

JAN HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE
 A CELEBRATION OF GOSPEL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.
 EASTER SUNDAY 2011



"I don't care to inquire why they cannot believe an earthly body can be in heaven,
 while the whole earth is suspended on nothing."
 — Augustine of Hippo (City of God)

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Do not be afraid;
 I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.
 He is not here;
 for he has risen, as he said.

Many: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*HYMN #108: ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, GIVE THANKS

MATTHEW 28: 5B-6

EASTER

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Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1 8.8 with refrain

Donald Fishel, 1973
 Arr. Betty Pulkingham
 and Donald Fishel, 1979

Donald Fishel, 1973

Descant

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

E C#m F#m

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

B E C#m

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 Final ending

Praise to His Name. Name.

F#m B E E

praise to His Name. Name.

1. Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3. We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4. Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -
 Now we shall live for ev - er.
 Joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

ACCLAMATION:

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God!
 Many: **Hosanna in the highest!**
 One: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON):

Forgiveness maybe best understood in thinking about others.
 If Jesus was able to forgive those who disappointed him,
 betrayed him,
 and abandoned him...
 what is it that holds us back
 from forgiveness toward others?
 What did Jesus have that we sometimes lack?
 What resurrected him in spite of everything that would have tied him down?
 It likely had something to do with a love he had - greater than anything,
 even something that hurt him so deeply.
 Easter is about many things, but surely,
 Easter is about the power of such love and the forgiveness it can produce.
 Let us confess the times we love too little and
 Let the chance to forgive...slip away.
 Let us ask and pray for the help
 to find ways to love and forgive more...
 to resurrect ourselves in the ways we love others.
Amen.

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: The mercy of God is not diminished by the how much we love or forgive. Such things are never a test or a reward. No, the mercy of God is there in our best and our less than best moments. God's mercy is always, poured upon us, faithful and faithless, joyful and joyless alike, that all may come to know the boundless love and all-encompassing forgiveness of God.

Friends: This is the Good News: in Jesus Christ we are loved, forgiven, and invited to more than we can imagine!

Many: **Let us be assured that the Resurrection holds these promises and more.**

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty: quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through the Risen Christ and through the power of your Holy Spirit that we may know you and your will better through these words about to enter our hearts. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: ACTS 10:34-43

Peter fairly exploded with his good news: "It's God's own truth, nothing could be plainer: God plays no favorites! It makes no difference who you are or where you're from—if you want God and are ready to do as God says, the door is open. The Message God sent to the children of Israel—that through Jesus Christ everything is being put together again—well, God's doing it everywhere, among everyone.

"You know the story of what happened in Judea. It began in Galilee after John preached a total life-change. Then Jesus arrived from Nazareth, anointed by God with the Holy Spirit, ready for action. He went through the country helping people and healing everyone who was beaten down by the absence of God in their lives. He was able to do all this because God was with him.

"And we saw it, saw it all, everything he did in the land where he was killed and hung from a cross. But in three days God had him up, alive, and out where he could be seen. Not everyone saw him—he wasn't put on public display. Witnesses had been carefully handpicked by God beforehand—us! We were the ones, there to eat and drink with him after he came back from the dead. He commissioned us to announce this in public, to bear solemn witness that he is in fact the One whom God destined as Judge of the living and dead. But we're not alone in this. Our witness that he is the means to forgiveness of sins is backed up by the witness of all the prophets."

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 20: 1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Now Mary Magdalene stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

HOMILY: IT HAPPENS MORE THAN WE THINK

RAY BAGNUOLO

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:

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.

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

THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT US

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN #108: CHRIST IS ALIVE!

1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound To dis - tant
 3. Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, Un - touched, un -
 4. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, Where col - or,

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, But sav - ing, heal - ing,
 moved by hu - man pains, But dai - ly, in the
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, And touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 midst of life, Our Sav - ior in the God - head reigns.
 loves the more, And lives, where ev - en hope has died.

5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring Till earth and sky and ocean ring
 Good news to this and every age, With joy, with justice, love, and praise.

