

JAN HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

FEBRUARY 12, 012

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



TESTIMONY BY JAN RICHARDSON

PRELUDE

GATHERING & WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to God all the world!
Worship God in the witness of joy!

Enter the temple your heart, the temple of God with thanksgiving.
For God's heart is ours and God's love is the one temple above all.

God is good, very good indeed!
Yes! Let us worship this joyful and loving God together.

***HYMN #8: LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES**

Psalm 24:7-10

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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TRURO LM

Georg Weissel, 1642
Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855

Thomas Williams, 1789
Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates, Be - hold, the
2. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a
3. Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide My heart to

King of glo - ry waits; The King of kings is
tem - ple, set a - part From earth - ly use for
Thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me Thy in - ner

draw - ing near; The Sav - ior of the world is here!
heaven's em - ploy, A - dorned with prayer, and love, and joy.
pres - ence feel; Thy grace and love in me re - veal.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us join together now in prayer as we recognize our humanity and ask for forgiveness and pardon in the ways in which we have fallen short.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great God, you have given us the Light in Jesus the Christ. Still, sometimes we choose darkness, forgetting how much we are loved. We forget how much joy there is in knowing that you love us. We forget how much your love for us – gives us to that love share with others. Bring us out from the darkness of our forgetfulness. Forgive us for all that we ask of you in these prayers. Bless us with the grace of your pardon – so we may be relieved of the bondage of self and resentments we hold toward others.

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

SILENT PRAYERS 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 (MATTHEW 5:48; LUKE 6:36)

Jesus is reported to have said, "Forgive and you will be forgiven." Such and more is the assurance of pardon we share this and every day. **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: 1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

GOSPEL READING: MARK 1:40-45

A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.' Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

SERMON

HYMN #394: THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

There Is a Balm in Gilead

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BALM IN GILEAD 7.6.7.6 with refrain

African-American spiritual

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Arr. Melva W. Costen, 1989; alt.

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole.

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin - sick soul.

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, And think my work's in vain, But
2. Don't ev - er feel dis - cour-aged, For Je - sus is your friend, And
3. If you can-not preach like Pe - ter, If you can - not pray like Paul, You can

then the Ho - ly Spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain. 2. There is a
if you lack for knowl-edge He'll not re - fuse to lend. 3. There is a
tell the love of Je - sus And say, "He died for all."

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

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 TO PRAY

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 #540 GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN (NEXT PAGE)**

***BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

*BENEDICTION

(English)

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.

(Czech)

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

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

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CLOSING HYMNS

540 God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Jeremiah Eames Rankin, 1880; alt. RANDOLPH 9.8.8.9 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Unison

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain; Lov - ing coun - sels
2. God be with you till we meet a - gain; Un - seen wings pro -
3. God be with you till we meet a - gain; When life's per - ils
4. God be with you till we meet a - gain; Keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, With a Shep-herd's care en - fold you:
tect - ing hide you, Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:
thick con - found you, Put un - fail - ing arms a - round you:
float - ing o'er you, Smite death's threat-ening wave be - fore you:

Unison

God be with you till we meet a - gain.



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.

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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!



SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US FOR 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.

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! ☺)

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.

PREACHING AND ASH WEDNESDAY DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

February 19, Sunday of the Transfiguration Gloria-Jean Skeete

February 22 More information to follow. See updates on website at www.janhus.org

February 26, First Sunday of Lent Elder Kerry Flynn

SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LESS

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.

COMPOSER'S VOICE FREE CONCERT SERIES: ALL PERFORMANCES AT 1:00 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

2/26/12 Trajetória Brasileira: music of Brazil's Preludio 21! Sarah Carrier, flute; Andrea Christie, piano; Josh Henderson, violin; Sophia Yan, piano; and the New York Guitar Trio! Introduction by Preludio 21's.

3/11/12 Women's Month Part I: Guest curator: Maria Incontrera. Fifteen Fifteen-Minutes-of-Fame: Michelle McQuade Dewhirst, horn. Plus performances by Marie Incontrera and Viola Yip!

3/25/12 Women's Month Part II: Guest curator: Delea Shand. Music and performances by Martha Cargo, Anne Goldberg, Kjersti Kveli, Julia Menwald, Rachel Peters!

4/8/12 Easter Sunday. Our first JAPANESE themed concert with Fifteen-Minutes-of-Fame: Thomas Piercy, clarinet and Claudine Hickman, piano. Music and performances by JX; Kenji Haba; Kyoko Ozawa and more!!

JAN HUS PLAYHOUSE THEATER

Growing Up Gonzales, by Felix Rojas Limited Engagement www.growingupgonzales.com

Open Mic Night Every Sunday night. Bring your stand-up and your laughter! Doors Open 6 PM

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A WELCOMING AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

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