

Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House
The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 31, 2010
A Spiritual Home in the Real World



Wizard of Oz:

“As for you, my galvanized friend, you want a heart. You don't know how lucky you are not to have one. Hearts will never be practical until they can be made unbreakable.”

Tin Woodsman:

“But I still want one.”

“Concert Fundraiser for Haiti Relief – Sunday, April 11th”

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“Where you are welcome, long before you arrive.”

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)

Welcome

Call to Worship (Variation of opening verse of “Not for Tongues of Heaven’s Angels”)

One: Not for the tongues of heaven’s angels,

Many: Not for wisdom to discern,

One: Not for faith that masters mountains; for this better gift we yearn

Many: May Love be ours, O God.

Many: Come, hearts and all, let us worship God together. Amen.

* **Hymn #335 “Though I May Speak”** (Inclusive language for “O Lord” – “O God”)

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

Unison Prayer: (Variation: The Practicing The Power of Now by Eckhart Tolle p. 102)

When [we] surrender to what is

and so become fully present,

the past ceases to have any power.

The realm of Being, which had been obscured by
the mind, then opens up.

Suddenly, a great stillness arises within [us],

an unfathomable sense of peace.

and within that peace, there is great joy.

and within that joy, there is love.

And at the innermost core, there is the sacred,

the immeasurable, That which cannot be named

[That, at the same time, known by many names].

Silent Prayer

Sung Response: Hymn #322

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God. Fall afresh on me.

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 us a fresh and forgiving Spirit. We can continue our journey together in promise and joy.

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

One: Friends, believe in the Good News of the Gospel and your call to serve!

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 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:21-30

Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Sermon: "One Heart to Find" Ray Bagnuolo

***Hymn #335 "Though I May Speak"**

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."

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 329 "O Word of God Incarnate"**

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)

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.
- Marsha Englesher, recovering from a broken hip
- Naomi in Hungary fighting back through chemo and radiation
- Jerry Brody, as he continues to get stronger.
- All the soldiers all over the world and their families
- 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) with no permanent housing
- Those who are hungry
- The friends who come to Carter Burden each day
- Those without jobs
- Those who find recovery in the rooms of Jan Hus Church and Neighborhood House
- For all those petitions and prayers in your hearts...

Announcements

Please join us after worship for a light lunch. Composer’s Voice Performances begin today at 1:00 P.M. All are welcome to attend.

Please thank Stan and Essie who prepared the sanctuary and light lunch that follows worship, Gina who helps with arrangements and clean-up, and Del for the care and beauty of the flowers that fill our chancel.

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

Musicians! Christian McLeer, Karl Kaminski and John O’Brien

Upcoming Dates Pancake Breakfast Date to be Decided Soon!

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| Sunday, Feb. 7 | Worship, Session |
| Sunday, Feb. 14 | Worship led by Annie Rawlings and Ricardo “Shepp” Sheppard.
Prison Partnership Coordinator for the Presbytery of Hudson River |
| Monday, Feb. 15 | Presidents’ Day Church Offices and HOAP Closed |
| Wed., Feb. 17 | Ash Wednesday Ash Wednesday Service at 7:30 P.M. |
| Friday, March 5: | World Day of Prayer |
| Sunday, March 28 | Palm Sunday |
| Friday, April 2 | Good Friday Service, Sanctuary open for Prayer 12 Noon – 3PM |
| Sunday, April 3 | Easter Sunday |
| Sunday, April 11 | Concert/Performance Fundraiser for Haiti Relief |

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QT & _____, Rocket, Allie, Scratches & Marvin’s Reptile Friends

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