

JAN HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE
A CELEBRATION OF GOSPEL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
ASCENSION SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2011



Ascension

Ascension is a never-ending journey bringing us back to our Divine Beingness. We are eternal beings that have always been 'whole.' Perfect health and eternal happiness are our birthright.

~ Gabriela Rosa, Attuned Harmonics

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Scriptures tell us that "John baptized with water"
Many: **but that God baptizes with the Holy Spirit.**

One: We are of such baptism, of Spirit, God, and the Risen Jesus.
Many: **We gather as creations of "Divine Beingness," imagine – one with God and one another in eternal life and ascension.**

Many: **We rise and lift our voices in prayer and song, worshipping God in all God's greatness and wonder, healing and presence, love and embrace – together.**

Amen

***HYMN #229: PSALM 117 FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES**

PSALM 117

229 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

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Isaac Watts, 1719

Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623; alt.
Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Unison

1. From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -
2. In ev - ery land be - gin the song, To ev - ery land the strains be -
3. E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at - tends Thy

Harmony

rise: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Let the Re - deem - er's
long: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In cheer - ful sound all
word: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Thy praise shall sound from

Harmony

name be sung Through ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.
voic - es raise And fill the world with joy - ful praise. Al - le - lu - ia!
shore to shore, Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**There is some comfort in knowing that even your disciples,
the apostles, had a hard time hearing you clearly.**

**There is relief in learning that those who walked with you
needed to hear things more than once.**

We confess our shortcomings, too, and the wrongs we have done.

**We ask forgiveness for the times we have forgotten to listen,
the days when we have needed to be reminded.**

**We seek to hear you clearly, to remember before we need reminders,
and most of all to always be open to you in your fullness,
in our souls and hearts, and minds...**

...so all who know us, may know you, too.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

RESPONSE HYMN # 322 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 GOD’S LOVE & FORGIVENESS

The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus the Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy who forgives all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, 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 have to say to us today.

Amen.

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

THE FIRST READING: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 1: 1-11

Dear Theophilus, in the first volume of this book I wrote on everything that Jesus began to do and teach until the day he said good-bye to the apostles, the ones he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. After his death, he presented himself alive to them in many different settings over a period of forty days. In face-to-face meetings, he talked to them about things concerning the kingdom of God. As they met and ate meals together, he told them that they were on no account to leave Jerusalem but "must wait for what God promised: the promise you heard from me. John baptized in water; you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit. And soon."

When they were together for the last time they asked, "Master, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now? Is this the time?"

He told them, "You don't get to know the time. Timing is God's business. What you'll get is the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world."

These were his last words. As they watched, he was taken up and disappeared in a cloud. They stood there, staring into the empty sky. Suddenly two men appeared—in white robes! They said, "You Galileans!—why do you just stand here looking up at an empty sky? This very Jesus who was taken up from among you to heaven will come as certainly—and mysteriously—as he left."

THE GOSPEL READING: LUKE 24:44-53

Then he said, "Everything I told you while I was with you comes to this: All the things written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets, and in the Psalms have to be fulfilled."

He went on to open their understanding of the Word of God, showing them how to read their Bibles this way. He said, "You can see now how it is written that the Messiah suffers, rises from the dead on the third day, and then a total life-change through the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed in his name to all nations—starting from here, from Jerusalem! You're the first to hear and see it. You're the witnesses. What comes next is very important: I am sending what God promised to you, so stay here in the city until one arrives, until you're equipped with power from on high."

He then led them out of the city over to Bethany. Raising his hands he blessed them, and while blessing them, took his leave, being carried up to heaven.

And they were on their knees, worshiping him. They returned to Jerusalem bursting with joy. They spent all their time in the Temple praising God. Yes.

HOMILY

RAY BAGNUOLO

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

INTERLUDE

PREPARING FOR THE OFFERING

One: In this world, someone has too much.
Many: Someone has barely enough, someone has nothing at all.
One: When we share our commitment and financial support, we act on the imagination of Jesus.
Many: Jesus, who sees enough bread to go around, enough courage to speak the truth, and enough love to overcome all things.
One: O God, to those of us who have hunger, give bread.
And to those of us who have bread, give the hunger for justice.
Many: When the 5,000 were hungry, the disciples came to Jesus and said: "Send the people away, so they may get something to eat."
One: Jesus answered: "You give them something to eat."

