

**Welcome to Hope Central...**

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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**Third Sunday in Lent**

**Sunday, March 07, 2010**

**5:30 pm Worship**



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## 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.

### Welcome

#### \*Opening Song

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

#### \*Opening Prayer

#### Confession, Assurance and Celebration

##### Prayer

One: God of Mercy we ask for forgiveness  
for we often show the migrant hostility instead of hospitality.

**All: Make a clean heart within me.**

One: We have failed to remember that the migrant  
comes to our country to work, so they may feed their families.

**All: Make a clean heart within me.**

One: We have called the migrant "illegal" and Alien"  
while forgetting that none of your people are "illegal" or "alien" in your eyes.

**All: Make a clean heart within me.**

##### Silence

#### Sung Confession:

"Come By Here, My Lord"

Come by here, my Lord, come by here (repeat 2Xs)

Oh Lord, come by here.

#### \*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:

"Do Lord, Remember Me"

Do Lord, Oh do Lord, O do remember me (repeat 2Xs)

Look away beyond the blue.

#### Call To Prayer

Hope Central 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.



"Love is just a word  
until someone  
comes along and  
gives it meaning."

#### HOPE CENTRAL LEADERSHIP

**Ministers:** All of us!

**Interim Pastor:**

Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade, [pastor@hopeboston.org](mailto:pastor@hopeboston.org)

**Administrative Manager:**

Xochitl Alvizo

**Interim Music Director**

Jeanne Lucas, [jeannemlucas@hotmail.com](mailto:jeannemlucas@hotmail.com)

**Music Leadership**

Hope Central Singers

Vanessa Morris (am)

Bobby Hall, Neil Helme, Todor Stoinov (pm)

**Interim Minister of Discipleship (CE):**

open position

**Leadership Circle:**

Bob Drake, [board@hopeboston.org](mailto:board@hopeboston.org) (Moderator)

John Brock, J Conlon, Christie Dustman, Abbi Holt,

Stacey Schamber, Andrew Taylor, Judy Wagoner,

and Pam Wiley

#### HOPE CENTRAL MINISTRIES

Hope Central 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:**

Rev. Wendy

**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

## Speaking the Truth in Love: April 24, 2010

9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

### Resources for Facilitating Sacred Conversations on Race

A workshop of Just Peace Ministry

\$20 fee to cover refreshments, lunch and materials

During this workshop, participants will:

- Identify what knowledge about race and racism SCOR facilitators need to be effective
- Develop their understanding of
  - what makes a conversation on race sacred
  - the nine SCOR guidelines
  - best practices for navigating differences within groups
- Consider what opportunities exist in our homes, workplaces and congregations to facilitate SCOR
- Build community with other participants
- Practice facilitating SCOR within the group
- Assess their own readiness for facilitating Sacred Conversations on Race and determine what gaps they might consider filling before moving forward

After the workshop, all participants will be invited to be in an ongoing support group to help them stay energized and engaged in this work.

#### PROGRAM LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Fran Bogle, MBA Just Peace Coordinator

Meck Groot, M.A., Community Change, Inc.

Endorsed by the Mission and Justice Commission of the Massachusetts  
Conference United Church of Christ

#### TO REGISTER:

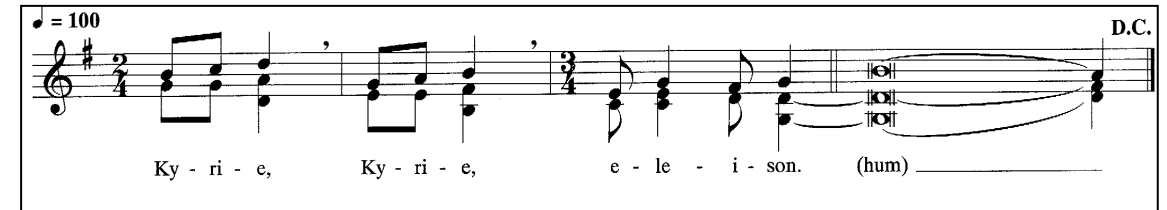
Send note and payment to Just Peace Ministry,  
c/o 4 Nancy Lane, Framingham, MA 01701

#### QUESTIONS:

Contact Rev. Fran Bogle at fbog@aol.com

**God Calling? Andover Newton Theological; School Conference on Ministries, March 19/20,** brings dozens of prospective students to campus to learn about our school by visiting classes, touring campus, and getting to know a diverse group of community members. Meet current students, faculty and staff, visit spring classes, and share with the community insights about how to live out your ministry wherever you may be heading. Contact: admissions@ants.edu

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD



*Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. (hum)*

#### Scripture

**Psalm 63:1-8**

**Matthew 25:34b-40**

*You are welcome to rise for the reading of the Gospel  
and remain standing through the final singing of the Kyrie.*

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

#### Sermon

THEY ALL ANSWERED YES

#### Hymn

“Wade in the Water”

## COMMUNION

#### Offering

**Invitation to Joyful Stewardship**

**\*Sung Response by Congregation (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 Song

“For the Healing of the Nations”

#### Benediction

## CHILD CARE

Child Care is available in the parlor, for infants/toddlers through grade 1. (through right hand door at the front of the sanctuary).

Older children are encouraged to remain in worship with their family. Our Church School is available @ the 10:30 am worship.

