

*Meditation*

It is no small matter to acknowledge one's yearning. For this many need to make a particular effort at honesty. All too many do not want to know where their yearning is, because it would seem to them impossible or too distressing. And yet yearning is the way of life. If you do not acknowledge your yearning, then you do not follow yourself, but go on foreign ways that others have indicated to you. So you do not live your life but an alien one. But who should live your life if you do not live it? It is not only stupid to exchange your own life for an alien one, but also a hypocritical game, because you can never really live the life of others, you can only pretend to do it, deceiving the other and yourself, since you can only live your own life.

- From *The Red Book*, by Carl Jung. Page 249

*Welcome All to*  
**JAN HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE**  
**MAY 13, 2012**  
*on this, the*  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING & WELCOME**

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

Sing to God a new song,  
**for God has done astounding things.**

God's steadfast love for us has not been forgotten by God.  
**All the ends of the earth have seen the great love of God.**

Make a joyful noise to God, all you of Earth and the earth itself,  
**Let us break forth into joyous songs and praises, with one another and all of nature.**

**Come. Let us worship this Astounding God together!**

**\*HYMN #106: ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! GIVE THANKS**

<sup>1</sup> Psalm 98. Variation.

EASTER

106

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks**

ALLELUIA NO. 1 8.8 with refrain

Donald Fishel, 1973  
Arr. Betty Pulkingham  
and Donald Fishel, 1979

Donald Fishel, 1973

*Descant*

\*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

1. Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
 2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
 3. We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
 4. Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -  
 Now we shall live for ev - er.  
 Joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>**

God of Steadfast Love, we confess that our love is short-sighted. We love our families and friends, we love those close around us, we show partiality to those in positions of power over us, and we can sometimes ignore those who seem irrelevant. We are selfish with our love, loving those who will love us, who will help us. Forgive us, loving Jesus, for not loving the way you did, laying down our life for the lost and the least, the poor and the broken. Forgive us for being short-sighted, and not seeing our brothers and sisters in the world. Call us back into the ways of your love, away from the ways of the world. In the name of Jesus the Christ, the Love of God, and your Spirit in all the ways you are known.

**SILENT PRAYERS FOR RECONCILIATION**

<sup>2</sup> [www.rev-o-lution.org](http://www.rev-o-lution.org)

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**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 astounding!

**GREETING EACH OTHER, LOVED AND FORGIVEN**

Abiding in Christ's love, let us turn to one another and offer signs of forgiveness, love, and peace.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Abide within us, O Holy One. Transform us into branches of your love, bearing fruit that feeds and nourishes a world hungry for kindness and compassion. Strengthen us that we may grow in your likeness with courage and conviction. Abide in us that we may abide in you, living as your astounding presence in the world. Open the meaning in these words of old and new that leads us in the direction of your love and guidance for us all. Amen.

**FIRST READING: ACTS 10:44-48**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

**SECOND READING: JOHN 15:9-17**

As God has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept God's commandments and abide in God's love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from God. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that God will give you whatever you ask God in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

**SERMON**

*LIKE IT OR NOT*

*RAY BAGNUOLO*

**\*HYMN 115: COME, YE FAITHFUL, RAISE THE STRAIN**

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## Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain 115

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John of Damascus (c. 675–749)

Trans. John Mason Neale, 1859; alt.

Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842–1900); alt.

1. Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness;  
2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ hath burst His pris - on,

God hath brought forth Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness;  
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun hath ris - en.

Loosed from Phar - aoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;  
Now re - joice, Je - ru - sa - lem, And with true af - fec - tion

Led them, with un - moist - ened foot, Through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
Wel - come in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!

## 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.

## 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: LISTEN TO YOUR SAVIOR CALL

## 536 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)**

(Czech)

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.

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**

**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:**

**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 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](http://www.growingupgonzales.com)  
*Open Mic Night* Every Sunday night. Bring your stand-up and your laughter! Doors Open 6 PM

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