

Prelude  
Welcome  
Call to Worship

One: Where does our strength come from...  
Many: **From God who is present here.**

One: God, who protects us even when we feel most vulnerable...  
Many: **Yes, God who is present here, now.**

One: We are children of a shielding God who keeps us safe in ways we'll never know.  
Many: **Let us be still and present in the strength and shielding protection of God who loves us, more than we can know.**

**Come, let us worship God together in prayer and heart and song.**

**Amen**

**\*Hymn #263: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 263

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Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; alt. 1987  
Welsh folk melody  
Adapted in *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry, Thou rul - est in light,

In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
Then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth Thee.  
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!

*Prayer of Confession*

In today’s readings, Nicodemus questions Jesus  
then he questions Jesus again  
and he still does not understand  
Nicodemus says he is “confused” by what he says  
Jesus asks him why he can’t grasp the basics of his teachings  
Jesus tells him to believe and quit procrastinating with questions.  
God, forgive us please when we procrastinate with questions  
or excuses  
or intellectual paralysis  
imprint our heart with the basics  
and the ears to hear what you say  
to wish for no more than you wish for us  
to keep our volume down so we can hear you  
to listen to you in others  
and be born, each day anew  
in your name. Basics.

**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.

\*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

**Psalm 121: A Pilgrim Song**

I look up to the mountains; does my strength come from mountains?  
No, my strength comes from God, who made heaven, and earth, and mountains.

God won't let you stumble, your Guardian God won't fall asleep.  
Not on your life! Israel's Guardian will never doze or sleep.

God's your Guardian, right at your side to protect you—  
Shielding you from sunstroke, sheltering you from moonstroke.

God guards you from every evil, God guards your very life. The Creator guards you when you leave  
and when you return, God guards you now, God guards you always.

**Gospel Reading: John 3:1-12 Born from Above**

There was a man of the Pharisee sect, Nicodemus, a prominent leader among the Jews. Late one  
night he visited Jesus and said, "Rabbi, we all know you're a teacher straight from God. No one could  
do all the God-pointing, God-revealing acts you do if God weren't in on it."

Jesus said, "You're absolutely right. Take it from me: Unless a person is born from above, it's not  
possible to see what I'm pointing to—to God's kingdom."

"How can anyone," said Nicodemus, "be born who has already been born and grown up? You can't  
re-enter your mother's womb and be born again. What are you saying with this 'born-from-above'  
talk?"

Jesus said, "You're not listening. Let me say it again. Unless a person submits to this original  
creation—the 'wind-hovering-over-the-water' creation, the invisible moving the visible, a baptism into  
a new life—it's not possible to enter God's kingdom. When you look at a baby, it's just that: a body  
you can look at and touch. But the person who takes shape within is formed by something you can't  
see and touch—the Spirit—and becomes a living spirit.

"So don't be so surprised when I tell you that you have to be 'born from above'—out of this world, so  
to speak. You know well enough how the wind blows this way and that. You hear it rustling through  
the trees, but you have no idea where it comes from or where it's headed next. That's the way it is  
with everyone 'born from above' by the wind of God, the Spirit of God."

Nicodemus asked, "What do you mean by this? How does this happen?"

Jesus said, "You're a respected teacher of Israel and you don't know these basics? Listen carefully.  
I'm speaking sober truth to you. I speak only of what I know by experience; I give witness only to what  
I have seen with my own eyes. There is nothing secondhand here, no hearsay. Yet instead of facing  
the evidence and accepting it, you procrastinate with questions. If I tell you things that are plain as the  
hand before your face and you don't believe me, what use is there in telling you of things you can't  
see, the things of God?

**Provocation**

*There will always be those who test...*

Ray Bagnuolo

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Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675; alt. Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566  
Trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864; alt. Harm. Maurice F. Bell, 1906

1. Sing praise to God, who reigns a - bove, The God of all cre -  
2. What God's al-might - y power hath made, God's gra - cious mer - cy  
3. The Lord is nev - er far a - way, But through all grief dis -  
4. Thus all my glad-some way a - long, I sing a - loud Thy

a - tion, The God of power, the God of love, The God of  
keep - eth; By morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade God's watch - ful  
tress - ing, An ev - er pres - ent help and stay, Our peace, and  
prais - es That all may hear the grate-ful song My voice un -

our sal - va - tion; With heal-ing balm my soul is filled, And  
eye ne'er sleep - eth; With - in the king-dom of God's might, Lo!  
joy, and bless - ing; As with a moth-er's ten - der hand, God  
wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, Both

ev - ery faith-less mur-mur stilled:  
all is just and all is right:  
gent-ly leads the cho-sen band: To God all praise and glo - ry!  
soul and bod - y take your part:

\*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

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: Please see page 8

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

How do we pray for all those in need, suffering through spiritual, personal, political, natural upheavals and more? We pray always imperfectly, knowing that God makes up the difference. So pray. Lift up the voices of your own name and others you care about this morning. Lift up your prayers and petitions to God, whatever they may be. And as we do pray, let us keep in mind the many we know who are in the process of healing, recovery, or preparation for the transition that is ahead for us all.

Please keep these friends and family in your prayers: Kerry Flynn and her family, David Kelley and his family, Jack Cover, Suzie and her family, Jerry Brophy, Mark in Hawaii, Stella Hagidas, all those receiving treatments and medical care, a church seeking to break away from exclusion.