OFFERTORY MUSIC

BLESSING THE OFFERING

One: 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. **Many: Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: PLEASE SEE BACK PAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

How do we pray for all those in need, suffering through spiritual, personal, political, natural upheavals and more? We pray always imperfectly, knowing that God makes up the difference. So pray. Lift up the voices of your own name and others you care about this morning. Lift up your prayers and petitions to God, whatever they may be. And as we do pray, let us keep in mind the many we know who are in the process of healing, recovery, or preparation for the transition that awaits us all.

Please keep these friends and their families in your prayers: Vinny D and his family dealing with the depression of his wife Jeannie; Stella Hagidas who continues to recover from a fall and anticipates surgery; Ralph, Freddie, and others in treatment for cancer; and all those receiving treatments and medical care.

Pray with us for justice and courage and those who lead us. For Annie Rawlings in her work around the upcoming anniversary of 9/11; for Drew Paton soon to be installed as Minister of Word and Sacrament; for our staff – all committed to the mission of this church and its outreach. To others in transition. Pray.... and, course, we pray all the prayers in the hearts of those present and elsewhere. We know they are heard...

And now, with the confidence of the children and creation of God, let us pray:

THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT US (IN UNISON)

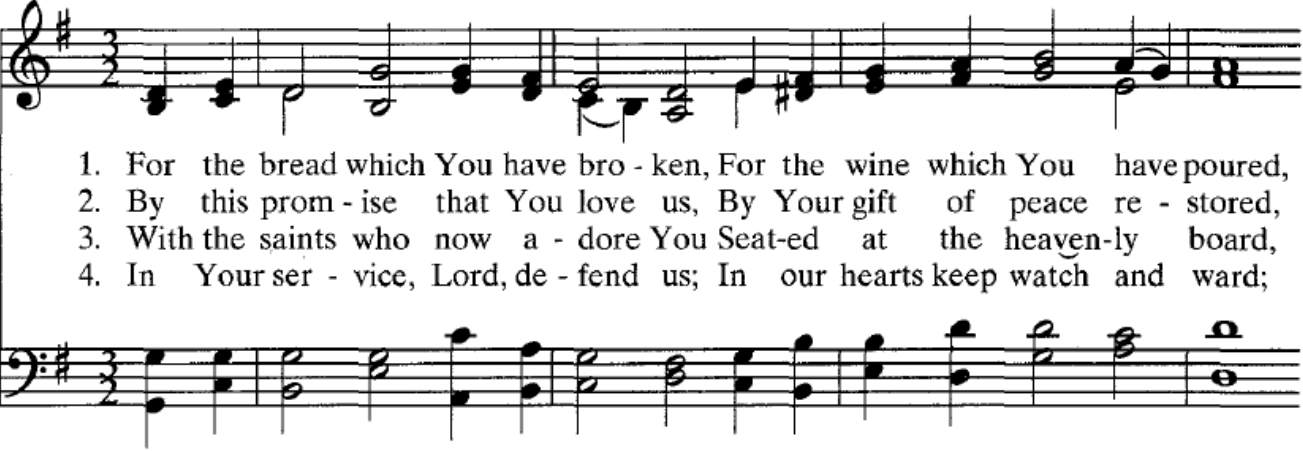
Our Mother/Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kindom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kindom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

