

JAN HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE
WORLD FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY
JANUARY 22, 2012



“The Gospel flies best on the wings of relationships.”
~Neil Cole



“The good news was the story of a victory that had already
been won by the person of Jesus the Christ.
The good news is glad tidings of a beautiful new relationship
between humans and the divine:

*God so loved the world...
Christ so redeemed the world...
The Holy Spirit so pervades the world...
...That a new world is coming.*

~Leonard Sweet in So Beautiful

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WORLD FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

PRELUDE

GATHERING & WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Sarah Thompson USA & Marius van Hoogstraten, Netherlands/Germany)

There is no longer Jew or Greek,
there is no longer slave or free,
there is no longer male and female;
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

-- Galatians 3:28

The time has come.
Let us worship the most high God.
**With Christians all over the world,
we gather to worship!**

The time has come.
The kingdom of God is near.
**We are assembled here,
expectant.**

The time has come.
Believe the good news!
**May worship be good news
that inspires and convicts.**

Come.
Let us worship this beckoning, surprising, and stunning God together!
Amen!

***HYMN #229 FROM ALL THAT DWELLS BELOW THE SKIES**

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

229 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

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Isaac Watts, 1719

Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623; alt.
Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Unison

1. From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -
2. In ev - ery land be - gin the song, To ev - ery land the strains be -
3. E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at - tends Thy

Harmony *Unison*

rise: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Let the Re - deem - er's
long: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In cheer - ful sound all
word: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Thy praise shall sound from

Harmony

name be sung Through ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.
voic - es raise And fill the world with joy - ful praise. Al - le - lu - ia!
shore to shore, Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

In the midst of the noise, confusion, and chaos of life, our souls long for quiet. God longs for us to return to that safe place found in the presence of knowing Jesus is with us. Trusting in our refuge-providing God, let us pour out our hearts before the Holy One:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Salvation, we seek refuge by moving in the wrong directions, at times. We place our confidence in things we obtain from others, instead of delighting in the gifts you give us to share. We set our hopes too often on being known or building up worldly possessions, instead of basking in the abundance of you, and all those you give us to embrace. Forgive us, please, when we forget. Almighty Deliverer, rescue us from our distractions. Save us from choices that push us away, and guide in moving more closely to you together as we pray.

SILENT PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION:

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 PARDON

If, by reflection, analysis, and prayer, we are freed to acknowledge the wrongs around us, the pain among us, the sin within us, and the work before us, God's mission of peace with justice is being revealed in our midst. Always remember and never forget: Your burden has been lifted! The liberating love of God is at work within you!

Amen!

GREETING EACH OTHER, LOVED AND FORGIVEN

May the Peace of Christ be with you all!
And also with you!

Let us greet each other, loved and forgiven!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Be with us, O God, as we listen to the words of those people whose stories tell the presence of your love and wisdom for all the ages.

Guide us, O God, in our reflection so that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, in your will discover peace, and in your love find our salvation.

FIRST READING: JONAH 3:1-5; 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed God's mind about the calamity that God had said would happen; and God did not make it happen.

GOSPEL READING: MARK 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

SERMON *EMBRACING THE OTHER*

GLORIA-JEAN SKEETE

***HYMN** **#263 IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 263

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Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; alt. 1987

Welsh folk melody
Adapted in *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry, Thou rul - est in light,

In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
Then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!



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)

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 #294 WHEREVER I MAY WANDER**

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Wherever I May Wander

NEW ENGLAND 7.6.8.6 D

Ann B. Snow, 1959

New England folk melody

1. Wher - ev - er I may wan-der, Wher - ev - er I may be,
2. Through-out the whole cre - a - tion I see God's lov - ing care

I'm cer-tain of my Mak-er's love; God's care is o-ver me.
For ev-ery-one in ev-ery land, God's chil-dren ev-ery-where.

God made the great high moun-tains, And made the wide blue sea;
Wher - ev - er I may wan - der, Wher - ev - er I may be,



God made the sky where air-planes fly; God made the world, and me.
I'm cer-tain of my Mak-er's love; God's care is o-ver me.

***BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

***BENEDICTION Sung Blessing (English)**

(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



Join us on January 20-22nd, 2012 for the Shelter of Peace Weekend of Prayer and Learning

We look forward to your participation in our Shelter of Peace Weekend of Prayer and Learning. We will be providing you with additional resources to educate and engage your congregation on this issue.

Facts & Figures on Youth Homelessness in NYC:

- At least 3,800 youth live on the streets of NYC every night. This doesn't count youth who are couch surfing, bouncing around from apartment to apartment, having survival sex, or staying in other unstable or unsafe situations to avoid being on the street.
- There are less than 250 beds for homeless youth in NYC.
- Governor Cuomo and the NYS legislature last year slashed state funding for homeless youth shelters by 50%.
- Last year Mayor Bloomberg sought to cut funding for homeless youth by 60%.
- Shelter beds are funded by a combination of city and state funding. Every year, Mayor Bloomberg has tried to cut funding substantially, so every year we have to fight back along with our allies in the City Council.

Our Moral Obligation:

- Every young person deserves to be provided with safe shelter. Youth should not be thrown out of their homes, nor should they be left out on the street.
- We need to add enough capacity so that every young person has a safe place to sleep. We cannot afford to lose a single bed -- we need more beds!

LBGTQ Youth Homelessness:

- 40% of homeless youth in NYC identify as LBGTQ.
- As many as 25% of LBGTQ teenagers are rejected by their families when they come out, and end up on the street.
- LBGT youth are poorly served by the city's shelter system. They experience violence and harassment because of their sexual orientation and gender expression. Many find that it is safer to live on the street.
- More than 1,000 LBGTQ youth are homeless in NYC on any given night. Over the course of a year, many more experience homelessness.
- 62% of homeless LBGT youth have considered or attempted suicide, and many are at high risk for HIV infection and hate violence.

How to take action!

Call Governor Cuomo: 518-474-8390

Tell him: "I support the Campaign for Youth Shelter. I am calling as a member of my faith congregation and a New Yorker to let you know how important it is to us that you add an additional \$3 million to the Homeless Youth Services budget, every year, until all our youth have a safe place to sleep every night."

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"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 be nourished 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 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, 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 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

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, seeking to make each day a day in which we remember the birth of Christ, his life, teachings, and sacrifices – and the Love and Justice that continues to call us forward.



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A WELCOMING AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

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Today...

Fellowship Meal: Please join us for our fellowship meal after worship.

Guest Preacher: Thank you to Gloria-Jean Skeete for bringing today's message.

Worship Leader: Thank you to Elder Kerry Flynn for leading today's worship.

Guest Preachers this Month:
January 29 – Cynthia Gardner-Brimm

Sermons online, along with readings, bulletins and more: www.janhus.org