

JAN HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE
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IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We ask that you gather this morning in silence, allowing the sacredness of this sanctuary to touch the sanctuary in each of us. As we prepare for worship, please consider the art of children above and the words of the poet below.

GOD'S GRANDEUR

THE WORLD is charged with the grandeur of God.
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil
Crushed. Why do people then now not reck God's rod?
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;
And wears human's smudge and shares human's smell: the soil
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs—
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

GERARD MANLEY HOPKINS (1844-1889)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

REV. RAY BAGNUOLO

CALL TO WORSHIP

A TIME FOR CENTERING

REV. FRANCIS ROCCO

HYMN #596: YOU ARE NEAR

YOU ARE NEAR **596**
Dan Schutte

Refrain

Yah-weh, I know you are near, stand-ing al-ways at my side. You
guard me from the foe, and you lead me in ways ev-er-last-ing.

Verses

1. Lord,___ you have searched my heart, and you know when I
2. Where___ can I run from your love? If I climb to the
3. You___ know my heart and its ways, you who formed me be-
4. Mar-vel-ous to me are your works; how pro-found are your

1. sit and when I stand. Your___ hand is up - on me pro-
2. heav-ens you are there; if I fly to the sun - rise or
3. fore I was born, in the se - cret of dark - ness be-
4. thoughts, my___ Lord. E - ven if I could count them, they

to Refrain

1. tect-ing me from death, keep - ing me from harm.
2. sail be-yond the sea, still I'd find you there.
3. fore I saw the sun, in my moth-er's womb.
4. num-ber as the stars, you would still be there.

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

CALL TO CONFESSION

ANNE RAWLINGS, RULING ELDER

Come, let us continue to pray together, drawing ourselves closer to God.

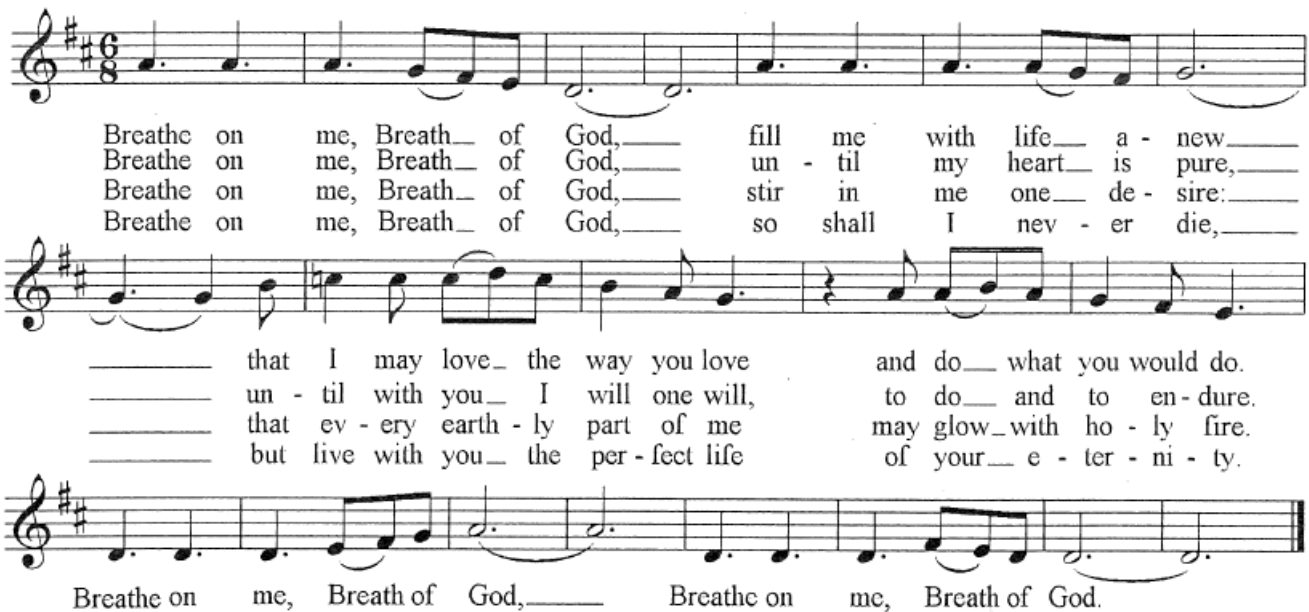
UNISON PRAYER (Psalm 46)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sometimes unwillingness to see, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts, we are sorry for all of our offenses and seek healing for those whose offenses we have suffered.

