

JAN HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

A CELEBRATION OF GOSPEL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2011



"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God." - *Matthew 5:3*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God who is present in all places, is present here.

Many: **We come to this place to remember that God here is God elsewhere, as well.**

One: Find God here. Pause. Breathe. Think: "God here."
[Pause for a moment.]

One: Join me, join one another in being with God in worship and praise.

All: **Come, let us lift our voices and hearts, our joys and our petitions, our music and our prayers together and let us worship God together.**

HYMN #440: IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

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African-American spiritual

Jubilee Songs, 1884

Adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940

John Oxenham, 1908; alt.

C G C F B \flat F C F Am Dm7 G7 C F C

1. In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north;
2. In Christ shall true hearts ev-ery-where Their high com-mu-nion find;
3. Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, What-e'er your race may be.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In Him meet south and north;

Am C Am C G7 C G7 C F C Am C G7 C

But one great fel-low-ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.
His ser-vice is the gold-en cord Close-bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God Are sure-ly kin to me.
All Christ-ly souls are one in Him Through-out the whole wide earth.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Come, let us continue to pray together, drawing ourselves closer to God.

UNISON PRAYER FOR THE WIDENING OF THE VISION OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

[VARIATION ON A PRAYER FROM *PRAYER FOR PASTOR AND PEOPLE*, CHURCH HYMNAL CORPORATION]

O God of righteousness, we thank you for the faith we inherit. It gives us the vision of a world where children of God are not ground down in oppression but lifted up in freedom. We thank you for the gift of your love. It demands that the human person must not be bound in misery but liberated in joy. We thank you for the abundance of the earth. It makes possible a society of persons not equal in poverty but diverse in wealth. We thank you for the nudging of conscience. It makes us lay the foundations for such a world, not tomorrow but today. We thank you for helping us to know who we are by coming to know you better and what you call us to do. Help us to be faithful and discerning in seeking the knowledge of your will and the power to carry that out. We thank you for these things and more. Amen.

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

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**

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.

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 16:13-20

When Jesus arrived in the villages of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "What are people saying about who the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some think he is John the Baptizer, some say Elijah, some Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

He pressed them, "And how about you? Who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter said, "You're the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus came back, "God bless you, Simon, son of Jonah! You didn't get that answer out of books or from teachers. My Father in heaven, God himself, let you in on this secret of who I really am. And now I'm going to tell you who you are, really are. You are Peter, a rock. This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out.

"And that's not all. You will have complete and free access to God's kingdom, keys to open any and every door: no more barriers between heaven and earth, earth and heaven. A yes on earth is yes in heaven. A no on earth is no in heaven."

He swore the disciples to secrecy. He made them promise they would tell no one that he was the Messiah.

SERMON: JUST FINE

RAY BAGNUOLO, TEACHING ELDER


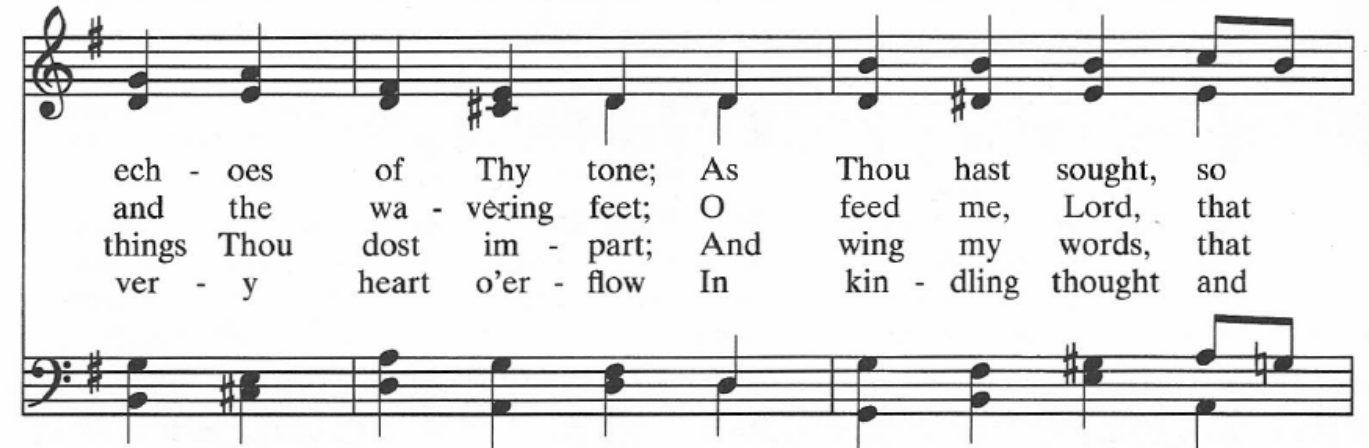
HYMN #426

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak 426

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872

CANONBURY LM

Robert Schumann, 1839



5. O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

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:

We pray because we need to. We need to pray as much as we need to breathe; as much as our heart needs to beat – we pray. It is a longing, a fundamental aspect of who we are and who God is. It is a language of the heart and whole being that has little to do with us – except we acknowledge and call upon its power in our lives.

So, pray now, for all that comes to mind, for all that remains in the recesses of the mystery of our being, for all that others ask for, and for the prayers that will be needed today, tomorrow, and all the days that follow.

Breathe. Hearts – beat. Pray in any ways and all ways you know.

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 #435: WE ARE ALL ONE IN MISSION

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CHURCH: MISSION

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We All Are One in Mission

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Rusty Edwards, 1986; alt.

Memmingen ms., 17th century
Harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1904

1. We all are one in mis - sion, We all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser - vice To wit - ness in God's name;
3. Now let us be u - nit - ed And let our song be heard.

Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed By Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent, Our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel For God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion Com - pels us from a - bove
To touch the lives of oth - ers By God's sur - pris - ing grace
We all are one in mis - sion, We all are one in call,

To plan and work to - geth - er That all may know Christ's love.
So ev - ery folk and na - tion May feel God's warm em - brace.
Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed By Christ, the Lord of all.

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BLESSING

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 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.

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.

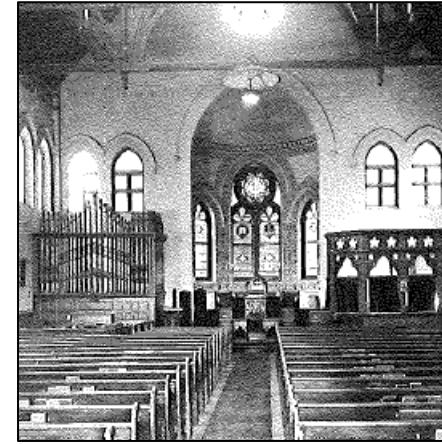
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Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House



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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