

JAN HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

MARCH 11, 2012

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

PROPHETS OF A FUTURE NOT OUR OWN

It helps, now and then, to step back
and take the long view.
The Kindom is not only beyond our efforts,
it is beyond our vision.
We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction
of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.
Nothing we do is complete,
which is another way of saying
that the kindom always lies beyond us.
No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No confession brings perfection.
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.
No program accomplishes the church's mission.
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.
This is what we are about:
 We plant seeds that one day will grow.
 We water seeds already planted,
 knowing that they hold future promise.
 We lay foundations
 that will need further development.
 We provide yeast that produces
 effects beyond our capabilities.
We cannot do everything,
and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.
This enables us to do something,
and to do it very well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning,
a step along the way,
an opportunity for God's grace to enter
and do the rest.
We may never see the end results,
but that is the difference between the master builder
and the worker.
We are workers, not master builders,
ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future not our own.

Written by Archbishop Oscar Romero,
martyred in El Salvador on March 24th, 1980

PRELUDE

GATHERING & WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

All the world tells of the glory of God! All creation proclaims God's abundant and radiant love!
We are the inheritors of all God has created. We celebrate in God's steadfast love.

From the sun's rising to the sun's setting, through the stars' journey into the depths of the night,
we are blessed even more that these, for unlike the stars or the sun, we can speak of God's love.
We are made for just this reason: to proclaim God in our lives to the ends of the earth!

Come, proclaim, and let us worship this amazing and creative God that loves with such power!
Come, let us lift our voices in song and praise! Amen? Amen!

***HYMN #161 AS MORNING DAWNS (PSALM 5)**

Fred R. Anderson, 1986

William Knapp, 1738

1. As morn - ing dawns, Lord, hear our cry. O sov - ereign
2. Be - fore You, Lord, the wick - ed fall, And none shall
3. Your stead - fast love shall wel - come all Who seek Your
4. Let all who seek You then re - joice, And sing to

God, now hear our sigh. As first light brings the
dwell with - in Your hall. The proud shall nev - er
house and on You call. O lead us, Lord, in
You with joy - ful voice. For You shall bless the

sun's warm rays, Ac - cept our sac - ri - fice of praise.
gain a place, Nor e - vil live to see Your face.
righ - teous - ness, As through this day Your name we bless.
righ - teous, Lord. For - ev - er be Your name a - dored.

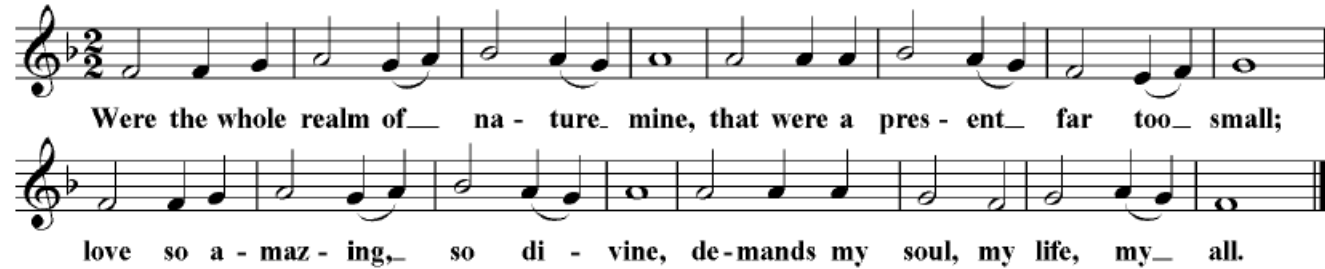
CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, forgive us when we think ourselves too small or too big. Too small to “do anything about it,” or so big we think “we know it all.” Give us the sense of humility to be “right-sized” in our relationships with all our sisters and brothers. Help us to know we are one among many and what makes the difference is that we are “one among many” – with you. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS FOR RECONCILIATION

RESPONSE: ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE



Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a pres - ent far too small;
love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine, de-mands my soul, my life, my all.

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: EXODUS 20: 1-17

These are the things God told the people:

“I am the LORD your God. I am the one who freed you from the land of Egypt, where you were slaves.”
“You must not worship any other gods except me.

“You must not make any idols. Don’t make any statues or pictures of anything up in the sky or of anything on the earth or of anything down in the water. Don’t worship or serve idols of any kind, because I, the LORD, am your God. I hate my people worshiping other gods. People who sin against me become my enemies, and I will punish them. And I will punish their children, their grandchildren, and even their great-grandchildren. But I will be very kind to people who love me and obey my commands. I will be kind to their families for thousands of generations.

“You must not use the name of the LORD your God to make empty promises. If you do, the LORD will not let you go unpunished.

“You must remember to keep the Sabbath a special day. You may work six days a week to do your job. But the seventh day is a day of rest in honor of the LORD your God. So on that day no one should work—not you, your sons and daughters, or your men and women servants. Even your animals and the foreigners living in your cities must not work! That is because the LORD worked six days and made the

sky, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. And on the seventh day, God rested. In this way the LORD blessed the Sabbath—the day of rest. She made that a very special day.

