

Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House
The Fifth Sunday after Christmas – February 7, 2010

You were welcome here long before you arrived!
Please join us in worship and at our table.
All are invited.



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Luke 5:9-11

*Things which matter most
Must never be at the mercy of things which matter least.*

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"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 join together at the welcome table. In those early years, Jan Hus Presbyterian Church and Neighborhood House served the needs of the Czech immigrants who founded the church and named it after the 15th Century reformer and 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 and in English.

Worship at Jan Hus is a time for us to affirm God's vision for the world and witness the Gospel of Hope. We believe that God is greater than any human language or experience. For that reason and others, 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 God within you in all the ways you may know God. We are happy to have you with us and thank God for bringing us together on this day...

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.



Prelude:

Call to Worship

One: We give thank with our whole heart.

Many: We come together in worship and praise before all creation.

One: When we call upon you, God,

Many: You answer in mysterious ways that strengthen us.

Many: Come! Let us raise our voices and songs in worship together, as we stand on the lakeshore of creation and wonder!

Hymn #377: Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Call to Prayer

One: With open hearts, let us speak together our rethinking, our hope for the new life that every day, every moment, brings.

Unison Prayer

Many:

Fishers of humankind, so we are. We are on the great sea of humankind, navigating the turbulence of time and trial. We do this for no such purpose of its own, but because it is what we are called to do. We are those who reach out with the nets of love, casting ourselves and our prayers in the trust and confidence that, as Jesus stood with the disciples long ago, he stands with us now. We stand side by side with one another, always surprised and always filled with amazement at how God works in our lives. Just as the disciples doubted and then were rewarded, let our doubts always be followed by a second try and another prayer for your will to be done. From there, the catch – the outcome – will be up to you. Amen.

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 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

This is one of the oldest of traditions in all of Christendom. In the Second or New Testament, the words are spoken differently: "Greet each other with a holy kiss." So a passing of hands, a hug, or a kiss has existed in liturgy since the First Century. (cf. Romans 16:16; 2 Corinthians 13:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:26, and others.)

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 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you-unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and God's grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them-though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11

¹Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Jesus, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, *Lord*, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Sermon: "Did He Really Say *That?*"

Ray Bagnuolo

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Interlude

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)

Creator God, who art in heaven, hallowed be your names, 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.

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Prayer after Communion (Unison)

Most gracious God, source of all blessing, we give you thanks for inviting us to share this meal as your family. Strengthen us to be a blessing to one another and to all people, glorifying you in everything we do and say, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

THE SERVANT SONG

1, 6. Will you let me be your ser - vant, Let me be as Christ to you;
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, We are trav - 'lers on the road;
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you In the night-time of your fear;
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; When you laugh I'll laugh with you.
5. When we sing to God in heav - en We shall find such har - mo - ny,

1, 6. Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my ser - vant, too.
2. We are here to help each oth - er Walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will share your joy and sor - row 'Til we've seen this jour - ney through.
5. Born of all we've known to - geth - er Of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

One: Go in peace to love and serve God!

Many: Thanks be to God!

Postlude (Closing Music)

Please Join Us for Fellowship & a Light Lunch Following Worship

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!

Sunday, Feb. 7	Worship
Monday, Feb. 8	Session Meeting at 5:30 P.M.
Tues., Feb 9:	Dinner program: Jan Hus’s Homeless Outreach Advocacy Program
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 Service & Disposition of ashes at 12 Noon 6:30p
Sunday, March 28	Palm Sunday
Thursday, April 1	Maundy Thursday
Friday, April 2	Good Friday Service, Sanctuary open for Prayer 12 Noon – 3PM
Sunday, April 4	Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 11	4:00 – 6:00 P.M. Concert/Performance Fundraiser for Haiti Relief

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HUSSITE PETS

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

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