

Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House
The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 15, 2009



Meditation

You called, You cried, You shattered my deafness, You sparkled, You blazed,
You drove away my blindness, You shed Your fragrance, and I drew in my breath,
and I [breathe] for You. ~Augustine

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: We arrive here blessed. Do we know that?

Many: Let us know we are blessed. Really know it.

One: We are filled with God in every created cell of our being!

Many: God! Let us feel God inside us, rising in whispers, prayer, and song.

One: We are blessed. We are filled with God. Now let God be in us.

Many: Let us share this blessing and presence of God with everyone!

One: By all the names in which you know God and God you...

**Many: Let us lift our voices and hearts together in praise of such Wonder!
Come! Let us worship this amazing God together. Amen.**

*** Hymn #451 "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"**

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)

Mark tells us that Jesus warns of us being led astray by those who will come in his name and say, "I am he!" Sometimes, we listen to the those folk; the wrong voices, finding ourselves hobbled by broken promises and worse. We listen to voices resigned to the defeat of loneliness and despair, forgetting there is more. We become convinced that hard times are all there is, overwhelming us with isolation and loneliness. Then, sooner or sometimes later, God happens in unexpected ways. Like the first rays of sunshine after a storm, hope shines through. The forgiveness we long ago received, from the Love that has always been, begins again to lead us to wholeness and courage and peace and breathing. Let us ask such a God as this to remind us of how loved and forgiven we are. Let us ask for help in never leading others astray by refusing them the same forgiveness and healing we have so freely received. 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: How wonderful it is to be filled with forgiveness, wholeness, and peace!

Many: We praise the Wondrous God for such blessings!

One: Friends, near and far, let us believe in this radically loving and wildly inclusive Gospel!

Many: We are surrounded by Amazing Grace!

One: Let us greet each other, with this love and forgiveness and grace!

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 10: 11-18

And every priest stands day after day at their service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

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Gospel Reading: Mark 13:1-8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.

Sermon: Lord? Ray Bagnuolo

* Hymn #162 "O Lord, Our God, How Excellent"

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 #464 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

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
- 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. Would you like to help in producing a newsletter? See Ray.

Upcoming Dates:

- Today:** Sunday: Talk Back & Worship Committee at our light lunch
- 11/17** Tuesday: 12:00 Presbytery of New York Meeting at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, 921 Madison Avenue
- 11/22** Sunday: Worship at 11:00 P.M.
Sunday: Jamie Manson, Director of Social Justice at Brick Church
See website: www.janhus.org for more information
- 11/26** Thursday: Thanksgiving
- 11/27** Friday: Church and HOAP Offices Closed. Open for scheduled 12 Step Group Meetings. See calendar at www.janhus.org
- 11/29** First Sunday in Advent

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