

Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House

A celebration of gospel and social justice.

The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 13, 2011



It doesn't interest me who you knew
or how you came to be here.
I want to know if you will stand
in the center of the fire
with me
and not shrink back.

~ from *The Invitation* by Oriah Mountain Dreamer,

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (A variation on "Chaplain's Prayer," by Chaplain Cathy Rhoads)

One: Let us all be in your circle!

Many: **Let us dance in your song!**

One: Let us listen for your voice in storm and rain.

Many: **Let us seek till we find you, by heart let us know the refrain...**

One: The refrain that aligns our footsteps with you subtle call

Many: **Inviting all to "dance with us" God's love songs for all.**

All: **Come!**

Let us dance and sing

and praise

our awesome God

together!

Come, O Spirit

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John A. Dalles, 1983

Union Harmony, 1837
Harm. Hilton Rufty, 1934

1. Come, O Spir - it, with Your sound Like a wind, quick rush - ing;
2. Come, O Spir - it, with Your flame, Leap-ing tongues of fire;
3. Come, O Spir - it, fill Your church, Mak - ing strong our mis - sion;

Come from heaven and stir our hearts, Each dis - ci - ple touch - ing!
Come, and with Your glo - rious light All our thoughts in - spire!
Fill Your daugh - ters and Your sons With a might - y vi - sion,

Mold our ac - tions to Your will, You our ser - vice giv - ing;
Rest up - on each ser - vant's head Till each one is speak - ing
Till the great and glo - rious day When the whole cre - a - tion

Move with - in our gath - er - ed lives Trans - form now our liv - ing!
Of our Christ, the Ho - ly One All the earth is seek - ing!
Sings Your praise as God of all, Giv - er of sal - va - tion!

Prayer of Confession

How could it be that we miss you in our daily lives?

How could a moment go by when we are not stunned by your presence?

Every glittering moment in which we breathe
is a moment with you.

Yet, we miss it too often, we get distracted.

What happened to multi-tasking?

Maybe that's the problem.

Maybe we see you as a "task,"
evidence to be sought

– time to be made to meditate upon –

instead of the more difficult work of letting go of our tasks
to let you in.Forgive us, God in the many ways we know you,
for the many ways we sometimes forget you
and in that forgetting, forget others,
seeing them in the less fullness of you.Slow us down so we see more of you,
for without you
– it really is just a blur.**A Time For Silent Prayer****Response Hymn # 322 Spirit of the Living God**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 God's Love & Forgiveness**One: Our God became wholly human so we might see the face of grace. Through the light
of Christ we are forgiven.Many: By God's grace, with God's grace, we are who we are meant to be:
forgiven, restored, bearers of God's light.***The Passing of the Peace****Prayer for Illumination**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, so that in your light we may see light, in your truth
find freedom, and in your will discover peace. Amen.**First Reading:** Excerpts from *The Invitation* (from the chapter titled: "The Fire.")[Catherine, a friend of 38 years, earlier suffered a brain aneurism. Oriah stayed with her
through the ordeal, and at one point Catherine was able to communicate to Oriah her wishes
to "come back," to not have life support disconnected. This excerpt takes place a year after
Catherine has come out of the coma and is attending a women's retreat, which Oriah is
leading.]

Suddenly, she reaches for my hand with her own and leans toward me. "I want to thank you for making it possible for me to be here." I try to smile, my throat closing. "I want you to know, I know I wouldn't be here at all, alive, if it wasn't for you."

The forbidden words come out in a rush. "I sometimes wonder if I did you a favor."

She squeezes my hand. "I know it must be hard for you to watch me. But no matter how hard it seems or how much I struggle, I have never regretted coming back. I am glad to be alive and I want you to know this."

She watches me closely, "Life is still good." I want to believe her. But how is it good, this life she has? "I've learned a lot." Her voice is small, almost tentative.

"Really?" I ask. A sucker for learning, I reach for something that would make it all worthwhile. "What?"

"Well..." she mulls, "I've learned to live fully in the present. She lets out a short laugh. "It's all I've got. I can't remember what just happened or what's planned next."

We sit quietly and watch the birds swim across the lake, the late-afternoon sun sparkling on the water, the smell of cedar and wood mingling in the first hint of autumn in the air. The loons call to one another, their intermittent song strangely mourning and yet hauntingly beautiful. It is a sound that always makes me feel like I am being beckoned, called home, reminded of something or someplace I thought I could never forget. After a few minutes Catherine turns to me and squeezes my hand, her eyes bright, her face open and smiling. "Is this not the most beautiful place, this earth we live on?"

