

Meditation

What a thinker does not think – the thinker believes does not exist, and what one does not feel – the one believes does not exist. You begin to have a pre-sentiment of the whole when you embrace your opposite principle, since the whole belongs to both principles, which grow from one root.

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

Welcome All to
JAN HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE
MAY 20, 2012
on this, the
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GATHERING & WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

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 #398: THERE'S A SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

Doris Akers, 1962

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1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, And I
2. There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive Till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; There are
know Him in His full - ness and be - lieve; You're the

sweet ex - pres-sions on each face, And I know they feel the
one to prof - it when you say, "I am going to walk with

Refrain
pres-ence of the Lord. Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it,
Je - sus all the way."

Sweet heav-en-ly Dove, Stay right here with us, Fill-ing us

with Your love; And for these bless-ings We lift our hearts in

praise. With - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived When we shall leave this place.

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have forgotten you in thought word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. In your mercy forgive us our shortcomings. Direct us, please, so that we may amend what needs to be amended and walk in your ways in the service of others and to the glory of your holy name.

SILENT PRAYERS FOR RECONCILIATION

RESPONSE: SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me, Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

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

Holy One, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

FIRST READING: PSALMS 1–41

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of God, and who meditates on God’s law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.

Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For God watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

SECOND READING: JOHN 17:6-19

“I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Loving God, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

“I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

SERMON *WHY ME, LORD?*

DON SORIE, PREACHER

***HYMN: GATHER US IN**

Unison D A C G Gm/B^b Dm

1. Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing, sha-dows of doubt are
 2. We are the young—our lives are a mys-tery; we are the old, who
 3. Here we re-ceive new life in the wa-ters; here we re-ceive the
 4. Not just in build-ings, small and con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,

C G D A C G

van-ished a-way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth; here you shall call your sons and yourdaugh-ters,
 light years a-way, here in this place the new light is shin-ing;

Gm/B^b Dm C Am7 D

brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is God pres-ent, and now is the day.

A C/G D/F[#] G A C/G

Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in; our
 Gath-er us in— the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in— the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pass-ion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and

D/F# G A D A C G

spir - its in-flame. Call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,

Gm/Bb Dm C Am7 D C/D Gm/D D

we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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.**

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

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 411: ARISE, YOUR LIGHT IS COME!

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FESTAL SONG SM

Ruth Duck, 1974

William H. Walter, 1894

1. A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2. A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3. A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4. A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!

Show forth the glo-ry of your God, Which shines on you to-day.
 Pro-claim the cap-tives' lib-er-ty, Good ti-dings to the poor.
 Bind up the bro-ken-heart-ed ones And com-fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea-gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

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 pozebnani prjdz 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

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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

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

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

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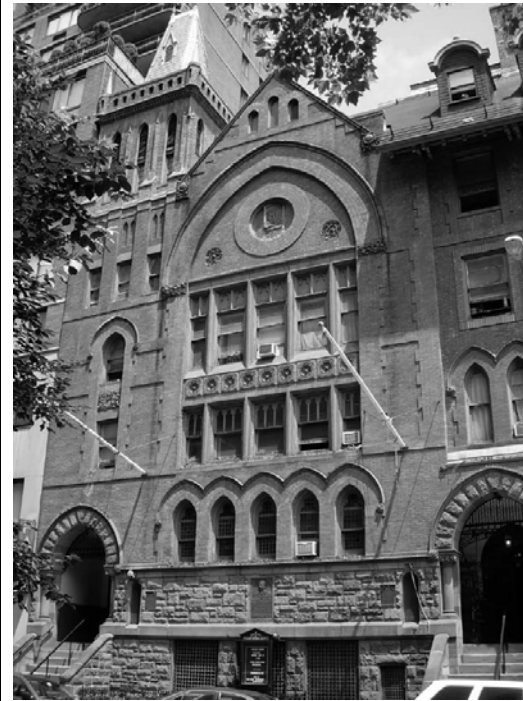
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About us...

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!*

