



# The Baptism of Jesus

Sunday, January 10, 2010



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**Next Steps for Proposal to Unite with Central Congregational  
You have read the proposal - now come and talk, listen and discern**

We have gotten helpful written feedback from a number of you. Let's join together to talk some more and then gather to vote on the proposal. Here is the schedule:

**Sharing & Listening Sessions** (Please attend one or more)

- Saturday, Jan 9 (9:00-11:00 am) Hope Office
- Sunday, Jan 10 (6:45 - 8:30 pm) Keltie Chapel
- Tuesday, Jan 12 (6:30- 8:30 pm) Keltie Chapel

What are you concerned about?

What additional information do you need?

What ideas and feedback do you have?

**Congregational Meetings**

**Sunday, January 17, 6:45 pm after worship**

**Agenda:** Vote on proposal based on feedback sessions

**Sunday, January 24, 6:45 pm after worship**

**Agenda will include:**

- I. Present Budget for united congregation
- II. Elect Leadership
- III. Review Plans for Uniting Congregations
- III. Other business that may come before the congregation in regards to the aforementioned topics.

**The First Baptist Church in Jamaica Plain** extends an invitation to join them for the return to their church building on, January 17, 2010, the 5th anniversary of the fire.

The celebration will include a 3pm Ribbon-cutting and Celebration followed by a 4-6pm Open Church and Refreshment.

## 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

#### Opening Song

“Many Are the Lightbeams”

Many are the lightbeams from the one light. Our one light is Jesus.  
Many are the lightbeams from the one light; We are one in Christ.

Many are the branches of the one tree. Our one tree is Jesus  
Many are the branches of the one tree. We are one in Christ.

Many are the gift's given, love is all one. Love's the gift of Jesus.  
Many are the gift's given, love is all one. We are one in Christ.

#### Jesus is Baptized (based on Luke 3:15-17, 21-22) The Children of Hope Church

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Many ways to serve God, the Spirit is one; servant gift of Jesus.  
Many ways to serve God, the Spirit is one, We are one in Christ.

Many are the members, the body is one; members all of Jesus.  
Many are the members, the body is one; We are one in Christ.

#### Confession, Assurance and Celebration

##### Prayer & Silence

**Sung Confession:** “Within our Darkest night”

Within our darkest night, you kindle the fire  
that never dies away, never dies away.  
Within our darkest night, you kindle the fire  
that never dies away, never dies away

**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:** "This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**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**



**Psalm 29**

**Sermon**

AFFIRMED BY LOVE

Rev. Wendy

**Hymn**

"Wade in the Water"

**Wade in the water.**  
**Wade in the water, children.**  
**Wade in the water.**  
**God's gonna trouble the water.**  
See that host all dressed in white  
Wade in the Water  
Must be the Children of Israelites  
God's gonna trouble the Water. **(Chorus)**  
See that band all dressed in red?  
God's a-gonna trouble the water  
Must be the children that Moses led  
God's a-gonna trouble the water. **(Chorus)**  
Look over yonder, what do I see?  
God's gonna trouble the water.  
It chills the body, but not the soul.  
God's gonna trouble the water. **(Chorus)**

## 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

"Jesus loves me"

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak, but He is strong.

**Yes, Jesus loves me!**

**Yes, Jesus loves me!**

**Yes, Jesus loves me!**

**The Bible tells me so.**

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
As He loved so long ago,  
Taking children on His knee,  
Saying, "Let them come to Me." **(Chorus)**

Jesus loves me still today,  
Walking with me on my way,  
Wanting as a friend to give  
Light and love to all who live. **(Chorus)**

### Benediction

#### CHILD CARE

Child Care and 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, January 10, worship 5:30 pm: The Baptism of Jesus.** Each of us long to be affirmed, to be told we are loved and valued. To hear such words would be almost too good to be true. Our worship this Sunday recalls words of love spoken by God--the affirmation of Jesus at his baptism. This love belongs to us as well, for baptismal waters name us as, like Jesus, as God's beloved with whom God is pleased.

**Next Sunday, January 17, 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany, 5:30 pm worship:** In the extravagant sign given in Jesus' first miracle at the wedding of Cana, God's abundance is revealed. Even in the midst of apparent scarcity, there is enough wine. Mary knew and trusted, and points us to know and trust that God's love never runs dry. Join us for worship as we consider that many ways that God's extravagant love continues to guide and fill Hope and Central's future.

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### Fast Track Grants

**The New England Chapter of the American Association of Zookeepers** hosted a new fundraiser event called Ape Rock, which is a Rock-A-Thon to help the chapter promote ape conservation. The funds raised will help them participate in a group called AZA Ape Tag Conservation Initiative. Their goal for this year is to raise enough money for their first year of dues for the Initiative. For this Rock-A-Thon, Hope's own Dan McLaughlin sat in a rocking chair at the Franklin Park Zoo from 2pm on January 8th to 2pm on January 9th. Some folks at Hope Church really do rock!!!

Through this \$250 grant, Hope Church is helping to protect one of God's most vulnerable creations. With our support, the hope is that this chapter will be able to participate in more conservations globally, and next year they hope to hold this event again, with more opportunities for the Hope community to become more involved in a hands-on way.

**Jubilee USA** is a faith based, non profit organization, based in Washington DC, but affiliated with local and international chapters. They advocate for debt cancellation for developing nations, and research and advocate around issues related to debt cancellation, such as trying to stop Vulture Funds (even after debt is cancelled, companies can sue the country so they still have to pay off the debt) and changing how aide and loans are provided to prevent future problems like crushing debt.

As Christians, we are called to help build the Kingdom of God on earth and debt cancellation is one way to do that. Debt cancellation and the reform of how aide and lending is done are key to putting an end to extreme poverty in the world today. Our \$250 grant will help Jubilee help people who are in poverty, and addresses the root causes of poverty!

**The Home for Little Wanderers** provides gifts and essentials for the thousands of children and families in their care during the holiday season. Hope Church provided \$250 grants to both Frank Stevens and Ron Scanlon to assist their participation in this outreach.

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**Hope Church and Central Congregational are sending a delegation of people to the City Mission Society's Martin Luther King Day of Service** on Saturday, January 16. Please pray for the team and follow up with them about their experience. The Team: Neeka Stanley, Chad Martin, Jean and Steve Vandergrift and their son, Polly Hamlen, J Conlon, Nancy Azar, Michael Fiorentino, Michael McSherry, Julianne Dow, John Brock, and Anne Broyles.

**Voices Rising** chorus will perform on Saturday., January 23, 4:00pm, at the Congregational Church of Needham, "Where the Heart Is" a concert that examines the subject of home from different musical and conceptual perspectives. With texts from Ursula LeGuin and Francisco Alarcon and music by Dvorak, Hoagy Carmichael, Paul Simon and even a medley of Broadway tunes, the concert has something for everyone, young and old alike. Donations of non-perishable food will be collected for those and need and donated through the Greater Boston Food Bank. Go to <http://www.voicesrising.org/> for ticket information.

**Join Boston PFLAG and Support Transgender Equality** on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010, 2-5 p.m. at the Nurses Hall in the Massachusetts State House. They need your help to send a strong message to Beacon Hill: All people in Massachusetts should be treated equally. Please call now and make appointments to meet with your State Representative and Senator on 1/21/09. To find out whom your legislators are go to <http://www.wheredoivotema.com>. Please rsvp to [Jesseb@masstpc.org](mailto:Jesseb@masstpc.org).



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### 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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