

**Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House**  
**The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**November 8, 2009**



*Meditation*

Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.  
~Albert Camus

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**What do we believe?**

At Jan Hus Presbyterian Church, we share the following beliefs:

1. Jesus is Lord - the love, humility and self-giving of Jesus make him Lord.
2. The Bible is for both personal and social transformation. We interpret scripture with imagination and courage, without rigid literalism.
3. The church of Jesus stays close to the under-privileged peoples of this world and guards against self-righteousness and oppression.
4. Other religious traditions offer wisdom that we honor.
5. The victory belongs to Love; therefore, we are called to a lifestyle of hope, gratitude and service.

We are an inclusive church. At Jan Hus, we welcome people regardless of racial, ethnic, or economic background or sexual orientation into full participation of church life.

***“A Spiritual Home in the Real World”***

**Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House**  
"Where you were welcome, long before you arrived."

Since 1888, the doors of this church have been open to those who seek a new way to engage with the Spirit and eat at the welcome table. In those early years, Jan Hus served the needs of the Czech immigrants who founded the church and named it after the martyr Jan Hus. Today, our mission has expanded to include people from many different walks in life who want to share this stage of their journey with others in a God centered community. We continue to honor our Czech founders, however, by singing our closing hymn in the Czech language (it is printed in the bulletin in English as well, so don't be afraid to sing out in English if your Czech is a little rusty).

Worship at Jan Hus is a time for the Body of Christ to affirm God's vision for the world and witness the Gospel of Hope. We believe that God is greater than human language or experience, and to more fully experience our God, we embrace language that acknowledges God the Mother and God the Father. We hold fast to the tenets of the Reformation that call for the priesthood of all believers, therefore ours is a community pulpit, one in which we hear the Scriptures interpreted by both clergy and laity and that allows for a greater reflection of the community as a whole – a diverse expression of the presence of God in each believer and at the core of our collective experience. Sermons are conversations that give us an opportunity to hear how God's voice speaks to each of us. Sermons may invite us into new ways of seeing and hearing God or deepen and affirm those beliefs we hold most true.

It is possible that Jan Hus may seem different than what you expect in church. That's fine – our God loves to challenge us with the unexpected! Please know that you are most welcome here as one who carries within you a piece of the God who loves us all. We are happy to have you with us and thank God for bringing us together on this, the day that God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.



\*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

*Prelude (Opening Music)*

**\* Call to Worship**

One: Whatever heaven may be,

**Many: Just like the kingdom of God, it is at hand.**

One: Whatever this day may be like,

**Many: It is a day on the path to the nearness of God in all the places.**

One: Whatever joys and concerns we bring with us today,

**Many: Let us share them in the presence of God and one another.**

One: And however God knows you and you God,

**Many: Let our voices and hearts be lifted together in praise and song!  
Come! Let us worship God together. Amen.**

**\* Hymn #456 "Awake, My Soul and With the Sun"**

*Call to Confession*

O God who brings us together in this lovely abiding place of yours, hear our spoken words, as well as those in the deep silence of our hearts. Let us pray...

*Prayer of Confession (in unison)*

In today's Gospel, Mark warns us "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets!" Beware. Indeed. Beware of the times when our robes are a bit too long or our seats are a bit too comfortable. And, when honor comes our way, let us accept it, never seek it. Instead, let us practice honor by honoring God and one another, especially those among us who have the least and need us the most. And when we forget that we are here to serve, when we too quickly respond to those who should be more slowly and kindly honored with love and service – forgive us. Please help us to call out your name and then see you in all those before us. We really are trying. And we really need do your help, Dear God, in all the ways we know you. Amen.

*Silent Prayer and Sung Response*

**You are our God, giver of mercy.**

**You are the Christ, giver of justice.**

**Spirit of love, giver of peace.**

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*Assurance of Forgiveness*

One: The good news is that God sees all we are, accepts us where we are, loves who we are, and offers forgiveness and healing. We can continue our journey together without fear.

**Many: Our thanks and praise to the God of life and hope!**

One: Friends, believe in the good news of the gospel!

**Many: God's grace dwells among us!**

One: Let us greet each other, loved and forgiven!