We have been wounded and we have wounded others. We have done those things we ought not to have done and we have left undone those things you would desire of us. God, help us to rely on you when we are feeling our hurts, whether physical, emotional, psychological, or spiritual, and trusting in your grace, let our hearts be at peace. Let all hearts be at peace. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE: BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD



Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new
Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one de - sire:
Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love the way you love and do what you would do.
un - til with you I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
that ev - ery earth - ly part of me may glow with ho - ly fire.
but live with you the per - fect life of your e - ter - ni - ty.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Breathe on me, Breath of God.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE & FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news:
Nothing in all creation,
neither what we do nor what has been done to us,
can separate us from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ
and poured out on the church through the Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us greet each other, loved and forgiven! May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you. Amen

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MEMBERS OF THE IRELAND FAMILY

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.

Let these words of your prophets and evangelists fill us will your call to us in each of our hearts.

FIRST READING: ROMANS 14: 1-12

Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don't see things the way you do. And don't jump all over them every time they do or say something you don't agree with—even when it seems that they are strong on opinions but weak in the faith department. Remember, they have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently.

For instance, a person who has been around for a while might well be convinced that he can eat anything on the table, while another, with a different background, might assume he should only be a vegetarian and eat accordingly. But since both are guests at Christ's table, wouldn't it be terribly rude if they fell to criticizing what the other ate or didn't eat? God, after all, invited them both to the table. Do you have any business crossing people off the guest list or interfering with God's welcome? If there are corrections to be made or manners to be learned, God can handle that without your help.

Or, say, one person thinks that some days should be set aside as holy and another thinks that each day is pretty much like any other. There are good reasons either way. So, each person is free to follow the convictions of conscience.

What's important in all this is that if you keep a holy day, keep it for God's sake; if you eat meat, eat it to the glory of God and thank God for prime rib; if you're a vegetarian, eat vegetables to the glory of God and thank God for broccoli. None of us are permitted to insist on our own way in these matters. It's God we are answerable to—all the way from life to death and everything in between—not each other. That's why Jesus lived and died and then lived again: so that he could be our Guide across the entire range of life and death, and free us from the petty tyrannies of each other.

So where does that leave you when you criticize a brother? And where does that leave you when you condescend to a sister? I'd say it leaves you looking pretty silly—or worse. Eventually, we're all going to end up kneeling side by side in the place of judgment, facing God. Your critical and condescending ways aren't going to improve your position there one bit. Read it for yourself in Scripture:

"As I live and breathe," God says,
"every knee will bow before me;
Every tongue will tell the honest truth
that I and only I am God."

So tend to your knitting. You've got your hands full just taking care of your own life before God.

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 18:21-35KERRY FLYNN, RULING ELDER

At that point Peter got up the nerve to ask, "Jesus, how many times do I forgive a brother or sister who hurts me? Seven?"

Jesus replied, "Seven! Hardly. Try seventy times seven.

"The kindom of God is like a ruler who decided to square accounts with their servants. As they got under way, one servant was brought forward who had run up a debt of a hundred thousand dollars. The debt holder couldn't pay up, so the ruler ordered the man, along with his wife, children, and goods, to be auctioned off at the slave market.

"The poor wretch threw himself at the ruler’s feet and begged, 'Give me a chance and I'll pay it all back.' Touched by his plea, the ruler let him off, erasing the debt.

"The servant was no sooner out of the room when he came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him ten dollars. He seized him by the throat and demanded, 'Pay up. Now!'

"The poor wretch threw himself down and begged, 'Give me a chance and I'll pay it all back.' But he wouldn't do it. He had him arrested and put in jail until the debt was paid. When the other servants saw this going on, they were outraged and brought a detailed report to the ruler.