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE

May the peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
a God resurrected today in the presence of Jesus the Christ
and each of us here!

May the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father and Mother, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
remain with you always.

Amen

SUNG BLESSING

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 pozebnani pridiz 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.

PARTING

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE (CLOSING MUSIC)

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

ADULT ED / BIBLE STUDY RESUMES ON THURSDAYS

Starting May 19th

“God of Our Own – Spiritual Experiences”

Readings posted online at www.janhus.org

It is not necessary to have read the readings to attend.

Thursdays 6:30 P.M. – 7:45 P.M. Pastor’s Office

All are welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPEN MIC – COMEDY NIGHT TONIGHT!



6:30 P.M. on Sunday in the Jan Hus Playhouse Theater.

8TH ANNUAL FRUITS OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

May 5, 2011 in the Jan Hus Playhouse Theater Honorees: John Glines, Bruce Robert Harris, Jack W. Batman, and Ray Bagnuolo on behalf of Jan Hus Presbyterian Church and Neighborhood House and its work with the LGBT Community.

More information at www.janhus.org

Please join us for an evening of fun and surprise!

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASSES:

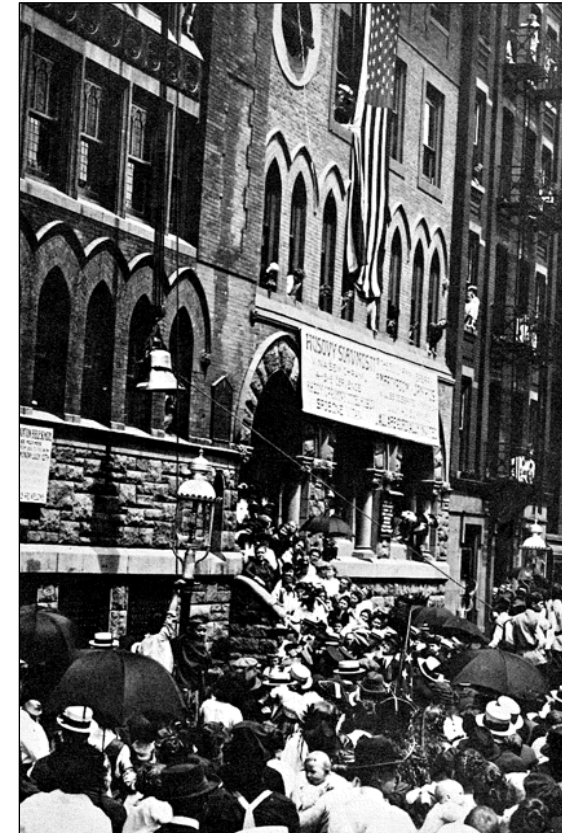
We will hold our next new membership class in May. Please let Ray know if you are interested.



COMPOSER’S VOICE CONCERT: VOX NOVUS

Today! Sunday, April 24th! At 1:00 P.M.

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



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.

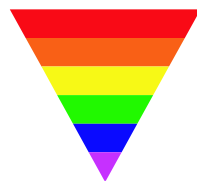
Worship at Jan Hus is a time for the Body of Christ to affirm God’s vision for the world and witness the Gospel of Hope.

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!*



WE ARE A WELCOMING AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE. ALL ARE WELCOME AND WELCOME TO FULLY WORSHIP AND SERVE IN THIS PLACE.

CHILD’S PLAY: PlayGroups! Moms! Dads! Grandparents! Join the FRIENDLY PLAYGROUPS designed especially for Parents/Grandparents/Guardians and their Toddlers & Babies. Sorry, Nannies. Playgroups are led by a facilitator and include Circle Time with Songs, Art, Storytime, Imaginative Play with Hoops, Tunnels, Puppets, Parachute, Conversation and Fun. Mandarin Language instruction, too! For more information contact Holly Nedelka, Director, www.ChildsPlayNYC.com, 212-879-2019, childsplayNYNY@aol.com



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