I cannot help but smile back. "Yes, Catherine. Yes it is."

Gospel Reading: from Matthew 5:21-37 (The Message)

23-24 "This is how I want you to conduct yourself in these matters. If you enter your place of worship and, about to make an offering, you suddenly remember a grudge a friend has against you, abandon your offering, leave immediately, go to this friend and make things right. Then and only then, come back and work things out with God.

25-26 "Or say you're out on the street and an old enemy accosts you. Don't lose a minute. Make the first move; make things right with the person. After all, if you leave the first move to them, knowing their track record, you're likely to end up in court, maybe even jail. If that happens, you won't get out without a stiff fine.

33-37 "And don't say anything you don't mean. This counsel is embedded deep in our traditions. You only make things worse when you lay down a smoke screen of pious talk, saying, 'I'll pray for you,' and never doing it, or saying, 'God be with you,' and not meaning it. You don't make your words true by embellishing them with religious lace. In making your speech sound more religious, it becomes less true. Just say 'yes' and 'no.' When you manipulate words to get your own way, you go wrong.

Provocation Always.

THE SERVANT SONG

Chords: Eb, Ab, Eb, Cm, Fm7, Bb

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,

Chords: Ab, Bb7/F, Eb, Ab, Eb, Fm, Ab, Bb7, Eb

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.

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.**

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Prayers of the People: In your prayers, please remember :

Jerry Brody, Mark in Hawaii, Stella Hagidas, the family and friends of Jules Paxton, the PC(USA) and its impending choices and decisions on full inclusion and the ratification of Amendment 10-A. We are especially mindful of those in Egypt and other parts of the world where people of courage seek justice and God-given rights so often denied. We ask for prayers for our work at Jan Hus and those who bring their talents and gifts here – to this very difficult mission. Pray with us and for us that we extend to others all we can, without the discouragement that so often surprises even the best of those in helping professions. Pray with us also for those considering our work in their mission giving and support. And, course, we remember all the prayers in the hearts of those present and elsewhere. We know they are heard...

And now, with the confidence of the children and creation of God, let us pray:

The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us (In Unison)

Our Mother/Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kindom 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 kindom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

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.

Charge to the People

Hymn: *Spirit I Have Heard You Calling*

1. Spir - it I have heard you call - ing, like a mem - 'ry long grown dim, cry - ing
2. Now I see you all a - round me, now I hear you call my name. Now I
3. Since you moved u - pon my wa - ters, since you spoke and set me free, I have
from cre - a - tion's mo - ment, seek - ing voice from deep with - in. I have
speak the words you give me, now I feed cre - a - tion's flame. You are
yearned for this com - mu - nion, for your fire in - side of me! Now your
heard you in my long - ing, I have heard you in my pain. Now I
speak - ing through my long - ing, You are speak - ing through my pain. Now I
love de - fines my long - ing, now your love shines through my pain. Now we
feel you mov - ing in me, feel you burn - ing like a flame.
feel you mov - ing in me, and I'll nev - er be the same.
dance in end - less un - ion, sing - ing out cre - a - tion's name.

Postlude (Closing Music)

Please join us for our fellowship meal following the Postlude.

Announcements

Annual Congregational Meeting : Sunday March 6th immediately following worship. All are welcome. Please plan on attending.

New Membership Classes: We will hold a new membership class on Saturday, March 12 at 10:30 A.M. – 1 :00 P.M. If you are interested in becoming a member or an associate member of Jan Hus Presbyterian Church and Neighborhood House please plan to attend. Questions ? See Ray.



Today, Sunday, February 13th 1:00 P.M. please stay and listen to a concert inspired by the works of Emily Dickinson.

Future Dates!

- On Sunday, February 27th, Preludio 21 will be presented with composers from Brazil! March's great performances:
March 6th is our special Women's Month concert. The concert will be the work of all women composers and performed by women.
March 27th features Theremin virtuoso Kevin Kissinger and introducing 15-Minutes-of-Fame: pianist Shiau-uen Ding.



Open Mic – First Night! Comedy Night Tonight!

This is the first of a planned series of Comedy Nights at the Jan Hus Playhouse Theater. Come with or without your jokes and join us for the kick-off at 6:30 P.M. on Sunday, February 13th in the Jan Hus Playhouse Theater.