508 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

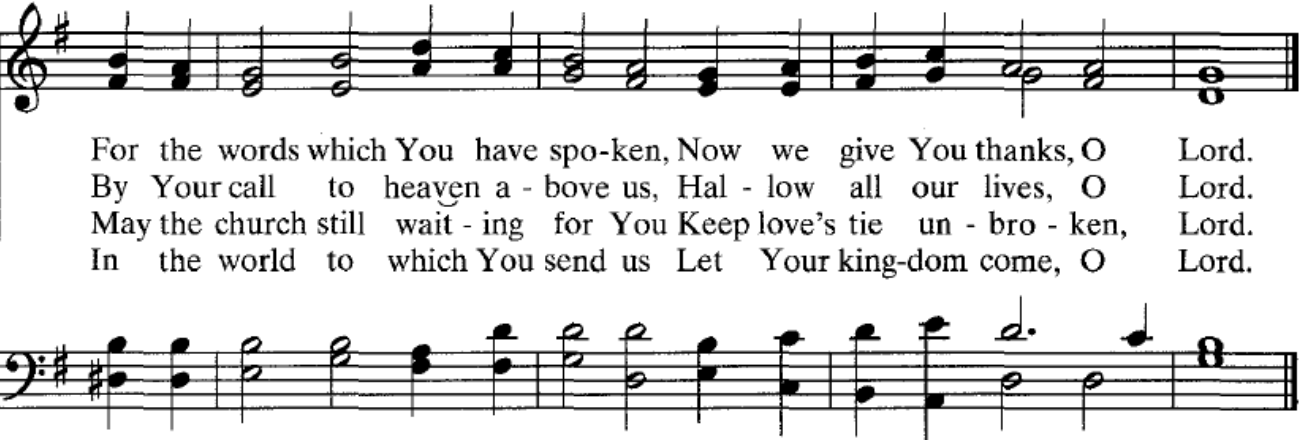
KINGDOM 8.7.8.7

Louis FitzGerald Benson, 1924; alt.

Vicar Earle Copes, 1959



1. For the bread which You have bro - ken, For the wine which You have poured,
2. By this prom - ise that You love us, By Your gift of peace re - stored,
3. With the saints who now a - dore You Seat-ed at the heaven-ly board,
4. In Your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; In our hearts keep watch and ward;



For the words which You have spo-ken, Now we give You thanks, O Lord.
By Your call to heaven a - bove us, Hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
May the church still wait - ing for You Keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
In the world to which You send us Let Your king-dom come, O Lord.



COME TO THE TABLE WHERE ALL, AND WE MEAN ALL, ARE WELCOME!

One: Let us gather around the table with the offering of bread and drink upon it and the promise of the Living Jesus among us. This is the welcome table of God where all who seek to be at peace with their neighbor and all who seek the mercy of God in Christ are embraced. Come, for we are invited in to this holy mystery. Come.

People: We are ready!

One: Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall never be thirsty.

People: We are hungry and thirsty. We come to this table.

One: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took his authority and offered the bread in thanksgiving and said . . .

People: “Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

One: In the same way, and by the same authority,
Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said,

People: “Take, drink. This is my blood of the new covenant which is poured out for
you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.”

One: Come, Holy Spirit. Come. Open our eyes to the mystery of Christ’s presence in
these ordinary things in these our everyday lives. May they be for us the very
essence of the living Christ in our midst. Through the broken bread . . .

People: We participate in the Body of Christ.

One: Through the cup of blessing . . .

People: We participate in the new life Christ gives.

One: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready!

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious and loving God, you have made us one in the body of Jesus the Christ and
nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Thank you for feeding our hunger
and relieving our thirst. Now send us into the world to do the work you have given us to
do: to find the lost and lonely, to heal broken souls, to free prisoners, and make the
powerful care. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we
say and do your good news. Amen.

SUNG BLESSING (IN ENGLISH OR 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.
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CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE

***HYMN #554: LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING**

POSTLUDE (CLOSING MUSIC)

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

554 Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE 6.6.11.66.11 D Welsh folk melody
Katherine K. Davis, 1939; alt. Harm. Gerald H. Knight (1908–1979)

Unison

1. Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks - giv - ing
2. By law God en - forc - es. The stars in their cours - es,

To God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
The sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

