

JAN HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

A PLACE OF GOSPEL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in this vaulted space to lift ourselves into your Spirit, O Creator.

It is you who gives us the breath to breath and shines the light upon our path.

Fill us, please, with the desire to speak as you would, walking in your ways for all to know.

Come let us pray and worship God together. Amen.

*** HYMN #314 LIKE THE MURMUR OF THE DOVE'S SONG**

1. Like the mur-mur of the dove's song, Like the chal-lenge of her
2. To the mem-bers of Christ's bod-y, To the branch-es of the
3. With the heal-ing of di-vi-sion, With the cease-less voice of
flight, Like the vig-or of the wind's rush, Like the
Vine, To the church in faith as-sem-bled, To her
prayer, With the power to love and wit-ness, With the
new flame's ea-ger might:
midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho-ly Spir-it, come.
peace be-yond com- pare:

CALL TO CONFESSION

This prayer of confession is a prayer that asks for more than we can achieve ourselves. It is a prayer that acknowledges the shortcomings we share, shortcomings that we too often think are ours alone. They are not. We all struggle. We all make mistakes. We are all unkind, impatient, and too bossy from time to time. And we all miss the chance to be with each other more in your name, God, because we are so caught up in ourselves. Let this prayer of confession be a simple prayer for help – in whatever ways we are seeking to do better; and for whatever things we wish we hadn't done. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION:

RESPONSE:

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

Hear the good news: We are loved and forgiven by God. **Amen.**

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Let the peace of Jesus the Christ be with you all! **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

And regarding the question, friends, that has come up about what happens to those already dead and buried, we don't want you in the dark any longer. First off, you must not carry on over them like people who have nothing to look forward to, as if the grave were the last word. Since Jesus died and broke loose from the grave, God will most certainly bring back to life those who died in Jesus.

And then this: We can tell you with complete confidence—we have Jesus' word on it—that when he comes again to get us, those of us who are still alive will not get a jump on the dead and leave them behind. In actual fact, they'll be ahead of us. Jesus himself will give the command. Archangel thunder! God's trumpet blast! He'll come down from heaven and the dead in Christ will rise—they'll go first. Then the rest of us who are still alive at the time will be caught up with them into the clouds to meet Jesus. Oh, we'll be walking on air! And then there will be one huge family reunion. So reassure one another with these words.

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW

"God's kingdom is like ten young virgins who took oil lamps and went out to greet the bridegroom. Five were silly and five were smart. The silly virgins took lamps, but no extra oil. The smart virgins took jars of oil to feed their lamps. The bridegroom didn't show up when they expected him, and they all fell asleep.

"In the middle of the night someone yelled out, 'He's here! The bridegroom's here! Go out and greet him!'

"The ten virgins got up and got their lamps ready. The silly virgins said to the smart ones, 'Our lamps are going out; lend us some of your oil.'

"They answered, 'There might not be enough to go around; go buy your own.'

"They did, but while they were out buying oil, the bridegroom arrived. When everyone who was there to greet him had gone into the wedding feast, the door was locked.

"Much later, the other virgins, the silly ones, showed up and knocked on the door, saying, 'Master, we're here. Let us in.'

"He answered, 'Do I know you? I don't think I know you.'

"So stay alert. You have no idea when he might arrive.

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

SERMON

* HYMN # 323 LOVING SPIRIT

Corner's *Gross Catholisch Gesangbuch*, 1631
Arr. William Smith Rockstro (1823-1895)

Shirley Erena Murray, 1987

1. Lov-ing Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it, You have cho - sen me to be;
 2. Like a moth-er You en - fold me, Hold my life with-in Your own,
 3. Like a fa - ther You pro - tect me, Teach me the dis-cern - ing eye,
 4. Lov-ing Spir - it, in Your close-ness I am known and held and blest:

You have drawn me to Your won - der, You have set Your sign on me.
 Feed me with Your ver - y bod - y, Form me of Your flesh and bone.
 Hoist me up up - on Your shoul-der, Let me see the world from high.
 In Your prom-ise is my com - fort, In Your pres-ence I may rest.

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

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THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT US (IN UNISON)

Our Mother/Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kindom 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 kindom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

EUCHARIST CELEBRATION (SEE INSERT)

* HYMN: 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.

BLESSING: Thanks be to God!

BENEDICTION 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.	

POSTLUDE

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