

Morning Has Broken

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Covenant Presbyterian Church  
 "A glancing blow..."  
 Tuscaloosa, Alabama – 3 days ago

"The fishermen know that the sea is dangerous and the storm terrible,  
 but they have never found these dangers sufficient reason for remaining ashore."

-Vincent van Gogh

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of all compassion,  
 Many: **Our hears and bodies shake with the earth  
 And all who dwell upon it.**

One: We cry for your help. For lives, roads, homes, and livelihoods lost.  
 Many: **For those who wait, wondering, what is ahead  
 following all that once was and is no more.**

Many: **Let us turn to you with all our sisters and brothers who are in shock, in  
 need, and in transition. Let us pray together and know you hear our  
 prayers.**

Amen

\*HYMN #469: MORNING HAS BROKEN

Eleanor Farjeon, 1931 Gaelic melody  
Arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

1. Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has  
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first  
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
 dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet  
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!  
 gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where God's feet pass.  
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Sometimes it feels right to blame you.**

**After all, God, you have the power to stop the floods,  
hurricanes, tornadoes...**

**You have the wherewithal to end suffering,  
end conflicts, end the strife.**

**But these are not reasons for pulling away from you.**

**They are reasons for coming in closer.**

**In prayer, in meditation, in hope.**

**You hear our petitions and know our sorrows,  
you are with us, always.**

**So we confess our frustration and our doubts,**

**and we affirm our trust in the midst of such things,  
no matter how much we may be hurting.**

**We ask your forgiveness when we combine  
our fear with anger, seeking someone to blame,  
instead of turning more toward you.**

**As we do now...**

**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:** God opens our hearts and eyes with vision beyond sight.

**Many:** **Let us be assured that in spite of our doubts, we are neither forgotten by God nor removed from the Holy Presence. In fact, all these things and more bring us closer to the God who is always near. Be assured of that, sisters and brothers, for it is always true.**

**\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, open our eyes to the near-fullness of your vision. Let us hear in these words what you call us to hear, so that we may be moved for others in your name. Amen.

**THE FIRST READING**

<b>PSALM 16: A DAVID SONG THE MESSAGE</b>	<b>PSALM 16: A DAVID SONG NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION (NRSV)</b>
<p>Keep me safe, O God, I've run for dear life to you. I say to GOD, "Be my Lord!" Without you, nothing makes sense.</p>	<p>Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."</p>
<p>And these God-chosen lives all around— what splendid friends they make!</p>	<p>As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.</p>
<p>Don't just go shopping for a god. Gods are not for sale. I swear I'll never treat god-names like brand-names.</p>	<p>Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.</p>
<p>My choice is you, GOD, first and only. And now I find I'm your choice! You set me up with a house and yard. And then you made me your heir!</p>	<p>The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.</p>
<p>The wise counsel GOD gives when I'm awake is confirmed by my sleeping heart. Day and night I'll stick with GOD; I've got a good thing going and I'm not letting go.</p>	<p>I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. <sup>8</sup>I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.</p>
<p>I'm happy from the inside out, and from the outside in, I'm firmly formed. You canceled my ticket to hell— that's not my destination!</p>	<p>Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. <sup>1</sup>For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.</p>
<p>Now you've got my feet on the life path, all radiant from the shining of your face. Ever since you took my hand, I'm on the right way.</p>	<p>You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.</p>

**GOSPEL READING: JOHN 20:19-31**  
**THE MESSAGE**

Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the others, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." Then he showed them his hands and side.

The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were exuberant. Jesus repeated his greeting: "Peace to you. Just as God sent me, I send you."

Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said. "If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good. If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?"

But Thomas, sometimes called the Twin, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We saw the Master." But he said, "Unless I see the nail holes in his hands, put my finger in the nail holes, and stick my hand in his side, I won't believe it."

Eight days later, his disciples were again in the room. This time Thomas was with them. Jesus came through the locked doors, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you."

Then he focused his attention on Thomas. "Take your finger and examine my hands. Take your hand and stick it in my side. Don't be unbelieving. Believe."

Thomas said, "My Master! My God!"

Jesus said, "So, you believe because you've seen with your own eyes. Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing." Jesus provided far more God-revealing signs than are written down in this book. These are written down so you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and in the act of believing, have real and eternal life in the way he personally revealed it.

**HOMILY**

\*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

**GOSPEL READING: JOHN 20:19-31**  
**NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION (NRSV)**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the others, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As God has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

"Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**RAY BAGNUOLO**

**399 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight**

DUNLAP'S CREEK CM

Samuel McFarland, c. 1816  
Harm. Richard Proulx, 1986

Henry Alford, 1844; alt.



\*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 10.

## 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 awaits us all.

Please keep these friends and their families in your prayers: Vinny D and his family dealing with the depression of his wife Jeannie; Robert C. seeking treatment for rheumatoid arthritis; Anita on the loss of her husband Jimmy; Stella Hagidas who continues to recover from a fall and anticipates surgery; Ralph and others in treatment for cancer; and all those receiving treatments and medical care.

