

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
JANUARY 1, 2012



JAN HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE  
"WHERE YOU ARE WELCOME, LONG BEFORE YOU ARRIVE."

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (ISAIAH 60, MATTHEW 2)

Look around you. God's light shines in the darkness.  
**The darkness has lifted from our eyes.**

Look around you. God's glory is all around us.  
**Our hearts are filled with joy.**

Look around you. Christ's star is risen in the sky.  
**We will follow this star to discover the light of the world.**

\* HYMN #411 ARISE, YOUR LIGHT IS COME  
*Isaiah 61:1-2*

CHURCH: MISSION

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

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FESTAL SONG SM

Ruth Duck, 1974

William H. Walter, 1894

1. A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2. A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3. A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,  
4. A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!

Show forth the glo - ry of your God, Which shines on you to - day.  
Pro - claim the cap-tives' lib - er - ty, Good ti - dings to the poor.  
Bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones And com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea-gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

**UNISON PRAYER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE (MATTHEW 2)**

**Eternal God, monarchs of old  
have left their homelands and their own people  
to follow a star and find a foreigner  
whose birth was so profound,  
it was proclaimed in the heavens above.**

**Forgive our feet of clay,  
when we would rather sit comfortably in our homes,  
than venture forth to follow your guidance in our lives.**

**Help us follow the example of the Magi,  
who brought precious gifts  
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh,  
to honor the One born that night.**

**Teach us to open our sometimes closed hearts  
to those in need around us,  
through the one who brought light into our lives.**

**Above all, teach us to forgive, as we now know the love of the One  
whose forgiveness we seek. Amen.**

**A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER...**

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE & FORGIVENESS**

We are not judged by what eyes see or by what is heard.  
We are instead loved. Forgiven and loved. Be sure of it, for it is so.  
Now, go and do the same.

**\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE:**

Since we have been forgiven by God, especially in the birth of this child Jesus, let us also forgive one another and walk and live in the peace that is ours. May the peace of God in all the ways God is known be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

God, by your Holy Spirit, give us the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and awe of you.  
Bring us the spirit of joy in your presence, through these words written long ago.  
May it be so.

**FIRST READING: ECCLESIASTES 3:1-13**

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

**GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 24:31-46**

“When the Son of Man 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. Then 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.”

**PROVOCATION: FROM RESIGNATION TO ACCEPTANCE**

**RAY BAGNUOLO**

**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 FOLLOWED BY 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.

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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.

**THE LORD'S SUPPER: COME TO THE TABLE, ONE AND ALL!**

*One* The Lord be with you. *All* And al - so with you. *One* Lift  
 up your hearts. *All* We lift them up to the Lord. *One* Let us give  
 thanks to the Lord our God. *All* 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!

**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 #535 GO WITH US, LORD**

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way Through this and  
 ev - ery com - ing day, That in Your Spir - it  
 strong and true Our lives may be our gift to You.

**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 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**



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*Welcome!* Since 1888, the doors of this church have been open to those who seek a new way to engage with the Spirit and be nourished at the welcome table. In those early years, Jan Hus Presbyterian Church (first called the Bohemian Brethren Presbyterian Church) 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 by singing our closing hymn in the Czech language and often being visited by delegations and groups from the Czech Republic.

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, Justice, and Love. We believe that God is greater than human language or experience, so you may notice that in order to more fully experience 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, which 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  
At Jan Hus, we see the sermons that are offered as conversations that give us an opportunity to hear how God's voice speaks through each of us. We hope that you feel the invitation in such sermons, giving thought to new ways of seeing and hearing God, while deepening and affirming the beliefs we hold most true. It is possible that worship at Jan Hus Presbyterian Church and Neighborhood House may seem different than what you expect. That's fine – we tend to agree that God loves to challenge us with the unexpected! Whatever your experience here, please know that you are truly welcome as one created by 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, especially on first day of 2012, seeking to make each day a day in which we remember the birth of Christ.

COUNCIL: Ruling Elders: Kerry Flynn, Gary Ireland, Annie Rawlings, Del Shorter, Deborah Widerkehr

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