

## Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House

"Where you are welcome, long before you arrive."

### Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 17, 2010 "A Spiritual Home in the Real World"

Here's part of what Djaloki says:



"... don't let fear take away your hope for my people.

My house is still standing but does have large cracks.  
We do not go inside. I feel fortunate because I have a yard.  
Yesterday I went and gathered all the family and friends I could,  
and they are here in the yard with me. We are organizing.  
Today, I am going to go for my father and bring him here.  
We are fortunate because we have some food and water  
and it is not raining. Please pray that it does not rain.  
The tremors are still happening. The devastation is unbelievable.  
There is nothing left."

~ Djaloki, Haiti, January 15, 2010

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.



## ***Prelude (Opening Music)***

### **Call to Worship**

One: Once more we gather in humble ways to seek the comfort of God and prayer in the company of one another.

**Many: There is, nor can there be, words to describe the way that life suddenly changed for our sisters and brothers in Haiti on Tuesday afternoon at 4:53 P.M.**

One: It seems to me that when so many of us are so affected, there should be a deep human response, heard throughout our race; a bell or shiver that goes off in each of us, telling us that something has gone awry, terribly awry.

**Many: How much more it must be for you, God, to feel the deep pain and anguish of this planet and all its peoples. Were it not for the great joy and promise of you in our midst, knowing our sadness and celebrations – we would be a sorry lot, indeed.**

One: Today, in this sacred place like all the sacred places of your creation, we gather...

**Many: We pray in the hope we refuse to lose, the Love that is all around us, and the promise that, light, too, will follow this darkness. Amen.**

\* Hymn #298 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

**Call to Prayer:** Let us come to prayer...

**Unison Prayer:** Adapted from *Book of Common Worship* by Bruce Reyes-Chow, Gradye Parsons and Linda Valentine

God of compassion, please watch over the people of Haiti, and weave out of these terrible happenings wonders of goodness and grace. Surround those who have been affected by tragedy with a sense of your present love, and hold them in faith. Though they are lost in grief, may they find you and be comforted; [may we find you and be comforted]. Guide us as a church to find ways of providing assistance that heals wounds and provides hope [for us all]. Help us to remember that when one of your children suffers we all suffer. Through Jesus Christ who was dead, but lives and rules this world with you. Amen.

\*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so. Page 3

## **Silent Prayer**

### **Sung Response**

You are our God, giver of mercy.

You are the Christ, giver of justice.

Spirit of love, giver of peace.

### **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 in and among us!**

One: Let us greet each other, with a sign of love and peace!

***Please offer on another a sign of peace...***

### **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: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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**Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come" His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

**Sermon:** "351 E. 74<sup>th</sup> Street: An Intersection in the Universe" Ray Bagnuolo

**\*Hymn #35 "We Are All One in Mission"**

***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.

**\*Hymn 268 "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"**

***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.

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, including:

- All those – **all** – who are being affected by the earthquake and its aftermath in Haiti and around the world. Announcements coming on a future fund-raiser.
- Marsha Englesher, recovering from a broken hip
- Steve Dubnoff in Florida whose mother has passed
- José, Marybelle, Alicia, and others who are recovering from this season of colds, flus, and all that...
- Gerard Shaw who is in Florida caring for his mom.
- Jerry Brody, as he continues to recover from back illness.
- All the soldiers all over the world and their families
- Dell Shorter and his recent medical procedures
- Mona Green, Director of IPS at Jan Hus, recovering well from heart surgery
- The children and their doctors and caregivers at Ronald McDonald House
- The too-many (one is too many) that weather the biting cold with no housing
- The friends who come to Carter Burden each day
- Those without jobs
- For all those petitions and prayers in your hearts...

### Announcements

**Special Prayers** requested for all of us who will be involved on Monday with the MLK-Serve-a-thon and a host of volunteers on Monday. We are expecting close to 50 volunteers, who will work with us to better serve those who come to us for help.

Welcome to **Juan**, the nephew of José who has joined us in our residence here from Puerto Rico.

Very best wishes to **Marissa Arterberry** who will be moving on to a new placement later this week. Thanks for all your help, Marissa, and we will you the very best. You will always have a home here!

**Outreach Program Needs Your Help!** We are in need of men's pants and coats. Please check your closets and do whatever you can to help us. Please pass the word along to your friends or at work and anywhere else. More information on [www.janhus.org](http://www.janhus.org)

**Musicians!** Deanna Witkowski, Karl Kaminski and John O'Brien

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### HUSSITE PETS

QT & \_\_\_\_\_, Rocket, Allie, Scratches & Marvin's Reptile Friends

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