"The ruler summoned the man and said, 'You evil servant! I forgave your entire debt when you begged me for mercy. Shouldn't you be compelled to be merciful to your fellow servant who asked for mercy?' The ruler was furious and put the screws to the man until he paid back his entire debt. And that's exactly what God in heaven is going to do to each one of you who doesn't forgive unconditionally anyone who asks for mercy."

A GATHERING FOR REFLECTIONRAY BAGNUOLO, TEACHING ELDER
ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

PREPARING FOR THE OFFERINGDEBBIE WIDERKEHR, RULING ELDER

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 MUSICONE BREAD, ONE BODY, CHRISTIAN MCLEER

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: IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER: DEL SHORTER, RULING ELDER

Today, as we pray, we will ask everyone to bring forward a flower from the table to the front table where the bread and drink are set. After you place the flower on the table, you can turn to those gathered and offer your prayer, followed by “God, **move within our prayers.**” If your prayer has yet to form into words, simply place the flower on the table and you can turn to those gathered and simply say, “God, **move within our prayers.**”

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.



Please join us at this table where all are welcome.
The cup is filled with grape juice.

THE LORD’S SUPPER: COME TO THE TABLE, ONE AND ALL!

One All One

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift

All One

up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give

All

thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and it is good, and it is joyful to give thanks to you,
God of mystery and miracle.
And so we sing your praise, joining our voices to all who sing on earth
and to the whole company of heaven:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of pow-er and might. Heav-en and
earth are full of your glo - - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est! Ho-san-na in the high-est! Ho-san-na in the high - est! Blest is the
one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high-est! Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.
Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the
high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Pour out your Holy Spirit on your children gathered here and on these gifts bread and wine of earth to body and blood of heaven our frail flesh and blood to your holy people, that we might show Christ to your world.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes once again and we feast at his heavenly table.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

"Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night in which he was betrayed, took the bread, gave thanks, and broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, 'Take; eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way he also took the cup after the supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them and said, 'Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the New Covenant in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'"

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The gifts of God for the people of God

We pass the elements to each other, saying: "The bread of life," and "the cup of blessing."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Most gracious God, source of all blessing, we give you thanks for inviting us to share this meal as your family. Strengthen us to be a blessing to one another and to all people, glorifying you in everything we do and say, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN:

BE NOT AFRAID/NO TEMAS MÁS

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 i- 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. 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-
1, 2 to Vss 2, 3 Final 2
me, and I will give you rest.
me y en Mí des-can - sa - rás.

Verse 2

2. If you pass through rag-ing wa-ters in the sea, you shall not
Si en los ma - res tur-bu - len-tos sien-tes que te vas a ho-

2. drown. If you walk a-mid the burn-ing flames, — you shall not be
gar; si en las lla - mas im - pe - tuo - sas, sien-tes que te que-ma-

2. harmed. If you stand be-fore the pow'r of hell and death is at your
rás; si, de - lan - te de la muer-te, sien-tes cer - ca el fi -

2. side, know that I am with you — through it all.
nal, es - ta-ré a tu la - do y — vi - vi - rás.

Verse 3

3. Bless-ed are your poor, for the king-dom shall be
Di - cho - sos son los po-bres que en el Rei - no vi - vi -

3. theirs. Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall
rán; di - cho - sos los que llo - ran, un dí - a son - rei -

3. laugh. And if wick-ed tongues in - sult and hate you all be-cause of
rán. Si te a-co - san y te o - dian só - lo por cre - er en

3. me, bless-ed, — bless-ed — are you!
mí, di - cho - so, — di - cho - so e - res tú.

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

BLESSING

REV. RAYMOND BAGNUOLO

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.

POSTLUDE (CLOSING MUSIC)

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FELLOWSHIP MEAL
 AND CONTINUED CONVERSATIONS IN OUR SANCTUARY
 AND ON OUR PATIO.

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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!*



We are a Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
and Neighborhood House. All are welcome and welcome to fully worship and serve in this place.

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