



A JOURNEY through Lent

One isn't necessarily born with courage, but one is born with potential.
Without courage, we cannot practice any other virtue with consistency.

We can't be kind, true, merciful, generous, or honest.

~ Maya Angelou

The Third Sunday in Lent: March 7, 2010
Women's International Day

Prelude

Welcome and Gathering

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 96: 1-9; 10-13)

One: Let us sing a new song that blesses God's name.

Many: Blessed is She who brings new promise each day.

One: Let us sing of God's glory among the nations.
We will sing a song of strength and beauty in God's sanctuary.

**Many: Her song is one of holy splendor. Her song vibrates with
the wonder of the earth.**

One: We will sing among the nations that God's world is firmly
established. It shall never be moved.

**Many: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice. Let the
sea roar and all that fills it. Let the field exult and
everything in it.**

All: Let us sing a new song to our God.

* Hymn (see insert)

"Bring Many Names"

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

One: We are looking for the women of our house. We know our fathers who chose
the stories that became our bible and early histories, forged documents upon
which nations were built or destroyed, founded businesses and cities, and
held seats of power.

**Many: We are looking for quilters, corn gatherers, healers, prophets, midwives,
field, mill and factory workers, servants, slaves, weavers and witches.**

One: We are looking for the women of our house. Angry women and beaten women,
women struggling with substance abuse and women who have overcome.
Women who have been raped and tortured. Women who lead revolutions.

Many: We are looking for the women who stood up and those who could not rise.

One: We are looking for the women of our house. Women of all nations who fear for
their lives and the lives of their children and partners.

**Many: We are looking for the women of all nations who worked alongside to
overcome oppression.**

One: Merciful Mother, forgive us for forgetting women's history, under-appreciating
women's work, closing our eyes to women's suffering, remaining uninvolved
in women's struggles.

**All: Healing God, help us find that part of your spirit that is female and
present in each of us. Teach us to listen and feel the presence of your
feminine breath. We are looking for the women of our house. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Sung Response: Hymn #324

Open my eyes, that I may see, Glimpses of truth Thou has for me
Place in my hands the wonderful key, That shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: The good news is that God sees all we are, accepts us where we are, loves who we are, and offers us a fresh and forgiving Spirit. We can continue our journey together in promise and joy.

Many: **Our thanks and praise to the God of light, and life, and hope!**

One: Friends, believe in the Good News of the Gospel and your call to serve!

Many: **God’s grace dwells in and among us!**

One: Let us greet each other, with a sign of love and peace!

Please offer one another a sign of peace...

Prayer for Illumination

One: 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.

Many: **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.**

Scripture Readings: *Esther 3:12-13; 4:3-16; 5:1-8 7:1-6, 9-10*
Luke 13:31-35

Sermon: *Elder Kerry Flynn*

* Hymn (see insert) **“Gather Us In”**

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

Prayers of the People

The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us (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.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion & Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

One: 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!

All: Remembering him, we take this bread and wine,
Gifts of the good earth, Offering ourselves as a sacrifice of
praise, While we sing for joy:

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!

One: 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.
For this world we pray

All: 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.

Hymn #513 “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Words of Institution

Blessing the Elements

Sharing of the Elements - All are invited. We pass the elements to each other, saying: "The bread of life," and "the cup of blessing." We dip the bread in the cup.

Prayer after Communion (Unison)

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 "The Summons"

Benediction

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.

One: Go in peace to love and serve God!
Many: Thanks be to God!

Postlude (Closing Music)

Please Join Us for Fellowship & a Light Lunch Following Worship

Please remember our families, friends, and concerns in your prayers, including:

- For Jean and Maxine (from our prayer board)
- For Iris Moses for freedom from physical pain (from our prayer board)
- For Diane McQueen struggling with cancer (from our prayer board)
- For Albert recovering from heart surgery (from our prayer board)
- Jerry Brody, as he continues to recover from back illness.
- All the soldiers all over the world and their families
- Mona Green, Director of IPS at Jan Hus, recovering well from heart surgery
- The children and their doctors and caregivers at Ronald McDonald House
- The too-many (one is too many) with no permanent housing
- Those who are hungry
- The friends who come to Carter Burden each day
- Those without jobs
- Others you hold dear and in your prayers....



Lenten Bible Series Continues
Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 in our Kitchen
March 10, 17 and 24
A meal will be served with our studies!

Congregational Meeting and Election of Officers: today following worship.
As usual, a light luncheon will be served.

Please thank Stan and Essie who prepared the sanctuary and light lunch that follows worship, Gina who helps with arrangements and clean-up, and Del for the care and beauty of the flowers that fill our chancel.

Thanks to Stan for setting up the sanctuary and for today's meal.

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| Wed., March 11 | Jan Hus Playhouse Reopens with "Kenny and the Virgin Mary" |
| Sunday, March 28 | Palm Sunday; Procession with Epiphany Episcopal Church 10:30a |
| Thursday, April 1 | Maundy Thursday |
| Friday, April 2 | Good Friday Service, Sanctuary open for Prayer 12 Noon – 3PM |
| Sunday, April 4 | Easter Sunday |
| Sunday, April 3 | Easter Sunday & Pancake Breakfast |
| Sunday, April 11 | 4:00 – 6:00 P.M. Concert/Performance Fundraiser for Haiti Relief |

Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House

"Where you are welcome, long before you arrive."

Since 1888, the doors of this church have been open to those who seek a new way to engage with the Spirit and eat at the welcome table. In those early years, Jan Hus served the needs of the Czech immigrants who founded the church and named it after the martyr Jan Hus. Today, our mission has expanded to include people from many different walks in life who want to share this stage of their journey with others in a God centered community. We continue to honor our Czech founders, however, by singing our closing hymn in the Czech language (it is printed in the bulletin in English as well, so don't be afraid to sing out in English if your Czech is a little rusty).

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 our 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 community pulpit, one in which we hear the Scriptures interpreted by both clergy and laity and that allows for a greater reflection of the community as a whole – a diverse expression of the presence of God in each believer and at the core of our collective experience. Sermons are conversations that give us an opportunity to hear how God's voice speaks to each of us. Sermons may invite us into new ways of seeing and hearing God or deepen and affirm those beliefs we hold most true.

It is possible that Jan Hus may seem different than what you expect in church. That's fine – our God loves to challenge us with the unexpected! Please know that you are most welcome here as one who carries within you a piece of the God who loves us all. We are happy to have you with us and thank God for bringing us together on this, the day that God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.



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