and Hope 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 score for the hymn "Al-le-lu-ia". The score is written for a piano and voice. The piano part is in the bass clef, and the voice part is in the treble clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! (hum)". The piano part has a "PICO!" marking at the end of the first phrase. The voice part has a "PICO!" marking at the end of the first phrase and a "PICO!" marking at the end of the second phrase.

Psalm 126

Matthew 25:31-40

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

Sermon

SETTING THE WELCOME TABLE

Rev. Wendy

COMMUNION

Consecration of our Gifts

You are invited to process to the front of the church with your gifts. Please bring your pledges and regular offering and place them in the baskets. You are also invited to take a Hope Candle and light it and form a circle around the Welcome Table!

Special Music

Gifted

Prayer of Consecration

* **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

Musical Selection

Gifted

Closing Hymn

"Leaning On the Everlasting Arms"

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.

Special thanks to Brother Dennis Slaughter and his friends “Gifted” who bring us special music in celebration of our Stewardship Campaign.

Brother Dennis is the Artistic Director of The Boston Community Choir (a.k.a. Boston Pops Gospel Choir) and a renowned educator and serves as an Organizational Specialist at National Education Association. The singers include: Sopranos: George-Marie Jasmin and Laura Lapointe’ Altos: Valance Harris-Alleyne and Tracy Williams; Tenor: Geoffrey O’Hara.



Today, Sunday, November 22—Thanksgiving/Consecration Sunday

3:00—5:00 pm Thanksgiving Supper: Thanks to everyone!

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 offered by a “Gifted” a gospel ensemble directed by Brother Dennis Slaughter of the Boston Community Chorus

Next Sunday, November 29, 5:30 pm worship We worship on the 1st Sunday of Advent with a surprise guest preacher! We also gather to recognize world AIDS Day. World AIDS Day began in 1988 to focus global attention on the HIV/AIDS epidemic. People around the world wear red ribbons on December 1 (and throughout the month) to remind others of the devastating impact of HIV/AIDS in the world.

SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

Hope Nominating Team: will meet Monday, November 23, 6:30pm – 8:30pm in the Keltie Chapel.

Telling Your Faith Story: What Is The Hope That is in You? Continues on Saturday, December 5 at 10am for the Saturday morning group and Friday, December 11 at 7pm for the Friday evening group.

In-Care Committee: will meet Tuesday , December 1, 6:15pm – 8:45pm at the Hope Church Office, enter at 87 Seaverns Ave.

Knitting at Kitty Dukakis Treatment Center for Women: will meet on Friday, December 4, at 7:30pm – 8:30pm. Contact Nancy Azar for details.

Worship Participation: Please consider signing up for one of the Sunday worship roles in advance at the online Worship Participation site. Go to http://hopeboston.org/worship_spirituality/worship_participation and then click on the words “Worship Participation”.

Save the Dates!

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

The Hope Church office will be closed Thursday, November 26, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Global Warming Café on Saturday, December 5, at 2:30 pm at Central Congregational Church, Co-sponsored by the Boston Climate Action Network and Central Congregational and Hope Church, a Global Warming Café is a combination of engaging discussion groups and community-building with tasty snacks and mingling time! You will leave the event motivated and equipped with the tools you need to take action.

**Faith Education of Children at
Hope Church
A Conversation
December 6 at 3:00pm**



An invitation is extended to join a conversation about the faith education that Hope will offer to its children. Our Welcome Statement is a radical call to all who seek. Because of it we are gathered as a community of great spiritual diversity that shuns the customary definitions of church. Let's discuss how our program for the children will reflect who Hope Church is.

We particularly invite the parents of children attending Hope. But we also extend a welcome to all of Hope's community who have an interest in this important ministry of the church.

For more information contact Fred Hayes at the church office 617-522-0600 or at office@hopeboston.org.



HOPE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Ministers: All of us!

Interim Pastor:

Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade, pastor@hopeboston.org

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Interim Minister

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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

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:	Fred Hayes
Finance:	Frank Stevens
Hospitality:	All of us....
In Care Committee	Polly Hamlen
Nominating Committee:	Laura Everett
Prayer Ministry:	Beverly Pacheco
Search Committee:	Beth Chandler
Seminarian Support:	Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade Rev. Steven Vandergrift
Social Justice:	Neeka Stanley
Stewardship:	Ellen Snoeyenbos
Welcome Baby:	Barbara McQueen
Welcome Wagon:	Jean Vandergrift
Worship, Arts and Music:	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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