Pray with us for justice and courage. We stand with the right of assembly and protest, peaceful protest. We ask for prayers for our work at Jan Hus and those who bring their talents and gifts here – to serve in 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:*

\*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

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.
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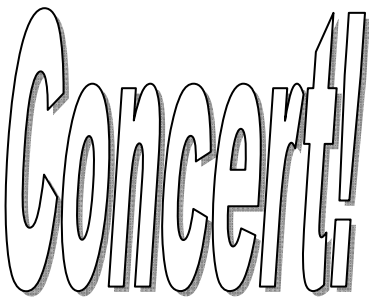
Charge to the People

Postlude (Closing Music)

*Please join us for our fellowship meal following the Postlude.*

Announcements :

**Adult Education Program for Lent:**  
*A Season of Renewal and Restoration of our Relationship with Self and God, in all the ways God is known.* Led by Rev. Francis Rocco, the program will take place in the sanctuary on Thursdays during Lent, beginning March 17 and culminating on Maundy Thursday, April 21. Meeting times will be from 6:30 P.M. – 7:45 P.M. in the sanctuary. All are welcome. It should be noted that this is a renewal of the Adult Ed/Bible Study programs at Jan Hus, with more to come. Readings for the study are in today’s bulleting. All are welcome in this journey we share toward a faith that works.



**Christian McLeer Fundraising Concert Performance to Outshine All Concerts!** Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 7:00 P.M.

Please spread the word and join us for a special concert to support Jan Hus Presbyterian Church and Neighborhood outreach services.

This will be an amazing night, enjoying the talents and gifts of our friend and music director, Christian McLeer.

**ALL OUT ARTS presents the FRESH FRUIT FESTIVAL'S DEVELOPMENTAL READING SERIES**

Please join in helping these playwrights develop new work. Become a part of the creative process. Attend the readings below and then share your ideas in the discussions that follow. This is all part of our mission to support the arts and expressive voices of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender community. Jan Hus Theater, 351 E. 74th Street, Manhattan 7 - 9 PM **No charge!** Hosted by Rita Petite


**Next readings:**

March 30: WAAFRICA by Nick Mwaluko

1992, weeks after Kenya's first democratic elections, the country is buzzing with freedom of expression. In a small village northwest of the capital, Awino - of the Luo tribe, and Bobby - a white American Peace Corps volunteer, have become lovers, The village suspect the women; the women suspect the village knows. Turmoil, trauma, transition...Triumph ensues.

The All Outs Arts mission : "Fighting Prejudice Through the Arts" - by developing plays that focus on the problems, issues and concerns of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people, we open doors for further thought and discussion.





Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House  
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# Jan Hus

## Stories of JESUS

### Before & After EASTER

Thursday, April 21 9:30 am to 11:00 am  
Monday, April 25 9:30 am to 11:00 am

Children of All Ages Welcome!

Egg Coloring StoryTime in Our Garden Arts & Crafts



**Open Mic – Comedy Night Tonight!**  
6:30 P.M. on Sunday in the Jan Hus Playhouse Theater.



information contact Holly Nedelka, Director, [www.ChildsPlayNYC.com](http://www.ChildsPlayNYC.com), 212-879-2019, [childsplayNYNY@aol.com](mailto:childsplayNYNY@aol.com)

### New Membership Classes:

We will hold a new membership class on Saturday, March 19th 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. Please contact Carol at 212-288-6743 or Email Ray at [ray@janhus.org](mailto:ray@janhus.org) to let us know if you will be attending.

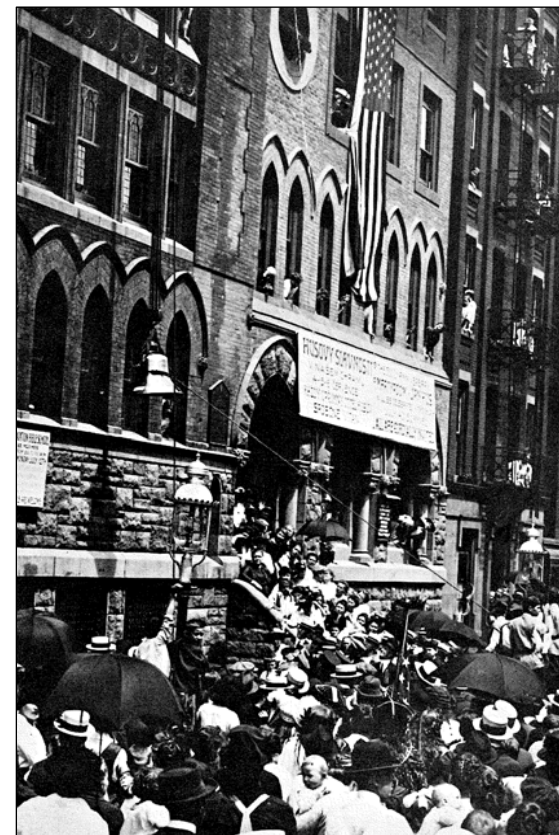


### Composer's Voice Concert: Vox Novus

March 27<sup>th</sup> features Theremin virtuoso Kevin Kissinger and introducing 15-Minutes-of-Fame: pianist Shiau-uen Ding.

**Please make sure children are supervised at all times, so that the children are always safe and the performances may be enjoyed by all!**

## Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House



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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Ash Wednesday	March 9, 2011	Distribution of Ashes
1 <sup>ST</sup> Sunday in Lent	March 13, 2011	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent	March 20, 2011	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent	March 27, 2011	
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	April 3, 2011	
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	April 10, 1011	
Passion/Palm Sunday	April 17, 2011	Distribution of Palms
Maundy Thursday	April 21, 2011	Evening Worship
Good Friday	April 22, 2011	Afternoon Vigil



Easter Sunday April 24, 2011

Bible Study – Adult Ed Program

A Season of Renewal and Restoration of our Relationship with God, Self, and One Another:  
“Finding a faith that works!”  
**Thursdays during Lent: Beginning March 17: 6:30 P.M. – 7:45 P.M.**  
**In the sanctuary and Led by Rev. Francis (Frank) Rocco**  
**All are welcome!**