

Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House
Transfiguration Sunday, February 14, 2010
in the Midst of Criminal Justice Sunday
What better place for transfiguration!



“The church was not merely a thermometer that recorded the ideas and principles of popular opinion; it was a thermostat that transformed the mores of society.”

Martin Luther King Jr., *Letter from Birmingham Jail, April 1963*

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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

- One: Let us bring our awareness, our energy, our psyches into this space.
Many: Let us meet God here with our hearts, our souls and our might.
- One: Let us look at one another.
Many: Let us know ourselves as God's people come together.
- One: Let us prepare to hear God's word to us.
Many: For our spirits, for our love, for our lives, for our action.
- One: We are all called to labor for God's kin-dom.
Many: Shaped by Sabbath and prayer, by study and singing.
- One: As we prepare ourselves, Holy Spirit we ask you to move among us.
Many: And move within us. Bring us into your great work in this world.

*** Hymn Insert (#284): "Gather Us In"**

Call to Confession

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

Prayer of Confession

Many: Loving God, in your life as Jesus you revealed your Divine nature to us, and you showed us that you are part of us. So often we live as if we never heard this good news, or the good news about your love and grace. We forget that you offer us grace each time we stumble on the path of life.

When we turn away from the power of your loving grace, in our fear we are tempted to pretend that we do not all stumble. We hide our faces from our own misdeeds. The truth of ourselves becomes shadowed. The truth of you becomes elusive. Help us to know that your grace makes us free. We are free to love ourselves in our imperfectness. We are free to love each other in our imperfectness. We are free to love you in our imperfectness. In the truth about you and about ourselves, we grow. In our growth, your light shines. A light of hope. A light of joy. A light of love.

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 of Scripture: *Psalm 40:1-5*

- ¹I waited patiently for the Divine One; God inclined to me and heard my cry.
²God drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
³God put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our Creator. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Divine One.
⁴Happy are those who make the Divine One their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.
⁵You have multiplied, O Divine One, my Creator, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

First Reading of Scripture: **Luke 9:46-48**

⁴⁶An argument arose among them as to which one of them was the greatest.
⁴⁷But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side,
⁴⁸and said to them, “Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest.”

Sermon: “Remember Me” Ricardo “Shepp” Sheppard

Musical 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)

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 525 “Here I Am Lord”**

Benediction

Sung Blessing (in English or Czech)
Christians rise and act your creed, Amen to pozehnani prijdiz na nas vsecky,
Let your prayer be in your deed; Abychom po skonani vesli v raj nebesky,
Seek the right, perform the true, A tam s angelskou risi, boha take ctilli,
Raise your work and life anew. Dejz nam to; o Jezisi, spasitely mily.
Come then law divine and reign, Amen.
Frest 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. Announcements coming on a future fund-raiser.
- Marsha Englesher, recovering from a broken hip
- Jerry Brody, as he continues to recover from back illness.
- 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
- For Holly Nedelka's brother, Jeff, who recently passed away
- For Ray and the More Light Presbyterian Board family gathered in Oracle, Arizona organizing for justice at this year's General Assembly in July
- Others you hold dear and in your prayers....



Announcements: Please join us after worship for a light lunch.

Many thanks to Ricardo "Shepp" Sheppard for joining us today. It is our pleasure to have you with us, Shepp. Thank you to Annie Rawlings for planning today's worship.

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. 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 |
| Tues., Feb 16: | Dinner program: Jan Hus's Homeless Outreach Advocacy Program |
| 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 |
| Sunday, April 3 | Easter Sunday & Pancake Breakfast |

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

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