Pray with us for justice and courage and those who lead us. For Annie Rawlings in her work around the upcoming anniversary of 9/11; for Drew Paton soon to be installed as Minister of Word and Sacrament; for our staff – all committed to the mission of this church and its outreach. To others in transition. Pray.... and, course, we pray 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 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.**

## COME TO THE TABLE WHERE ALL, AND WE MEAN ALL, ARE WELCOME!



One: Let us gather around the table with the offering of bread and drink upon it and the promise of the Living Jesus among us. This is the welcome table of God where all who seek to be at peace with their neighbor and all who seek the mercy of God in Christ are embraced. Come, for we are invited in to this holy mystery. Come.

**People: We are ready!**

One: Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall never be thirsty.

**People: We are hungry and thirsty. We come to this table.**

One: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took his authority and offered the bread in thanksgiving and said . . .

**People: "Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."**

One: In the same way, and by the same authority, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said,

**People: "Take, drink. This is my blood of the new covenant which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."**

One: Come, Holy Spirit. Come. Open our eyes to the mystery of Christ's presence in these ordinary things in these our everyday lives. May they be for us the very essence of the living Christ in our midst. Through the broken bread . . .

**People: We participate in the Body of Christ.**

One: Through the cup of blessing . . .

**People: We participate in the new life Christ gives.**

One: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready!

## UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

**Gracious and loving God, you have made us one in the body of Jesus the Christ, and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Thank you for feeding our hunger and relieving our thirst. Now send us into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to find the lost and lonely, to heal broken souls, to free prisoners, and make the powerful care. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we say and do your good news. Amen.**

**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.
Freest faith assailed in vain.	
Perfect love, bereft of fear,	
born in heaven and radiant here. Amen.	

**CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN #537: SHALOM, CHAVERIM! FAREWELL, GOOD FRIENDS**

**Shalom, Chaverim! 537**  
**Farewell, Good Friends**



Sha - lom, cha - ve-rim! Sha - lom, cha - ve-rot! Sha - lom, sha - lom!  
 Fare - well, good friends, Fare - well, good friends, Sha - lom, sha - lom!



Le - hit - ra - ot, le - hit - ra - ot, Sha - lom, sha - lom.  
 Till we meet a - gain, till we meet a - gain, Sha - lom, sha - lom.

*\*May be sung as a canon.*

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**POSTLUDE (CLOSING MUSIC)**

**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.**

**8<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://www.janhus.org)

Please join us for an evening of fun and surprise!

**NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASSES:**

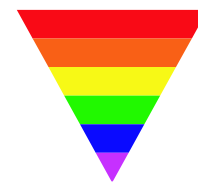
We will hold our next new membership class in May. Please let Ray know if you are interested.



**COMPOSER'S VOICE CONCERT: VOX NOVUS**

Next week! Sunday, May 8th! 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!**



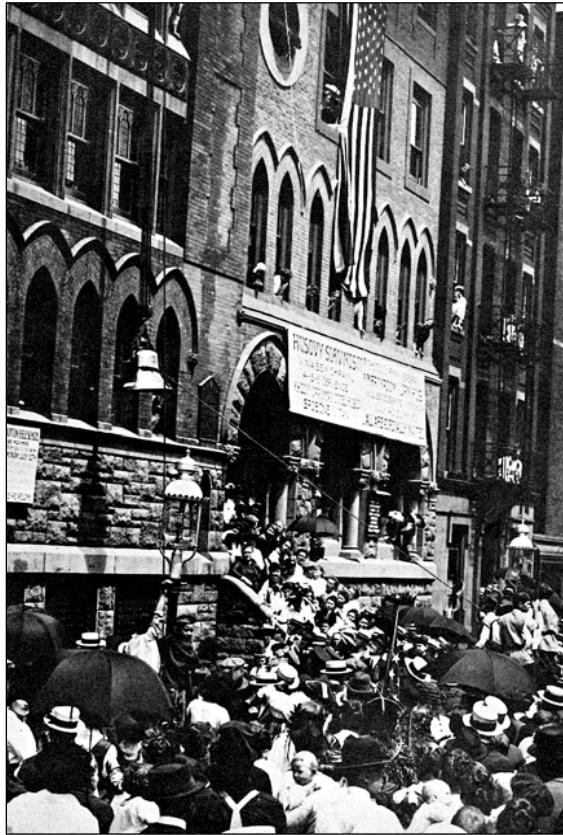
**WE ARE A WELCOMING AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE. ALL ARE WELCOME AND WELCOME TO FULLY WORSHIP AND SERVE IN THIS PLACE.**

**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](http://www.ChildsPlayNYC.com), 212-879-2019, [childsplayNyny@aol.com](mailto:childsplayNyny@aol.com)



**CHILD'S PLAY**

**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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