*Greeting Each Other, Loved and Forgiven*

*Prayer for Illumination*

One: Be with us, O God, as we listen to the words of those people whose stories tell the presence of your love and wisdom for all the ages.

**Many: Guide us, O God, in our reflection so that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, in your will discover peace, and in your love find our salvation.**

**First Reading: Hebrews 9:24 - 28**

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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**Gospel Reading: Mark 12:46-52**

As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

*Sermon:* "Out of Poverty" Ray Bagnuolo

\* Hymn #163 "Lord, Our Lord, Thy Glorious Name"

*Preparing for the Offering*

One: In this world, someone has too much.

Many: **Someone has barely enough, someone has nothing at all.**

One: When we share our commitment and financial support, we act on the imagination of Jesus.

Many: **Jesus, who sees enough bread to go around, enough courage to speak the truth, and enough love to overcome all things.**

One: O God, to those of us who have hunger, give bread. And to those of us who have bread, give the hunger for justice.

Many: **When the 5,000 were hungry, the disciples came to Jesus and said: "Send the people away, so they may get something to eat."**

One: Jesus answered: "You give them something to eat."

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*Offertory Music*

*Blessing the Offering*

One: And the people reached in their pockets and pulled out the bread and the fishes and shared them, and there was abundance for all, and even more.

Many: **Amen.**

*Announcements*

*Prayers of the People*

*The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us (Unison)*

**Our Mother/Father, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

\*Closing Hymn #587 "Amen" With some variations...

*Benediction*

**Sung Blessing (in English or Czech)**

**Christians rise and act your creed,**

**Let your prayer be in your deed;**

**Seek the right, perform the true,**

**Raise your work and life anew.**

**Come then law divine and reign,**

**Freest faith assailed in vain.**

**Perfect love, bereft of fear,**

**born in heaven and radiant here. Amen.**

**Amen to pozehnani prijdiz na nas vsecky,**

**Abychom po skonani vesli v raj nebesky,**

**A tam s angelskou risi, boha take ctilli,**

**Dejz nam to; o Jezisi, spasitely mily.**

**Amen.**

One: Go in peace to love and serve God!

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude (Closing Music)*

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Please remember our families, friends, and concerns in your prayers.

**Family & Friends, Our Nation & World...**remembering those who serve and protect us. Remembering...

**The Presbytery of New York City** that continues to struggle...

**All members of our staff and volunteers** who serve those who find their way to Jan Hus Presbyterian Church and Neighborhood House. And all those you hold in your hearts....

*From our prayer and petition board...*

- Peace on Earth
- Help for Children
- Herman Brown, whose mom has been ill.
- Please continue to keep Gary Ireland's dad in your prayers..
- Bigelow Green, recovering from quadruple bypass surgery and infections...

**Announcements**

Worship Leaders: Kerry Flynn

Our talented musicians! Christian McLeer, Karl Kaminski and John O'Brien

Jan Hus Update To receive these updates or to be put on our weekly prayer list, please E-mail [pastor@janhus.org](mailto:pastor@janhus.org). Would you like to help in producing a newsletter? See Ray.

**Upcoming Dates:**

***Sunday 11/8***

- 11:00 A.M. Worship. All Are Welcome
- 1:30 P.M. Resident Staff Meeting
- 3:00 P.M. Indonesian Presbyterian Church Worship
- 4:00 P.M. Korean Central Baptist Church Worship

***Monday 11/9***

- 9:30 A.M. Child's Play

***Wednesday 11/10***

- 9:30 – 3:30 P.M. All Staff Conference – HOAP Closed

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- Jamie Manson
- Christian McLeer
- Holly Nedelka
- Jose L. Reyes
- Carol Schachter
- Gerard D. Shaw

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- Stated Supply Pastor/Head of Staff
- Custodian
- HOAP Outreach
- HOAP Outreach
- Social Worker
- Sunday Hospitality (Light Lunch Preparation)
- Social Justice Director
- Music Director
- Director, Child's Play
- Building Superintendent
- Church Administrator
- Hospitality

## THE RESIDENT STAFF

Allison Bombard, Luke Bauman, Alicia Martin-Schutz, Kari Morris, Gerard D. Shaw, Ellen Terry

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Dylan, Titania

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