



“Then Jesus told them, ‘You are going to have the light just a little while longer.
Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you.
The person who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. ...believe in the light.
Then the light will be within you, shining through your lives. You’ll be the children of light.’” (John 12:35)

Welcome All to
JAN HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE
MARCH 25, 2012
on this, the
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PRELUDE

GATHERING & WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Have mercy on [us]. O God, according to thy lovingkindness:
according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out our transgression.

Create in us a clean heart, O God:
and renew a right spirit within us.

Restore unto us the joy of thy salvation
and uphold us with thy free spirit.

Friends of this loving, healing, and everywhere present Holy One,
let us worship this God together! Amen.

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

¹ Variation of Psalm 51; King James Version; from today’s lectionary for the Fifth Sunday of Lent.
 All readings can be found at <http://www.textweek.com/yearb/lentb5.htm>

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CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you know how we are. We forget that you are everywhere.

We think that only certain words can define you.

We naturally limit you because of our own limitations. Yet, deep within us is more of you than we know.

All around us is more than of you than we know.

You fill our every breath.

You have made every grain of existence on this and all the universes there may be.

Forgive us when we forget how great, powerful and everywhere you are.

Help us to get out of your way so we may know you even more; so we may know your light from the inside; so we may bring you to others in all the ways we know you, in all the ways we may. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS FOR RECONCILIATION

RESPONSE: ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

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 (KATHERINE HAWKER)

Hear the Good news of God's love for us; not in earthquake, not in storms, not in mighty deeds but in the silence, in the gentle touch, in the quiet rain God says, again, "You are my Beloved. I love you."

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.**

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 12:20-36

There were some Greeks in town who had come up to worship at the Feast of Passover. They approached Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee: "Sir, we want to see Jesus. Can you help us?"

Philip went and told Andrew. Andrew and Philip together told Jesus. Jesus answered, "Time's up. The time has come for the Son of Humanity to be glorified.

"Listen carefully: Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, dead to the world, it is never any more than a grain of wheat. But if it is buried, it sprouts and reproduces itself many times over. In the same way, anyone who holds on to life just as it is destroys that life. But if you let it go, reckless in your love, you'll have it forever, real and eternal.

"If any of you wants to serve me, then follow me. Then you'll be where I am, ready to serve at a moment's notice. God will honor and reward anyone who serves me.

"Right now I am storm-tossed. And what am I going to say? 'Abba, get me out of this'? No, this is why I came in the first place. I'll say, 'Abba, put your glory on display.'"

A voice came out of the sky: "I have glorified it, and I'll glorify it again."

The listening crowd said, "Thunder!"

Others said, "An angel spoke to him!"

Jesus said, "The voice didn't come for me but for you. At this moment the world is in crisis. Now Satan, the ruler of this world, will be thrown out. And I, as I am lifted up from the earth, will attract everyone to me and gather them around me." He put it this way to show how he was going to be put to death.

Voices from the crowd answered, "We heard from God's Law that the Messiah lasts forever. How can it be necessary, as you put it, that the Son of Humanity 'be lifted up'? Who is this 'Son of Humanity'?"

Jesus said, "For a brief time still, the light is among you. Walk by the light you have so darkness doesn't destroy you. If you walk in darkness, you don't know where you're going. As you have the light, believe in the light. Then the light will be within you, and shining through your lives. You'll be children of light."

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Jesus said all this, and then went into hiding. All these God-signs he had given them and they still didn't get it, still wouldn't trust him. This proved that the prophet Isaiah was right:

God, who believed what we preached? Who recognized God's arm, outstretched and ready to act?

First they wouldn't believe, then they couldn't—again, just as Isaiah said: Their eyes are blinded, their hearts are hardened, So that they wouldn't see with their eyes and perceive with their hearts, And turn to me, God, so I could heal them.

SERMON

RAY BAGNUOLO

***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. y 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 -

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

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

***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.

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

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,
 Freest 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,
 Dej nam to; o Jezisi, spasitely mily.
 Amen.

POSTLUDE

JAN HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE
A WELCOMING AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

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About us...

Since 1888, the doors of this church have been open to those who seek a new way to engage with the Spirit and share at the table Jesus has set for us all. In those early years, Jan Hus served the needs of the Czech immigrants who founded the church and named it after the Czech reformer and martyr Jan Hus.

Today, our mission has expanded to include people from many different walks in life; people who want to share this stage of their journey with others in a God-centered community. We continue to honor our Czech founders, as well, by singing our closing hymn in the Czech language each Sunday.

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. We believe that God is greater than human language or experience, and to more fully experience the wonder of 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 shared pulpit. This is a place in which we hear the Scriptures interpreted by clergy and laity, alike, reflecting our congregation and community as a diverse expression of the presence of God in each believer. We strive for sermons that are conversations which give us an opportunity to hear how God's voice speaks to each of us. Often, we are invited into new ways of seeing and hearing God, deepening and affirming those beliefs we hold most true.

It is possible that Jan Hus may seem different than what you expect in church, for surely God loves to challenge us all with the unexpected!

However you may find us, please know that you are most welcome here as one who carries within you the Spirit of God who loves us all. *Namasthe!*



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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a meeting of the Congregation of Jan Hus Presbyterian Church and Neighborhood House on Sunday, April 15 immediately following worship to receive the Annual Report. Please join us.

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND MEDITATIONS:

Lectio Divina

Wednesdays in Lent: Join us each week as Elder Annie Rawlings, M.Div. leads us in reading, reflection, silence, and discussion of different selections from the Bible. Remaining dates: March 28, and April 4th 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

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY

Palm Sunday

Worship with us at 11 AM in our sanctuary. If you would like, please join us at Epiphany Church on E. 74th Street and York at 10:30 AM for procession.

Maundy Thursday: April 5th at 6:30 PM.

Good Friday Service and Meditation: 12 Noon – 3PM

Saturday Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday:

Pancake Breakfast in Pisek Hall from 9:00 – 10:30 AM

Worship at 11 AM

Light refreshments following worship.

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)

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 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.

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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. 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, and 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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