

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**HOPE
PEACE
JOY
LOVE**

**JAN HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE
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A WELCOMING AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

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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.



*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING & WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Clear a path! **Make a way!**
 For the Lord is coming! **The Prince of Peace.**
 The Servant whose gift is Shalom! **How we need God's peace.**

Peace not as the world gives but as Jesus gives. Not as armament, but as Spirit-song. Not in decorations and excessive gifts, but in the healing of wounds, honoring our many communities, restoring creation to its fullness and beauty.

We light the second candle of Advent, the candle of Peace.
Let all who long for peace take heart in its light. By its light let us recognize the things that make for peace. By its light let us walk with each other, in all our diversity and difference, as we work to prepare a path for the coming of the Lord. This is the light of Emmanuel, the candle of peace.

HYMN: ONE CANDLE IS LIT v. 1&2

JESUS CHRIST

128 One Candle Is Lit

Unison

1. Come sure - ly, Lord Je - sus, as dawn fol - lows night,
 2. Come quick - ly, sha - lom, teach us how to pre - pare

1. our hearts long to greet you, as ros - es, the light.
 2. for a gift that com - pels us with jus - tice to care.

1. Sal - va - tion, draw near us, our vi - sion en - gage.
 2. Our spir - its are rest - less till sin and war cease.

1. One can - dle is lit for the hope of the age.
 2. One can - dle is lit for the reign of God's peace.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Someone is on their way.
 Someone is approaching the breathless.
 Someone is bringing food for those who grow thinner day by day.
 Someone is offering family to those who have none.
 Someone is seeking new ways to bring work to those hoping.
 Someone is moving toward us with medicine for the sick.
 Someone is listening and ready to still the bullies and taunting.
 Someone is carrying the justice for all; ready to be embraced.
 Someone is near who know our needs, bringing healing our way.

We are waiting.
We are waiting.
We are waiting.
We are waiting.
We are waiting.
We are waiting.
We are waiting.
We are waiting.

HYMN #20 WATCHMAN, TELL US IF THE NIGHT

1. Watch-man, tell us of the night, What its signs of prom - ise are.
 2. Watch-man, tell us of the night, High - er yet that star as - cends.
 3. Watch-man, tell us of the night, For the morn - ing seems to dawn.

Trav - eler, o'er yon moun - tain's height, See that glo - ry - beam - ing star.
 Trav - eler, bless - ed - ness and light, Peace and truth its course por - tends.
 Trav - eler, dark - ness takes its flight, Doubt and ter - ror are with - drawn.

Watch - man, does its beau - teous ray Aught of joy or hope fore - tell?
 Watch - man, will its beams a - lone Gild the spot that gave them birth?
 Watch - man, let your wan - derings cease; Has - ten to your qui - et home.

Trav - eler, yes; it brings the day, Prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.
 Trav - eler, a - ges are its own; See, it bursts o'er all the earth.
 Trav - eler, lo, the Prince of Peace, Lo, the Son of God is come!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Peace. Peace. Peace. How could we ever trade your peace for worry, anxiety, cynicism, and other sentiments that move us away from your peace? What is it that we have so attached ourselves so that we lose the simple gratitude for all you give us, all you are to us? A simple gratitude that is greater than anything we can achieve, accomplish, or buy? Teach us to want what we have and to find in what we have the most magnificent of all gifts, God. Your love. Your assurance. Your grace. Your presence – always with us. Peace is in knowing you are with us. Peace is in letting ourselves be embraced by you. Peace is knowing all is well, because we are yours. Always have been and always will be. Forgive us when we forget such things. Please.

SILENT PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION:

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

RESPONSE: BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life a - new.
That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE & FORGIVENESS

We are forgiven, loved, and safe in God’s presence. Always have been. Always will be. 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, filled with hope!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Peace comes to us from God in many ways. Listen to these words from others who sought such things, as well. Listen for the ways in which these words speak to you. May they fill you with peace. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: PSALM 85

I will listen to what God says;
God promises peace to God’s people, the faithful servants—
but let them not turn to folly.
Surely God’s salvation is near those who fear God,
that God’s glory may dwell in our land.
Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.
God will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.
Righteousness goes before God
and prepares the way for God’s steps.

GOSPEL READING: MARK 1: John the Baptist Prepares the Way

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way”—“a voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message:

“After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

SERMON

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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

THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT US (IN UNISON)

PREPARING FOR COMMUNION: ONE BREAD ONE BODY

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,
one cup of bless- ing which we bless. And
we, though man-y through-out the earth,
we are one bod - y in this one Lord.
1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser- vant or free,
2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,
wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all. One
gath - ered to one, for all.

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The Lord's Supper: Come to the Table, One and All!

One All One
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift
All One
up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give
All
thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and it is good, and it is joyful to give thanks to you, God of mystery and miracle. And so we sing your praise, joining our voices to all who sing on earth and to the whole company of heaven:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of pow-er and might. Heav-en and
earth are full of your glo - - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Blest is the
one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.
Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the
high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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We acknowledge the Holy Spirit in Our Midst

Pour out your Holy Spirit on your children gathered here and on these gifts bread and wine.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes once again and we feast at his heavenly table.

Breaking of the Bread The holy evangelists, Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and St. Paul write thus:
"Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night in which he was betrayed, took the bread, gave thanks, and broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, 'Take; eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way he also took the cup after the supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them and said, 'Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the New Covenant in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

These are the gifts of God for the people of God

We pass the elements to each other, saying:

"The bread of life," and "the cup of blessing."

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison)

Most gracious God, source of all blessing, we give you thanks for inviting us to share this meal as your family. Strengthen us to be a blessing to one another and to all people, glorifying you in everything we do and say, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #1 COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
3. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and yet a King,
4. By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;

From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

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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