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God  
SO  
loved  
the world  
that he gave his only begotten  
son so that whosoever believeth  
in him  
shall  
not  
perish  
but  
have  
eternal  
life  
John 3:16

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JAN HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE  
MARCH 18, 2012  
on this, the  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING & WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

Friends of God, believe this –God loved the world, God loves the world, we are the beloved!  
**May the truth of this great love story, shine through our worship today,  
and renew our sense of calling.**

So come, with your tiredness, your frustrations and your discouragements;  
**come with your doubts, your fears, and your longings;  
come, to discover yet again how Jesus reveals God’s love and mercy.**

Come, in friendship to God and to each other, and in friendship to the world,  
**to listen for God’s Word to us, to offer our prayers, and to renew our calling.**

Friends of God,  
**let us worship God! Amen.**

<sup>1</sup> Written by Ann Siddall, Stillpoint Spirituality Center and Faith Community, Uniting Church of Australia

**\*HYMN: O LIFE THAT MAKETH ALL THINGS NEW**

*♩ = 108*

1. O Life that mak - eth all things new, the bloom - ing  
2. From hand to hand the greet - ing flows, from eye to  
3. One in the free - dom of the truth, one in the  
4. The fre - er step, the full - er breath, the wide ho -

earth, our thoughts with - in, our pil - grim feet, wet with thy  
eye the sig - nals run, from heart to heart the bright hope  
joy of paths un - trod, one in the soul's per - en - nial  
ri - zon's grand - er view, the sense of life that knows no

dew, in glad - ness hith - er turn a - gain.  
glows; the seek - ers of the light are one:  
youth, one in the larg - er thought of God;  
death, the Life that mak - eth all things new.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God, forgive us when we forgive ourselves so easily and others so hardly;  
Forgive us when we punish ourselves too much,  
in spite of your Love and Assurance.**

**Forgive us when we avoid suffering for others to such a degree that we forget –  
suffering for others comes with the Love you have given us  
and given us to share.**

**Forgive us please, when such things we forget – and in those moments  
Forget you.**

**SILENT PRAYERS FOR RECONCILIATION**

\*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

**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: BOOK OF NUMBERS 21:4-9**

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then God sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against God and against you; pray to God to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And God said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

**GOSPEL READING: JOHN 3:14-21**

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Humanity be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that God gave God's only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

**SERMON** *GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD*

**DON SORRIE, GUEST PREACHER**

\*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

**\*HYMN: BE NOT AFRAID / NO TEMAS MÁS (FIRST VERSE ONLY)**

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 - afraid. 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.

**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**

**\*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.

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**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...**

**\*CLOSING HYMN: WINDS BE STILL**

*d = 56*

1. Winds be still. Storm clouds pass and si-lence come.  
 2. Bird fly high. Lift our gaze toward dis-tant view.  
 3. Light shine in. Lu - mi - nate our in-ward view.

Peace grace this time with har - mo - ny.  
 Help us to sense life's mys - ter - y.  
 Help us to see with clar - i - ty.

Fly, bird of hope, and shine, light of love, and in  
 Fly high and far, and lead us each to see how we  
 Shine bright and true so we may join our songs in new

calm let all find tran - quil - li - ty.  
 move through the winds of e - ter - ni - ty.  
 sounds that be - come full sym - pho - ny.

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**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**



Del's on the Move!

**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.

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**WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND MEDITATIONS:**

**Lectio Divina** Wednesdays in Lent Join us as each week Elder Annie Rawlings, M.Div. leads us in reading, reflection, silence, and discussion of different selections from the Bible. Remaining dates: March 21, 28, and April 4. In the sanctuary from 7:00 – 7:30 A.M.

**Spiritual Conversations** Wednesdays 2:15 – 3:00 P.M., in the sanctuary and led by Rev. Frank Rocco

**Meditations** Friday 9:15 – 10 A.M., in the sanctuary and led by Rev. Frank Rocco

**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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**AUDIO RECORDING**

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

**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.

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

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.growingupgonsales.com](http://www.growingupgonsales.com)

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

Standing in the  
Shadow of Love



**Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae ("shadow")**

*This is my commandment, that you love  
one another as I have loved you.*  
John 15:12

Thursday, April 5, 2012 6:30 pm  
Bring food to share (ready to eat/ready to serve)

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