

Desiderata

Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence.

As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant, they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexations to the spirit.

If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love, for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is perennial as the grass.

Take kindly to the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive [God] to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.

Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

Max Ehrmann c. 1920

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us join our hearts in a chorus of praise,
And lift up our voices with the saints of every age!

Let this place be filled with a spirit of joy,
For God is in this place with gifts of life and love!
Come, let us worship God together. And let us sing!

* HYMN #456 AWAKE, MY SOUL, AND WITH THE SUN

*HYMN Everything Is One



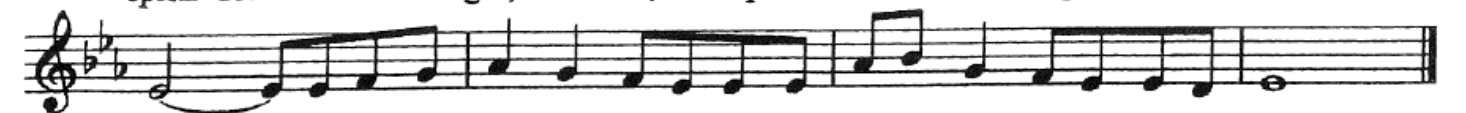
1. Lo, the fall - ing stars and light, Lo, the morn - ing then the night,
2. Ah, the wat - er of the wine, Ah, the sun - light on the pine,
3. Ah, the mis - siles turned to rust, Ah, the pow - er of the just,
4. Oh, the heal - er of the pain, Oh, the mak - er of the rain,



Lo, the ash - es with the earth, Lo, the ris - ing and re - birth. Lo, the
Ah, the win - ter and the snow, Ah, the heav - ens, with be - low. Ah, the
Ah, when flow - ers have all gone, Ah, when bat - tles have not won. Ah, when
Oh, the fu - ture of the seed, Oh, the mus - ic of the reed. Oh, the



moun - tain and the sky, Lo, the wor - ship lift - ed high,
ov - er - flow - ing cup, Ah, the wor - ship lift - ed up,
wea - pons will be bent, Ah, the cur - tains have been rent,
splen - dor of the light, Oh, the Spir - it in the night,



God, a - foot with - in the un - i - verse and ev' - ry - thing, ev' - ry - thing is one.

UNISON PRAYER

Let us open ourselves into the vastness of God as we pray:

**We are not always gentle with ourselves. Our expectations push us beyond possibilities.
We become frustrated. Disappointed. Confused. Even depressed.**

In a word: Un-gentle.

Then we take it out on others. Sometimes. More than we know.

**Help us, God, to place all our expectations into your loving hands. Help us to let go and trust in you. Help us to accept our limitations and the changes we do not expect.
Bring us to a gentler place.**

So we may be gentle. To ourselves. To others. To all others.

In a word: Gentle.

SILENT PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION:

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE & FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news:

God is gentle, loving, and present.

Be gentle, be love, and be forgiveness – to all.

For what we have been forgiven,

We have been given to share – to all.

Let it be so.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

And also with you. Amen

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let the peace of God in all the ways God is known - erupt in your hearts, so that all may know you are loved by God. And let us share this wonder with each other, one and all!

God's great peace of God be with you!

And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Somewhere in these words is what you have for us to hear. Let your understanding come to us gently so that we may welcome you and your message with open hearts and minds. Let it be so.

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

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FIRST READING: PHILIPPIANS 2: 1-13

If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care— then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.

Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that—a crucifixion.

Because of that obedience, God lifted him high and honored him far beyond anyone or anything, ever, so that all created beings in heaven and on earth—even those long ago dead and buried—will bow in worship before this Jesus Christ, and call out in praise that he is the Christ of all, to the glorious honor of God.

What I'm getting at, friends, is that you should simply keep on doing what you've done from the beginning. When I was living among you, you lived in responsive obedience. Now that I'm separated from you, keep it up. Better yet, redouble your efforts. Be energetic in your life of salvation, reverent and sensitive before God. That energy is God's energy, an energy deep within you.

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 21: 23 – 32

Then he was back in the Temple, teaching. The high priests and leaders of the people came up and demanded, "Show us your credentials. Who authorized you to teach here?"

Jesus responded, "First let me ask you a question. You answer my question and I'll answer yours. About the baptism of John—who authorized it: heaven or humans?"

They were on the spot and knew it. They pulled back into a huddle and whispered, "If we say 'heaven,' he'll ask us why we didn't believe John; if we say 'humans,' we're up against it with the people because they all hold John up as a prophet." They decided to concede that round to Jesus. "We don't know," they answered.

Jesus said, "Then neither will I answer your question.

"Tell me what you think of this story: A man had two sons. He went up to the first and said, 'Son, go out for the day and work in the vineyard.'

"The son answered, 'I don't want to.' Later on he thought better of it and went.