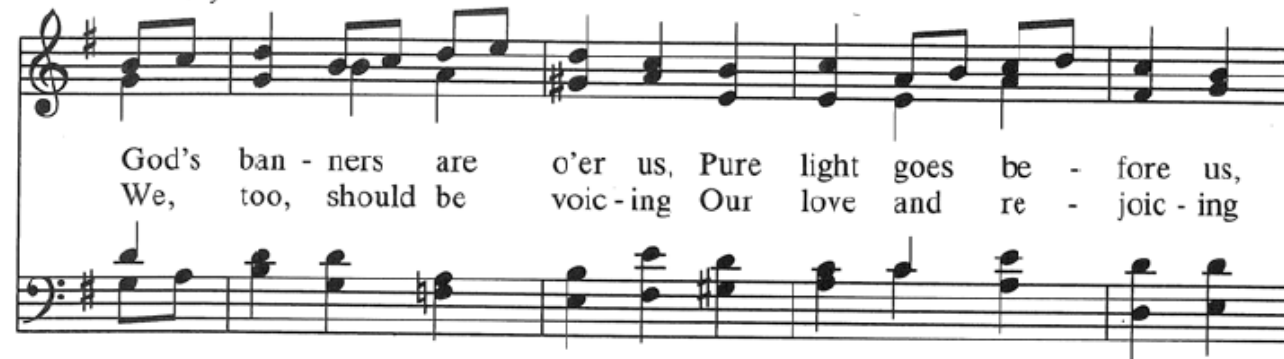
Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,

By guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
The depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

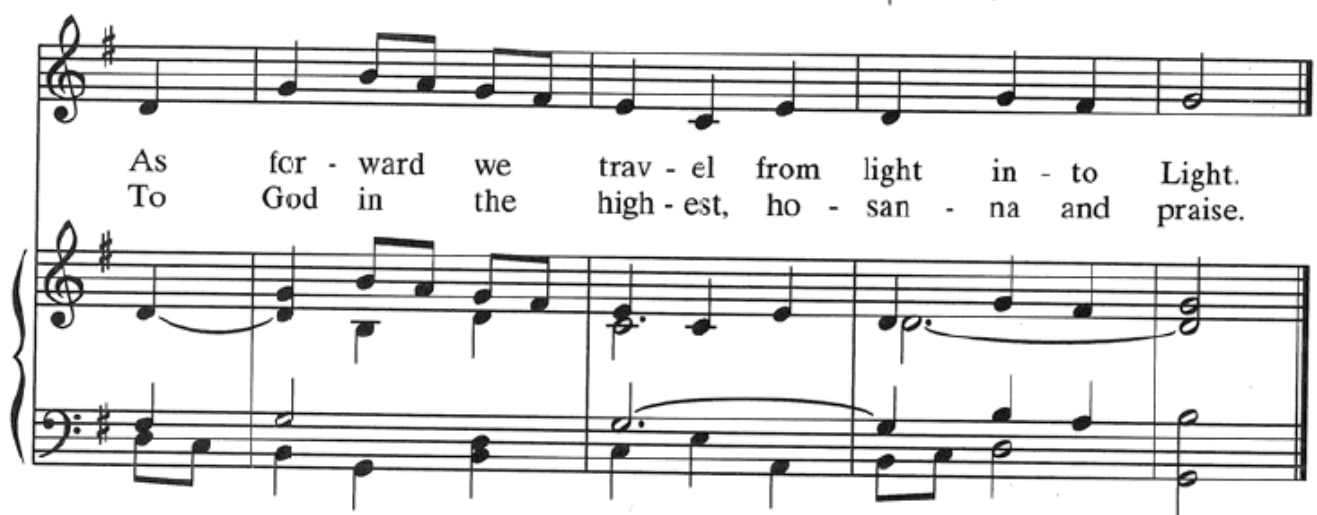
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THANKSGIVING HYMNS

Harmony



Unison



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JAN HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE



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 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!*



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HUSSITE PETS:

Philpot, Madge, Sam, Bisou, Rocket Man, Spark Man, Lincoln, Besse Mae Mucho, Cadeau, Allie, & Marvin's Reptile Friends



**WE ARE A WELCOMING AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION
AND NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE. ALL ARE WELCOME AND WELCOME TO FULLY WORSHIP
AND SERVE IN THIS PLACE.**

*For more information on any of these announcements or if you have an announcement to
share, please call Carol at 212-288-6743 or
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 5, 2011

SUNDAY, JUNE 5: COMMUNION SUNDAY

- 11:00 A.M. JAN HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WORSHIP. FELLOWSHIP LUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP.
- 3:00 P.M. INDONESIAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WORSHIPS
- 5:00 P.M. KOREAN BAPTIST CHURCH WORSHIPS
- 6:30 P.M. OPEN MIC COMEDY NIGHT IN PISEK HALL

