



“My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never, never leave you during your times of trial and suffering. When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you.”

Excerpt from *Footprints* by Mary Stevenson

Welcome All to
JAN HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE
 APRIL 22, 2012
 on this, the
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRELUDE

GATHERING & WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to this place where the many paths of God converge.
**Welcome to the ever-present heart of God that knows all of us here
 and all of us elsewhere -- on this and every day.**

Let us gather in the fullness of this community with all God’s creation.
Let us love from deeply inside the one body we share with all our sisters and brothers.

Welcome to this time of prayer and healing; worship and promise!
Welcome to the presence and hospitality of this loving and gracious God in and around us all!

Come. Let us worship this radically inclusive and wonderful God together!

***HYMN 654: HERE AM I**

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Here Am I

Unison F#m Bm7 Esus4 E Dmaj7 A/C#

1. Here am I, where un - der - neath the brid - ges
 2. Here am I, with peo - ple in the line - up,
 3. Here am I, where two or three are gath - ered,

Bm7 A/C# F#m E

of our win - ter cit - ies home - less peo - ple sleep.
 anx - ious for a hand - out, ach - ing for a job.
 read - y to be al - tered, shar - ing wine and bread.

A D/A A Dmaj7 A/C#

Here am I, where in de - cay - ing hous - es
 Here am I, when pen - sion - ers and strik - ers
 Here am I, where those who hear the preach - ing

Bm7 A Bm7 D E A

lit - tle chil - dren shiv - er, cry - ing at the cold. Where are you?
 sing and march to - geth - er, want - ing some - thing new. Where are you?
 change their way of liv - ing, find the way to life. Where are you?

CALL TO CONFESSION

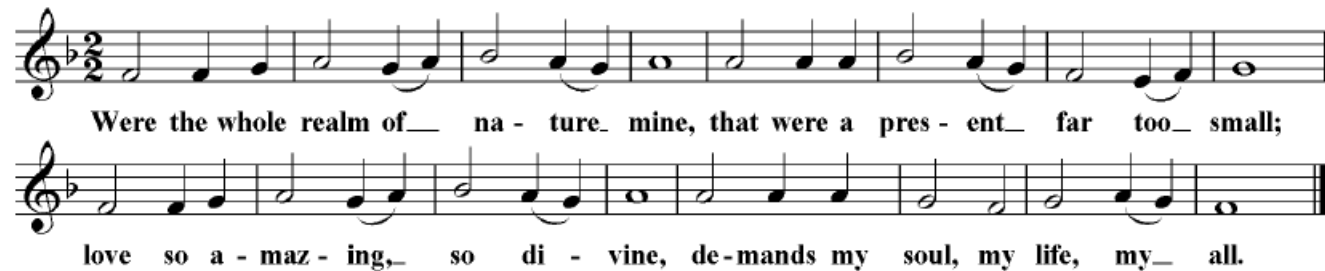
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UNISON CENTERING PRAYER

If we could only see the path...we would see the road as one, not many; we would see each other more as friends, sisters and brothers – traveling together into God’s light. Perhaps we would then see our whole human family in the Love God has given us to share. Help us, Loving God, to reach out to one another, filled with the joy, healing, and presence of your wonder – a wonder that excites us to discover more than we know on this journey – for you are always more than we know; you are always beyond definition; and you are always full of surprises. Gracious God, we need you and these mysterious ways of yours, for we truly do wish to walk with you, to be loved by you, and to share your love with all. Please help us to make it so. Forgive us when we forget such things as these. 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

Hear the Good news of God’s love for us! God walks with us at all times. In God’s presence and love, forgiveness and pardon is always present. Always.

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: LUKE 24:13-49 *The Road to Emmaus*

And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself approached and began traveling with them. But their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. And Jesus said to them, “What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?” And they stood still, looking sad. One of them, named Cleopas, answered and said to him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?” And Jesus said to them, “What things?” And they said to Jesus, “The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to the sentence of death, and crucified him. But we were hoping that it was he who was going to redeem Israel.

Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened. But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning, and did not find his body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but him they did not see.” And he said to them, “O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, he explained to them the things concerning himself in all the Scriptures.

And they approached the village where they were going, and he acted as though he were going farther. But they urged him, saying, “Stay with us, for it is getting toward evening, and the day is now nearly over.” So Jesus went in to stay with them. When he had reclined at the table with them, he took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, he began giving it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to one another, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was speaking to us on the road, while he was explaining the Scriptures to us?” And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them, saying, “The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon.” They began to relate their experiences on the road and how he was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.

While they were telling these things, Jesus stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be to you.” But they were startled and frightened and thought that they were seeing a spirit. And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; touch me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they still could not believe it because of their joy and amazement, He said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of a broiled fish; and he took it and ate it before them.

Now he said to them, “These are my words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending forth the promise of God upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

SERMON *I’LL BE A WITNESS*

CYNTHIA GARDNER-BRIM

*HYMN 614: I’M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE ME

With a backbeat G C G Am7 G

1. I'm gon-na live so God can use me
(I'm gon-na live so) (God can

G7 C G7 C Am G C

use me,) an - y time and an - y - where
(yes an - y time) (yes an - y -

G G C G B7

where) I'm gon-na live so God can use me
(I'm gon-na live so)

Em C G A7 D7 G C G

an - y time and an - y - where.
(an - y time,) (yes an - y - where).

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, 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.

CLOSING HYMN 540: GOD BE WITH US TILL WE MEET AGAIN

Unison *Harmony*

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.

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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,
Dejz nam to; o Jezisi, spasitely mily.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

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

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.

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND MEDITATIONS:

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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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.

JAN HUS PLAYHOUSE THEATER

Growing Up Gonzales, by Felix Rojas Limited Engagement www.growingupgonzales.com
Is That All There Is Sunday, May 6, 2012 2 PM. Reading of an original play by Dr. Rosalie Contino
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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