

JAN HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 29, 2012

WHY ARE YOU HERE?



And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, saying,

Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.

And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

Mark 1: 23-25, King James Version

PRELUDE

GATHERING & WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come here, Why?

**We come in worship of the God who exists beyond time.
We come in worship of the God who is present in every beat of every heart.
We come in worship of the God greater than any greatness we know.**

We come here, Why?

**Because we need such a God. And, such a God needs us.
Come. Let us worship this God together
with all our hearts in prayer and praise, together. Amen.**

***HYMN #108 CHRIST IS ALIVE!**

Christ Is Alive!

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TRURO LM

Thomas Williams, 1789

Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Brian Wren, 1968; rev.

1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound To dis - tant
3. Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, Un - touched, un -
4. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, Where col - or,

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, But sav - ing, heal - ing,
moved by hu - man pains, But dai - ly, in the
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, And touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
midst of life, Our Sav - ior in the God - head reigns.
loves the more, And lives, where ev - en hope has died.

5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring Till earth and sky and ocean ring
Good news to this and every age, With joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

It is not for things of this earth we ask forgiveness. For the earth is as you made it – of the same stardust from which we were formed. No, it is for the times when we forget how close we are in all ways to you, Our God, Creator and Companion. It is for forgetting that we ask for forgiveness and for what such lapses in memory sometimes cause us to do. Thing we would never do, were we to remember you at all times. Let us pray, asking for such forgiveness.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are so lost without you, even when we think we are whole and found. The fullness and completeness that awaits us, if we were able to see it, would show us just how much that “lost” is true. It is another way of saying that we can only be complete with you; only be full in you; only be who we have been created to be in your presence. Forgive us when we let such things slip away from our thoughts. Forgive us when we let the “lostness” fill us more than you. And, when we ask for forgiveness, let it not be for something we have done wrong. Let it be a petition to bring us closer to the time again, before which such things were forgotten. In other words, hear our plea for forgiveness as a request to come closer to you and the you in others. Hear our prayer, please.

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 and prayer we find ourselves asking for help, even in the smallest of degrees; asking for forgiveness, we can be assured that we are, indeed, forgiven and loved.

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.

PSALM 111

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is God's work, and God's righteousness endures forever.

God has gained renown by God's wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

God provides food for those who fear God; God is ever mindful of God's covenant.

God has shown God's people the power of God's works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of God's hands are faithful and just; all God's precepts are trustworthy.

They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

God sent redemption to God's people; God has commanded God's covenant forever. Holy and awesome is God's name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

GOSPEL READING: MARK 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

SERMON *WHY ARE YOU HERE?*

CYNTHIA GARDNER-BRIM

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

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

HOLY SPIRIT

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song 314

BRIDEGROOM 8.7.8.7.6

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982

Peter Cutts, 1969

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:

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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)

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.

***HYMN BE NOT AFRAID / NO TEMAS MÁS**

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

Verse 1

1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you shall not die of
 Cru - za - rás un gran de - sier-to y de sed no mo - ri-

1. thirst. You shall wan-der far in safe-ty though you do not know the
 rás; pro - te - gi - do j - rás sin rum-bo, sin sa - ber por don - de an-

1. way. You shall speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der-
 dar. 7 Le - jos de tu tie - rra mi men - sa - je lle - va -

to Refrain

1. stand. You shall see the face of God and live.
 rás; el ros - tro de tu Dios con - tem - pla - rás.

Refrain

Be not a - fraid. I go be - fore you al - ways. Come fol - low
 No te - mas más. Yo voy de - lan - te siem - pre. Ven, sí - gue -

1, 2 to Vss 2, 3 Final 2

me, and I will give you rest.
 me y en Mí des - can - sa - rás.

Verse 2

2. If you pass through rag - ing wa - ters in the sea, you shall not
 Si en los ma - res tur - bu - len - tos sien - tes que te vas a aho -

2. drown. If you walk a - mid the burn - ing flames, — you shall not be
 gar; si en las lla - mas im - pe - tuo - sas, sien - tes que te que - ma -

2. harmed. If you stand be - fore the pow'r of hell and death is at your
 rás; si, de - lan - te, de la muer - te, sien - tes cer - ca el fi -

to Refrain

2. side, know that I am with you — through it all.
 nal, es - ta - ré a tu la - do y — vi - vi - rás.

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Verse 3

3. Bless-ed are your poor, for the king-dom shall be
Di - cho - sos son los po-bres que en el Rei - no vi - vi -

3. theirs. Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall
rán; di - cho - sos los que llo - ran, un dí - a son - rei -

3. laugh. And if wick-ed tongues in - sult and hate you all be - cause of
rán. Si te a - co - san y te o - dian só - lo por cre - er en

3. me, bless-ed, _____ bless-ed _____ are you!
mí, di - cho - so, _____ di - cho - so e - res tú.

to Refrain

***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

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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 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. And, you are invited to join us – as guests, visitors, and members!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR AND A LIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEAL

You are invited to join us immediately after worship for our Coffee Hour and a Light Fellowship Meal.

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE.

We are a fully welcoming congregation that honors the great and wonderful diversity of God’s creation. We honor those who find themselves here and yet may follow a different faith tradition. We believe your presence and faith enriches our gathering. If you identify yourself as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender or in any other way that expresses your gender identity – you are welcome here and fully invited to participate in the work and worship of this congregation. In other words, “All are welcome here.” We really mean it.

MEMBERSHIP

We are a small, family-sized congregation with less than 25 members. Yet, we are committed to our Homeless Outreach Advocacy Program and several other forms of outreach within our daily work at Jan Hus Presbyterian Church and Neighborhood House. We are seeking new members to be part of this congregation and to bring your gifts in helping us in this vibrant and challenging ministry of Love and Justice, which we call Gospel. If you are interested in considering membership, please see me or anyone who looks like a member after worship. (Sooner or later you will find one! ☺)

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TODAY’S GUEST PREACHER

We are blessed to have Cynthia Gardner-Brim as our guest preacher today. Cynthia is a seminarian at New York Theological Seminary, completing an internship here at Jan Hus Presbyterian Church and Neighborhood House, while she studies, works at the seminary, and does more that I dare to try and keep up with! Cynthia is joined in her seminary work here by another tireless person, Gloria-Jean Skeete. We are grateful that Cynthia brings her message here today, and we are thankful for Cynthia and Gloria’s generous and gracious spirit that fills the life and work of this congregation and its missions.

SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LESS

Our outreach center is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M., during which time we assist nearly one hundred people a day by welcoming them here, providing food, clothing, and other resources. In order to equitably distribute the resources we have available to the hundreds of people who visit us in need each week, we provide all outreach support for others through the Homeless Outreach and Advocacy Program center. If you are in need or someone approaches you for help during our time together on Sundays, please see or refer the person to the pastor or one of the members of the church. We will take it from there, so that all those who come here have to worship and fellowship with each other. We all need time to find sanctuary and community.

AUDIO RECORDING

Most of the sermons that are delivered are available in audio formats and text through our web page at www.janhus.org. Please visit the site often for the latest information and updates.

FREE CONCERT AT 1:00 P.M.

Please stay with us after Fellowship Hour for a Composer’s Voice Concert at 1:00 P.M.

JAN HUS PLAYHOUSE THEATER

Growing Up Gonzales, by Felix Rojas Limited Engagement www.growingupgonsales.com
Open Mic Night Every Sunday night. Bring your stand-up and your laughter! Doors Open 6 PM



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