

JAN HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE
A CELEBRATION OF GOSPEL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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“[John F. Kennedy said], "Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable." Increasingly, by choice or by accident, this is the role our nation has taken, the role of those who make peaceful revolution impossible... I am convinced that if we are to get on the right side of the world revolution, we as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values. We must rapidly begin... the shift from a thing-oriented society to a person-oriented society. When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights, are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, extreme materialism, and militarism are incapable of being conquered.

A true revolution of values will soon cause us to question the fairness and justice of many of our past and present policies. On the one hand, we are called to play the Good Samaritan on life's roadside, but that will be only an initial act. One day we must come to see that the whole Jericho Road must be transformed so that men and women will not be constantly beaten and robbed as they make their journey on life's highway. True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar. It comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring.”

Martin Luther King Jr., *Beyond Vietnam –A Time to Break the Silence*

April 4, 1967, Riverside Church, New York City

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of Balance and Bounty, Supreme Ingenuity, Steadfast Companion, Mother of all courage and endurance, Father of distant promise, we greet You,
Many: With gratitude in our hearts for all that you have done for us, all that you have empowered us to do and all that you have promised us.

One: We greet You with hearts of faith, from the midst of our private fears, hurts, doubts and resentments and more questions than we can count.
Many: We give thanks to you O God, because we know that there is space in this place, in Your house and in Your heart for all of this - for each one of us, wherever we are on our respective journeys, and for all the baggage we carry with us.

One: You stand beside us ready to ease our burdens and to give us rest.
Many: You follow behind us, turning our regrets and lost battles into pathways towards purpose and peace.

One: You stand ahead of us, blazing the trail back to You;
Many: challenging us, leading us onwards towards systems and relationships that better reflect your love and justice; towards a more sincere acceptance of ourselves and one another, towards more boundless imagination and deeper devotion to You. O God, you are great indeed!

HYMN #386: O FOR A WORLD

1. O for a world where ev - ery - one Re - spects each oth - er's ways,
 2. O for a world where goods are shared And mis - er - y re - lieved,
 3. We wel - come one world fam - i - ly And strug - gle with each choice
 4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, The fool - ish ones are wise.

Where love is lived and all is done With jus - tice and with praise.
 Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, E - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
 That o - pens us to u - ni - ty And gives our vi - sion voice.
 Tell all who mourn; Out - casts be - long, Who per - ish - es will rise.

5. O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, Where time and tears will be no more,
 And all but love will cease.

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

CALL TO CONFESSION

O God, we bring before you the burdens of our conscience and our desire for your grace, guidance and love. Open our hearts for reflection and rethinking as we pray together in this sacred space.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great Provider, God of Balance and bounty, who gave manna to the Israelites when they were stranded in the Wilderness and fed the multitudes with mere crumbs, You created a lush and bountiful world for us to share, enjoy and protect. You gave ample food for the nourishment of our bodies, minds and spirits – abundance for all and even more, but we confess we have allowed the equilibrium to be disturbed. Some have greedily hoarded money and things and recklessly consumed the earth's resources, while others have been made to go hungry, doomed to run from place to place in search of food and comfort, to fight over crumbs in slums and soup-kitchens. We have allowed our imaginations and ourselves to be governed by policies which keep this structure in place – which amass more wealth in the hands of the few and which relegate the masses to poverty. Help us, O God, to hold those at the top of the heap accountable, and to provide for those at the bottom. Help us to see beyond the limitations of our circumstances and abilities, to Your reality. Give us fresh ideas, new courage and a spirit of collaboration, O God, to cope with things as they are now and to build a better tomorrow, so that all people may live the dignified lives You intend for them, and in so doing, come to know your deep and endless love for them.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE: 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 good news is that God sees all we are, meets us where we are, loves and accepts who we are, and offers forgiveness and healing. We can continue our journey together without fear.

Many: Our thanks and praise to the God of life and hope!

One: Friends believe in the good news of the gospel!

Many: God's grace dwells among us!

One: Let us greet each other, loved and forgiven! May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: Be with us, O God, as we listen to the words of those people whose stories tell the presence of your love and wisdom for all the ages.

Many: Guide us, O God, in our reflection so that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, in your will discover peace, and in your love find our salvation.

THE SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 15: 21-28 AND 29-38

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

After Jesus had left that place, he passed along the Sea of Galilee, and he went up the mountain, where he sat down. Great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the maimed, the blind, the mute, and many others. They put them at his feet, and he cured them, so that the crowd was amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, 'I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way.' The disciples said to him, 'Where are we to get enough bread in the desert to feed so great a crowd?' Jesus asked them, 'How many loaves have you?' They said, 'Seven, and a few small fish.' Then ordering the crowd to sit down on the ground, he took the seven loaves and the fish; and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all of them ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full.

SERMON: UNDER THE TABLE

DREW PATON

HYMN #408: WHERE CROSS THE CROWDED WAYS OF LIFE

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GERMANY LM

Attr. Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)
Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

Frank Mason North, 1905; alt.

1. Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, Where sound the
2. In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, On shad - owed
3. From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, From hu - man
4. The cup of wa - ter given for Thee Still holds the

cries of race and clan, A - bove the noise of
thresh - olds fraught with fears, From paths where hide the
grief and bur - dened toil, From fam - ished souls, from
fresh - ness of Thy grace; Yet long these mul - ti -

self - ish strife, We hear Thy voice, O Son of Man.
lures of greed, We catch the vi - sion of Thy tears.
sor - row's stress, Thy heart has nev - er known re - coil.
tudes to see The sweet com - pas - sion of Thy face.

5. O Master, from the mountainside,
Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
Among these restless throngs abide,
O tread the city's streets again;

6. Till all the world shall learn Thy love,
And follow where Thy feet have trod;
Till glorious from Thy heaven above
Shall come the city of our God.

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: 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.

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, today completing his time with us – following God's call to God's work in a new and challenging way. To all transition. 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.

HYMN #563: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING



Introduction

- 1. Lift ev-ery
- 2. Ston-y the
- 3. God of our



voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring, Ring with the har - mo -
road we trod, bit-ter the chas-tening rod, Felt in the days when
wea - rv years. God of our si - lent tears, Thou who hast brought us



nies of lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the
hope un - born had died; Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our
thus far on the way; Thou who hast by Thy might led us in -



lis - tening skies; Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
wea - ry feet Come to the place for which our *fa - thers sighed?
to the light; Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met Thee;



Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get



us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
tered, Out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
Thee: Shad-owed be - neath Thy hand may we for - ev - er



gun, Let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

COMMISSIONING OF THE REV. ANDREW (DREW) PATON TO ST. PETER'S CHURCH, SPENCERTOWN, NY

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,
Freet 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.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE (CLOSING MUSIC)

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We are a Welcoming and Affirming Congregation and Neighborhood House. All are welcome and welcome to fully worship and serve in this place.

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