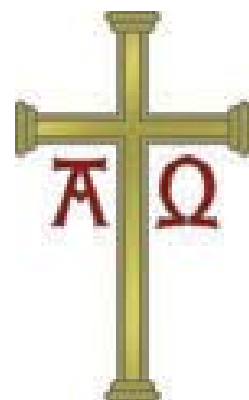


REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY



JAN HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE
NOVEMBER 20, 2011

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.



13th Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance, Sunday, November 20, 2011

The Transgender Day of Remembrance was set aside to memorialize those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice. The event is held in November to honor Rita Hester, whose murder on November 28th, 1998 kicked off the "Remembering Our Dead" web project and a San Francisco candlelight vigil in 1999. Rita Hester's murder — like most anti-transgender murder cases — has yet to be solved.

Although not every person represented during the Day of Remembrance self-identified as transgendered — that is, as a transsexual, crossdresser, or otherwise gender-variant — each was a victim of violence based on bias against transgendered people.

We live in times more sensitive than ever to hatred based violence, especially since the events of September 11th. Yet even now, the deaths of those based on anti-transgender hatred or prejudice are largely ignored. Over the last decade, more than one person per month has died due to transgender-based hate or prejudice, regardless of any other factors in their lives. This trend shows no sign of abating.

The Transgender Day of Remembrance serves several purposes. It raises public awareness of hate crimes against transgendered people, an action that current media doesn't perform. Day of Remembrance publicly mourns and honors the lives of our brothers and sisters who might otherwise be forgotten. Through the vigil, we express love and respect for our people in the face of national indifference and hatred. Day of Remembrance reminds non-transgendered people that we are their sons, daughters, parents, friends and lovers. Day of Remembrance gives our allies a chance to step forward with us and stand in vigil, memorializing those of us who've died by anti-transgender violence.

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.



A Beautiful Noise by Judy Anderson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (From the MLP Retreat & Mission Weekend, New Orleans, LA 2006)

Creating God, blessed are you and blessed is this time and place.
Thank you for your people gathered here.

We are here!

**Being the church! We have not retreated.
We are standing and seated here in praise!**

Reconciling Redeemer, you are the mender of our souls and the healer of our broken bodies.
You lift us up,
strengthen and sustain,
nurture and nourish,
heal and help.

Holy Fire,

ignite a new spark in the heart of each one gathered here.

Light our way.

Warm our bodies.

Inspire our tongues to speak a new word,
to shout another praise, and to sing an amazing song
that will bring to us life and to you glory from our witness.

Come.

Let us worship this inspiring and life-giving God together!

HYMN #484 SING WITH HEARTS



Sing with hearts, sing with souls, Dance with joy to God, To whom we



of - fer prais-es, To whom we sing with glad-ness.

1. Let all our
2. Let all our
3. Let all our



hearts o - pen up to the Lord God, Let all the heavens hear how our
bod - ies sway to God's mu - sic, Let all the earth move with our
souls shine out with God's beau - ty, Let all cre - a - tion feel our



hearts re - joice; For it is God who has giv - en us grac - es,
feet and hands; For it is God who in - spires and up - lifts us,
love for God; For it is God who has grant - ed us wis - dom,



From whom comes the mu - sic in our voice. O Lord, we sing
From whom flows all rhythm in our dance.
In whom we find re - al - i - ty and dream.



with joy-ful hearts, with soul and bod - y of-fer we our arts.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sometimes “beautiful noises” are a bit uncomfortable. How often have we been willing to create the “beautiful noise” of honesty, openness, and even confrontation when needed? How often have we loved and cared enough to offer expressions of truth even when they may be hard to hear; “noises” that can be beautiful, indeed. Perhaps the ugliest of noises are the ones held in silence: resentments, disdain, apathy, self-centeredness, and more. God, forgive us when our silence turns mean. Help us to have the courage to be beautiful, to be truthful – and to love with compassion, openness, and heart.

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: EZEKIEL 34:11-16; 20-24

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 25: 31-46

“When the Son of Humanity comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.³⁴Then the he will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by God, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

SERMON *WHAT IS A JOYFUL NOISE?*

JIM NEDELKA

*** HYMN # 219**

TO GOD COMPOSE A SONG OF JOY

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



Today, November 20 marks the 13th annual Transgender Day of Remembrance, a day set aside to remember those who have died as a result of anti-transgender hatred or prejudice. Let us remember all those who have ever faced injustice and exclusion based on their created and loved being, the work of a loving and manifold wondrous God. Let us pray, too, that we – each one of us – in our own lives bring the “joyful and loving noise” of welcoming and radical hospitality to all we meet. For to welcome one another, is – always – to welcome the angels among us. Never let anyone be treated with the violence that we and God abhor.

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: THE DESERT SHALL REJOICE



	1. It shall
	2. For the
The des - ert shall re - joice	3. For the
And blos - som as a rose:	4. For the
	5. As the
	6. Un - to



blos - som a - bun - dant - ly And re - joice with praise and sing - ing.
ears of the deaf shall hear And the blind, their eyes be o - pened.
tongue of the mute shall sing And the lame will dance with glad - ness.
ground will be - come a pool And the dry land springs of wa - ter.
ran - somed re - turn to God And come sing - ing back to Zi - on.
Zi - on we come with iov. For our God has come to save us.

BLESSING RESPONSE: Thanks be to God!

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 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



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About our guest preacher, Jim Nedelka:

Currently a member of our sister congregation, West-Park Presbyterian, Jim has been with ABC NEWS RADIO since 1988, where he is a Manager of Program and Technical Operations.

Since 2008, he has been a contributor to the Presbyterian News Service, reporting from Hazleton, PA, on the town's controversial Restrictive Immigration Law, from the Czech Republic, site of the 2008 PC(USA)/ECCB Partnership Conference, from the 219th General Assembly and from the Big Tent Events.

Jim, a native New Yorker whose father's parents were married here at Jan Hus in June 1926, hails from an ecumenical family where, on his mother's side, he's related to the Archbishop Molloy who had the High School named in his honor.

He and Holly Nedelka, who directs the Child's Play program here at Jan Hus, have been married since 1980; they have two adult children: Kristoffer and Abigail.

Thanks, Jim! And, thanks to you and Holly for being such good friends of Jan Hus Presbyterian Church and Neighborhood House.