“You must honor and respect your father and your mother. Do this so that you will have a full life in the land that the LORD your God gives you.

“You must not murder anyone.

“You must not commit adultery.

“You must not steal anything.

“You must not tell lies about other people.

“You must not want to take your neighbor’s house. You must not want his or her spouse. And you must not want the men and women servants or the cattle or the donkeys. You must not want to take anything that belongs to another person.”

During all this time, the people in the valley heard the thundering and saw the lightning on the mountain. They saw smoke rising from the mountain and heard the sound of the trumpet. They were afraid and shook with fear. They stood away from the mountain and watched. Then the people said to Moses, “If you want to speak to us, then we will listen. But please don’t let God speak to us. If this happens, we will die.”

Then Moses said to them, “Don’t be afraid! God has come to test you. God wants your respect so that you will not sin.”

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 2:13-22

It was almost time for the Jewish Passover, so Jesus went to Jerusalem. There in the Temple area he saw men selling cattle, sheep, and doves. He saw others sitting at tables, exchanging and trading people’s money. Jesus made a whip with some pieces of rope. Then he forced all these men and the sheep and cattle to leave the Temple area. He turned over the tables of the money traders and scattered their money. Then he said to those who were selling pigeons, “Take these things out of here! Don’t make God’s house a place for buying and selling!”

When this happened, his followers remembered what was written in the Scriptures:

“My strong devotion to your Temple will destroy me.”

Some Jews said to Jesus, “Show us a miracle as a sign from God. Prove that you have the right to do these things.”

Jesus answered, “Destroy this temple and I will build it again in three days.”

They answered, “People worked 46 years to build this Temple! Do you really believe you can build it again in three days?”

But the temple Jesus meant was his own body. After he was raised from death, his followers remembered that he had said this. So they believed the Scriptures, and they believed the words Jesus said.

Jesus was in Jerusalem for the Passover festival. Many people believed in him because they saw the miraculous signs he did. But Jesus did not trust them, because he knew how all people think. He did not need anyone to tell him what a person was like. He already knew.

SERMON TAKE DOWN THOSE BARRIERS

GLORIA-JEAN SKEETE

TIME FOR MEDITATION

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.**

*DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all bles-sings flow; Praise God all crea-tures here be - low; Praise
God a - bove ye heav'n-ly host; Cre - a - tor, Christ and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT US TO PRAY:

Our Mother/Father who are in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kindom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heave. 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 thine is the kindom the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #536 LORD MAKE US MORE HOLY

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Lord, Make Us More Holy

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African-American spiritual

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1. Lord, make us more ho - ly, Lord, make us more ho - ly,
2. Lord, make us more lov - ing, Lord, make us more lov - ing,
3. Lord, make us more pa - tient, Lord, make us more pa - tient,
4. Lord, make us more faith - ful, Lord, make us more faith - ful,



Lord, make us more ho - ly, Un - til we meet a - gain.
Lord, make us more lov - ing, Un - til we meet a - gain.
Lord, make us more pa - tient, Un - til we meet a - gain.
Lord, make us more faith - ful, Un - til we meet a - gain.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Un - til we meet a - gain.
Lov - ing, lov - ing, lov - ing, Un - til we meet a - gain.
Pa - tient, pa - tient, pa - tient, Un - til we meet a - gain.
Faith - ful, faith - ful, faith - ful, Un - til we meet a - gain.

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,
Frest faith assailed in vain.
Perfect love, bereft of fear,
born in heaven and radiant here. Amen.

(Czech)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP WILL BE AT CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY – 10:30 IN THE COURTYARD
CORNER OF E.74TH STREET AND YORK AVENUE**

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.

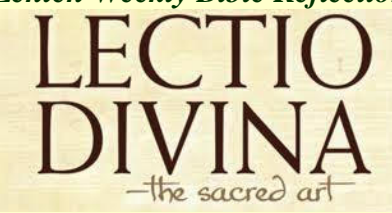
MEMBERSHIP

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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Lenten Weekly Bible Reflection



**LECTIO
DIVINA**
—the sacred art—

Lectio Divina (Divine Reading)

**Each week during Lent, we will look at a different selection in the Bible.
Using reading, reflection, silence and discussion
we will each listen for the message just for us within the text.
Led by Elder Annie Rawlings, M.Div.
Wednesday Mornings, February 29 – April 4, 2012, 7:00 – 7:30 A.M.**



**Wednesdays: 2:15 – 3 PM Spiritual Conversations, Rev. Frank Rocco
Fridays: 9:15 – 10 AM Meditation in the Sanctuary, Rev. Frank Rocco**

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.

PREACHING SCHEDULE: 3/18 Don, 3/25 Ray

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

- 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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