"The father gave the same command to the second son. He answered, 'Sure, glad to.' But he never went.

"Which of the two sons did what the father asked?"

They said, "The first."

Jesus said, "Yes, and I tell you that crooks and whores are going to precede you into God's kingdom. John came to you showing you the right road. You turned up your noses at him, but the crooks and whores believed him. Even when you saw their changed lives, you didn't care enough to change and believe him.

PROVOCATION: THE MORE OF NOW

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

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* HYMN #85 WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS



PREPARING FOR THE OFFERING

In this world, someone has too much.
Someone has barely enough, someone has nothing at all.

When we share our commitment and financial support, we act on the imagination of Jesus.
Jesus, who sees enough bread to go around, enough courage to speak the truth, and enough love to overcome all things.

O God, to those of us who have hunger, give bread. And to those of us who have bread, give the hunger for justice.
When the 5,000 were hungry, the disciples came to Jesus and said: "Send the people away, so they may get something to eat."

Jesus answered: "You give them something to eat."

OFFERTORY MUSIC

BLESSING THE OFFERING

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.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT US (IN UNISON)

Creator God, 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.

BENEDICTION 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, Freest faith assailed in vain. Perfect love, bereft of fear, born in heaven and radiant here. Amen.	Amen to pozebnani 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.
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BLESSING:

Go out into the world, love one another.
 Cherish all the members of God's family.
 To love and serve God.
 Go, in God's great Shalom! **Thanks be to God!**

* HYMN #802 THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

Verses



POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

JAN HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

"WHERE YOU ARE WELCOME, LONG BEFORE YOU ARRIVE."



Since 1888, the doors of this church have been open to those who seek a new way to engage with the Spirit and eat at the welcome table. In those early years, Jan Hus served the needs of the Czech immigrants who founded the church and named it after the martyr Jan Hus. Today, our mission has expanded to include people from many different walks in life who want to share this stage of their journey with others in a God centered community. We continue to honor our Czech founders, however, by singing our closing hymn in the Czech language (it is printed in the bulletin in English as well, so don't be afraid to sing out in English if your Czech is a little rusty).

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 our 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 community pulpit, one in which we hear the Scriptures interpreted by both clergy and laity and that allows for a greater reflection of the community as a whole – a diverse expression of the presence of God in each believer and at the core of our collective experience. Sermons are conversations that give us an opportunity to hear how God's voice speaks to each of us. Sermons may invite us into new ways of seeing and hearing God or deepen and affirm those beliefs we hold most true.

It is possible that Jan Hus may seem different than what you expect in church. That's fine – our God loves to challenge us with the unexpected! Please know that you are most welcome here as one who carries within you a piece of the God who loves us all. We are happy to have you with us and thank God for bringing us together on this, the day that God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.



ANNOUNCEMENTS – SEND ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS OR NEW TO RAY@JANHUS.ORG

NEW!

Contemplative Reflection Group at 9:30 – 10:00 A.M. in the front of the sanctuary, led by Frank. Please join us; Spiritual Discussion Group each Wednesday from 2:15 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. This group led by Ray.

MEMBERSHIP

Would you like to become a member of Jan Hus Presbyterian Church and Neighborhood House? See Ray.

MANY THANKS...

Our thanks to Essie, Lillie, and Stan for the preparation of our sanctuary and light lunch following today's worship. Our thanks to Del for the care of the plants and trees that surround and to Jacquie, Mark, and Frank for the care of the altar, sanctuary, and worship linens.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL...THE GREAT OUTDOORS...!

Please join us *indoors & outdoors* for a light meal following worship. When you first approach the table, please fill your plate and allow all guests be served before returning for seconds or packing left-overs.

HOSPITALITY AND WELCOME...

We also invite you to speak with someone you have yet to meet or don't know too well. The fellowship table is a time to come together in celebration of the grace and love that fills this sanctuary.

WEBSITE:

Please be sure to visit our website at www.janhus.org for bulletins, newsletters, sermons, and more.

OUTREACH NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Clothing can be dropped off Monday through Saturday from 7 A.M. to 8:30 P.M. Tax forms available. We can use: men's clothing, toiletries, undergarments – men's and women's, white Socks

GRANTS!

Do you know of anyone who would consider a grant request to help support our Homeless Outreach and Advocacy Program? Please let Ray know at 212-288-6743 or ray@janhus.org. Thanks!

CAR NEEDED FOR PICK-UPS NOW AND THEN:

If you have a car, van, or truck, and can be available now and then – please let us know.

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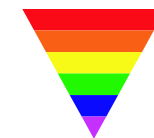
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We are a Welcoming and Affirming Congregation and Neighborhood House. All are welcome and welcome to fully worship and serve in this place.

For more information on any of these announcements or if you have an announcement to share, please call Carol at 212-288-6743 or Email church@janhus.org