Theater of the Oppressed: It Can Happen to You

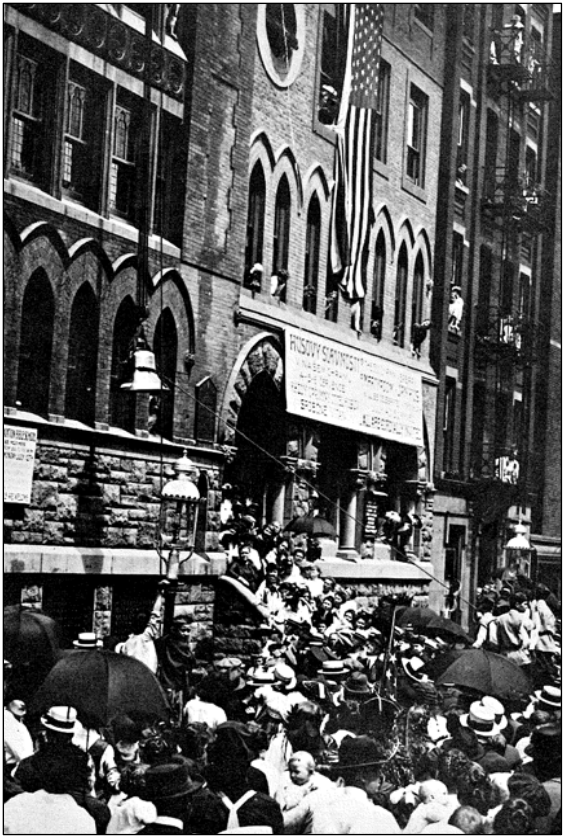
We are very excited to welcome back to the Jan Hus Playhouse Theater this exceptional show and presentation, written and performed by members of the Jan Hus community, who live through some of the great difficulties and challenges of being marginalized in the City of New York.

Presented with heart, powerful sentiment, and great humor – you will be uplifted and just might find yourself on stage!

Two performances on

Saturday, February 26th at 3:00 PM & 7:30 PM in the Jan Hus Playhouse Theater.

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.



Since 1888, the doors of this church have been open to those who seek a new way to engage with the Spirit and share at the table Jesus has set for us all. In those early years, Jan Hus served the needs of the Czech immigrants who founded the church and named it after Czech reformer and martyr Jan Hus.

Today, our mission has expanded to include people from many different walks in life; people who want to share this stage of their journey with others in a God centered community. We continue to honor our Czech founders, as well, by singing our closing hymn in the Czech language each Sunday.

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 the wonder of 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 shared pulpit. This is a place in which we hear the Scriptures interpreted by clergy and laity, alike, reflecting our congregation and community as a diverse expression of the presence of God in each believer. We strive for sermons that are conversations which give us an opportunity to hear how God's voice speaks to each of us. Often, we are invited into new ways of seeing and hearing God, deepening and affirming those beliefs we hold most true.

It is possible that Jan Hus may seem different than what you expect in church, for surely God loves to challenge us all with the unexpected!

However you may find us, please know that you are most welcome here as one who carries within you the Spirit of God who loves us all. Namasthe!



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| Ray Bagnuolo | Stated Supply Pastor |
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THE RESIDENT STAFF:

Lily Grecco, Walter Marcus, Marvin Ramirez, Essie Rance, Annie Rawlings,
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HUSSITE PETS:

Philpot, Madge, Sam, Bisou, Rocket Man, Spark Man, Lincoln, Besse Mae Mucho, Cadeau, Allie, & Marvin's Reptile Friends

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| Ash Wednesday | March 9, 2011 | Distribution of Ashes |
| 1 ST Sunday in Lent | March 13, 2011 | |
| 2 nd Sunday in Lent | March 20, 2011 | |
| 3 rd Sunday in Lent | March 27, 2011 | |
| 4 th Sunday in Lent | April 3, 2011 | |
| 5 th Sunday in Lent | April 10, 2011 | |
| Passion/Palm Sunday | April 17, 2011 | |
| Maundy Thursday | April 21, 2011 | Evening Worship |
| Good Friday | April 22, 2011 | Afternoon Vigil |



Easter Sunday April 24, 2011

Bible Study – Adult Ed Program
Wednesdays during Lent (except Ash Wednesday)
7:15 – 8:30 P.M.
More information to follow.