

**JAN HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE**  
**A CELEBRATION OF GOSPEL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, AUGUST 7, 2011**



*The great ends of the church are:*

**The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind**  
**The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God**  
**The maintenance of divine worship**  
**The preservation of the truth**  
**The promotion of social righteousness**  
**The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world**

~ Book of Order, PC(USA); New Form of Government F-1.0304

The Foundations of Presbyterian Polity  
CHAPTER ONE: THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Excerpts from the New Form of Government – Book of Order

**F-1.01 GOD'S MISSION**

The good news of the Gospel is that the triune God—Father[Mother], Son, and Holy Spirit—creates, redeems, sustains, rules, and transforms all things and all people. This one living God, the Scriptures say, liberated the people of Israel from oppression and covenanted to be their God. By the power of the Spirit, this one living God is incarnate in Jesus Christ, who came to live in the world, die for the world, and be raised again to new life. The Gospel of Jesus Christ announces the nearness of God's kin[g]dom, bringing good news to all who are impoverished, sight to all who are blind, freedom to all who are oppressed, and proclaiming the Lord's favor upon all creation.

The mission of God in Christ gives shape and substance to the life and work of the Church. In Christ, the Church participates in God's mission for the transformation of creation and humanity by proclaiming to all people the good news of God's love, offering to all people the grace of God at font and table, and calling all people to discipleship in Christ. Human beings have no higher goal in life than to glorify and enjoy God now and forever, living in covenant fellowship with God and participating in God's mission.

**F-1.02 JESUS CHRIST IS HEAD OF THE CHURCH**

**F-1.0201 The Authority of Christ**

Almighty God, who raised Jesus Christ from the dead and set him above all rule and authority, has given to him all power in heaven and on earth, not only in this age but also in the age to come. God has put all things under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and has made Christ Head of the Church, which is his body. The Church's life and mission are a joyful participation in Christ's ongoing life and work.

**F-1.0202 Christ Calls and Equips the Church**

Christ calls the Church into being, giving it all that is necessary for its mission in the world, for its sanctification, and for its service to God. Christ is present with the Church in both Spirit and Word. Christ alone rules, calls, teaches, and uses the Church as he wills.

**F-1.0203 Christ Gives the Church Its Life**

Christ gives to the Church its faith and life, its unity and mission, its order and discipline. Scripture teaches us of Christ's will for the Church, which is to be obeyed. In the worship and service of God and the government of the church, matters are to be ordered according to the Word by reason and sound judgment, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**F-1.0204 Christ Is the Church's Hope**

In affirming with the earliest Christians that Jesus is Lord, the Church confesses that he is its hope, and that the Church, as Christ's body, is bound to his authority and thus free to live in the lively, joyous reality of the grace of God.

**F-1.0205 Christ Is the Foundation of the Church**

In Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Christ God reconciles all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of the cross (Col. 1:19–20). In Christ's name, therefore, the Church is sent out to bear witness to the good news of reconciliation with God, with others, and with all creation. In Christ the Church receives its truth and appeal, its holiness, and its unity.

\*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are encouraged to remember that all life is a process...

Many: **A process of building trust in you, God.**

One: We come to you, in all the ways we know you...

Many: **Working to build trust in you, acknowledging such trust is already here, we just need to better find it, forget it less.**

One: Come let us worship God together and be secure in God's trust and love that is always ours...

Many: **And ours to share. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #456 AWAKE MY SOUL**

1. A - wake, my soul, and with the sun your  
 2. Lord, I my vows to You re - new. Dis -  
 3. Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, All

dai - ly stage of du - ty run; Shake off dull sloth, and  
 perse my sins as morn - ing dew; Guard my first springs of  
 I de - sign or do or say; That all my powers, with

joy - ful rise To pay your morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 thought and will, And with Your - self my spir - it fill.  
 all their might, In Your sole glo - ry may u - nite.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You ask us to walk on water, each day. It's that simple. A metaphor; but true. You call us to trust you in the simplest of ways: to pray, ask for help, ask others if they need help. Give when we are a bit tired. Listen when we would rather rest. Resist isolation and let others in. Trust is like that, like a circle. It goes both ways and all ways at once. Each bit of trust helps more to blossom. Each time we "pass it on" we get a bit more in return. So, forgive us when we think trust is to be kept guarded and safe; for when we trust, in you – and what you calls us to do – the water beneath our feet is solid, indeed. Please, help us in trusting and passing it on to all we meet from the *you* in our hearts to the others before us. Amen.

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

And so it is. Free and forgiven we are. **Amen.**

\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all! **And also with you.**  
Let us now offer one another a sign of peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let the words we hear fill us with knowledge your will. **Amen.**

GOSPEL READING: **MATTHEW 14:22-33**

As soon as the meal was finished, he insisted that the disciples get in the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he dismissed the people. With the crowd dispersed, he climbed the mountain so he could be by himself and pray. He stayed there alone, late into the night.

Meanwhile, the boat was far out to sea when the wind came up against them and they were battered by the waves. At about four o'clock in the morning, Jesus came toward them walking on the water. They were scared out of their wits. "A ghost!" they said, crying out in terror.

But Jesus was quick to comfort them. "Courage, it's me. Don't be afraid."

Peter, suddenly bold, said, "Master, if it's really you, call me to come to you on the water."

He said, "Come ahead."

Jumping out of the boat, Peter walked on the water to Jesus. But when he looked down at the waves churning beneath his feet, he lost his nerve and started to sink.

He cried, "Master, save me!"

Jesus didn't hesitate. He reached down and grabbed his hand. Then he said, "Faint-hearted, what got into you?"

The two of them climbed into the boat, and the wind died down. The disciples in the boat, having watched the whole thing, worshiped Jesus, saying, "This is it! You are God's Son for sure!"

HOMILY      RELENTLESS

MUSICAL MEDITATION

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

Your prayers...whether spoken or in silence, whether in word or murmur, or even yet to be known by you are all heard. The God who created us knows our prayers; still we need to ask for help. We need to hear our voices or quietest of thoughts ask God for help. Please, do so now for all you bring with you... *And now, with the confidence that God has heard us and our petitions, 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!



HYMN #508:

FOR THE BREAD WHICH YOU HAVE BROKEN

Louis FitzGerald Benson, 1924; alt.

Vicar Earle Copes, 1959

1. For the bread which You have bro - ken, For the wine which You have poured,  
2. By this prom - ise that You love us, By Your gift of peace re - stored,  
3. With the saints who now a - dore You Seat-ed at the heav-en-ly board,  
4. In Your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; In our hearts keep watch and ward;

For the words which You have spo-ken, Now we give You thanks, O Lord.  
By Your call to heav-en a - bove us, Hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
May the church still wait - ing for You Keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
In the world to which You send us Let Your king-dom come, O Lord.

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 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. Give us your Light to illumine the path. Amen.

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

Israeli round

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.

**\*CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE**

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

Amen to pozehnani prjdz 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.

**POSTLUDE (CLOSING MUSIC)**

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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A LIGHT LUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP. PLEASE WAIT UNTIL EVERYONE HAS BEEN SERVED  
BEFORE REFILLING YOUR PLATE. WE LIKE ALL THE FOOD TO BE EATEN AND ENJOYED;  
WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE ENOUGH TO GO AROUND. ☺

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