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2011

- SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK CITY: CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 6:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2011

- SENIOR YOGA – SANCTUARY: 11:00 A.M. – 12:00 NOON
- COMMUNITY DINNER MOVIE: 4:00 – 6:00 PM (ROOM 101)
- COMMUNITY DINNER: 5:45 – 7:00 PM (PISEK HALL)

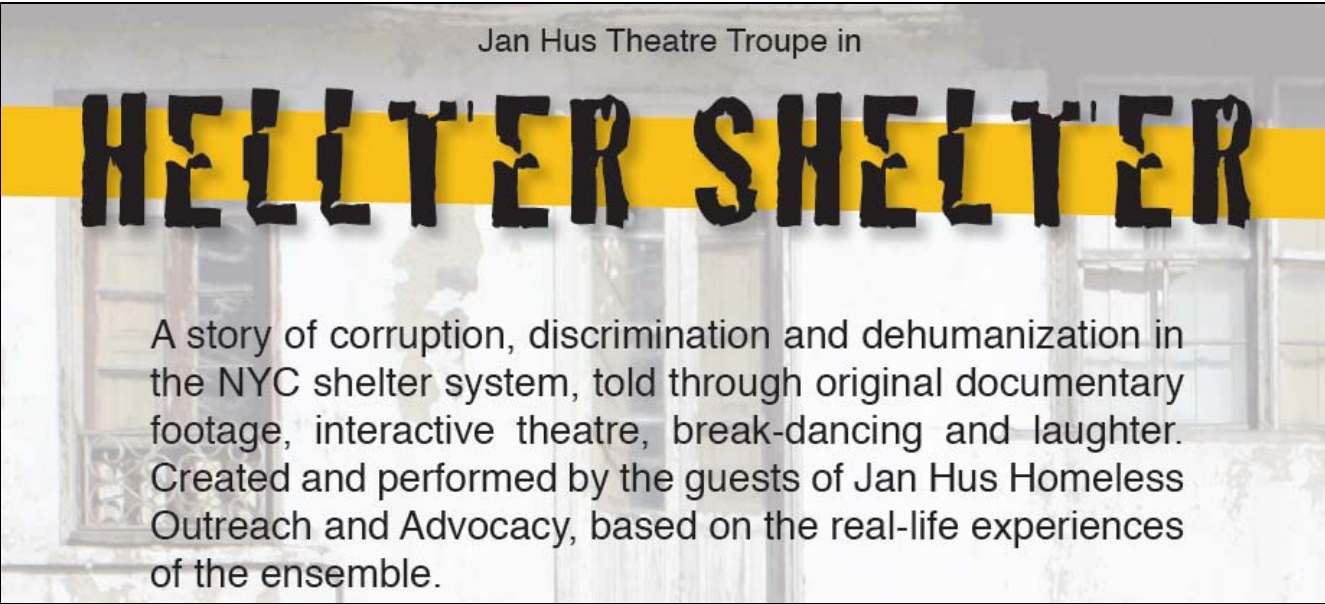
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8:

- THEATER OF THE OPPRESSED REHEARSAL: 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. PISEK HALL

THURSDAY, JUNE 9:

- CHILD'S PLAY: 9:00 – 11:00
- COOKING CLASS: 3:00 – 5:00PM; SIGN-UP REQUIRED; SEE AMY CONLEY

**THEATER OF THE OPPRESSED: PERFORMANCE
HELTER SHELTER 7:30 P.M. PISEK HALL**



FRIDAY, JUNE 10:

- SENIOR FITNESS: 10:30 A.M. – 12:00 NOON (SANCTUARY)

SUNDAY, JUNE 12:

- 11:00 A.M. JAN HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WORSHIP. FELLOWSHIP LUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP.
- 3:00 P.M. INDONESIAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WORSHIPS
- 5:00 P.M. KOREAN BAPTIST CHURCH WORSHIPS
- 6:30 P.M. OPEN MIC COMEDY NIGHT IN PISEK HALL

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