## LIVING HOPE

### WORSHIP THIS WEEK & BEYOND: Bring a friend!

#### Today, Sunday, March 7: Third Sunday in Lent

**10:30am worship** Rev. Wendy leads worship

**5:30pm worship** Our own in-care seminarian, Kevin Rooks, preaches on his border crossing experience in Mexico and reflects on matters of immigration and justice.

#### Next Sunday, March 14: Fourth Sunday in Lent

**10:30am worship** Rev. Wendy leads worship as we consider the story of the prodigal son and his father's prodigal love.

**5:30pm worship** Our own in-care seminarian, Nanette Savides, preaches on the topic of "Prayer as an Act of Justice."

### SMALL GROUPS, MINISTRIES, UPCOMING EVENTS:

**WAAM: Worship Arts Music Ministry meeting, Sunday, March 14, 12:30--2:30pm**, Capen Hall

**In-Care Committee Meets Sunday, March 14, 3:45—5:00pm**, Hope Office

**Knitting at Kitty Dukakis Treatment Center for Women: March 12th at 7:30pm** gathers at KDTCW every other Friday. Contact Nancy Azar for information ([njazar@rcn.com](mailto:njazar@rcn.com)).

**Seminarian, In-Care and Searching Support (SICS), Thursday, March 18, 6:30-8:00pm**

**In Sympathy and In Memory** of Rev. William L. Cooper (June Cooper's father), Hope Central Covenant Partners are collecting donations which will be made in his honor to The Andover Newton Theological School's Scholarship Fund. Your check is welcome with a notation for Rev. Cooper or Pay Pay donations can be made as well on the web site:

### NEWS FROM OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS:

**Investing in People not Profits: Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m.** Rev. Terry Provance, Executive Director of Oikocredit USA, presents "*Investing in People not Profits: How your investments can transform lives through microfinance.*" Free/Open to the public, @ First Church Cambridge, 11 Garden St. Oikocredit, founded by the World Council of Churches, provides low interest loans

to microfinance institutions (MFIs), fair trade associations and cooperatives around the world. Provance will share information about **Fonkoze**, the largest MFI in Haiti, and Oikocredit partner. Join us to learn how you can support Fonkoze and Oikocredit with your investments – for as little as \$20. For more info: Polly at [phamlen@oikocredit.org](mailto:phamlen@oikocredit.org) or (651) 208-8141.

**Friday Movie, Free Kettle Corn and Fair Trade Hot Chocolate! March 12<sup>th</sup>** Boston Faith & Justice Network (BFJN)([www.bostonfaithjustice.org](http://www.bostonfaithjustice.org)) will feature a special screening of *Home Across Lands* ([www.homeacrosslands.org](http://www.homeacrosslands.org)) - a film chronicling the challenges of Eritrean refugees living in a refugee camp that move to New England. A brief discussion will follow facilitated by Christine Karangwa, Refugee Resettlement Coordinator at Refugee Immigration Ministry and BFJN Executive Director, Ryan Scott McDonnell. Fair Trade Hot Chocolate and local kettle corn will be available for snacking. The film will begin at 7:00 PM. The event will be held at Hope Fellowship Church (16 Beech Street, Cambridge). This event is part of BFJN's **Lis-tening in Lent: Stories of Forced Migration** series. For additional information contact [events@bostonfaithjustice.org](mailto:events@bostonfaithjustice.org)

**Award-winning film followed by discussion:** "For the Bible Tells Me So" Friday, March 12, 2010 – 6-9pm. The Congregational Church of Needham, United Church of Christ, 1154 Great Plain Avenue, Needham, MA 02492 [www.needhamucc.org](http://www.needhamucc.org). Can the love between two people ever be an abomination? Is the chasm separating gays and lesbians and religious communities too wide to cross? Is the Bible an excuse to hate? Through the stories of former House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, Bishop Gene Robinson, Bishop Desmond Tutu, the Rev. Dr. Peter Gomes, Rabbi Steve Greenberg, the Rev. Irene Monroe and others, we discover how insightful people of faith handle the realization of having a gay family member. **Light dinner available, Reservations appreciated** - [kacarp@comcast.net](mailto:kacarp@comcast.net) Presented by the Open and Affirming (ONA) Ministry Team celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church's commitment as an Open and Affirming congregation (welcoming lesbian, gay bisexual and transgender persons into the full life and ministry of the church)

**Workshop "Finding your Spiritual Home": Saturday March 13, 2010, 9:30-10** Registration; 10 am-1 pm workshop; St. John's Episcopal Church, JP Guild Room. (Recommended by 2 Hope Central Covenant Partners) Do you now or have you ever felt alienated from a religious community? Do you have difficulty trusting religious leaders or members of religious communities? Do you ever struggle with navigating your sexuality and spirituality? Have you ever wondered how to find a spiritual home? Jamaica Plain psychotherapists Veronica Akins, LICSW and Shannon McCarthy, LICSW will lead a safe and supportive workshop addressing the question of how to develop a nourishing spiritual self and community. We will explore complex feelings of alienation and spiritual disconnection while discovering together how authentic connection creates healing and solidarity. Free to all/donations are welcomed. Please register: Shannon McCarthy, 617-524-4666 [smccarthy111@gmail.com](mailto:smccarthy111@gmail.com) or Veronica Akins, 617-331-5939 [veronica.akins@gmail.com](mailto:veronica.akins@gmail.com)