

## Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House

An unapologetic place of gospel and social justice.

The disciples, seeing Jesus with their own eyes, were exuberant. Jesus repeated his greeting: "Peace to you. Just as God has sent me, I send you."

### The Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 18, 2010



Know all and you will pardon all.

~ Thomas A'Kempis

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"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.



\*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so. Page 2

***Prelude***

**Call to Worship**

One: From the midst of our trials and tribulations and all our daily struggles and with the painful memory of Good Friday still fresh in our hearts and minds  
Many: Let us live into the hope and power of Easter, which conquers suffering and death

One: Not in spite of but because of all that we have experienced and all that we are  
Many: Let us be an Easter people

One: In a world where so many hunger and from the midst of our own deepest hungers, whatever they may be  
Many: Let us give thanks to God, who welcomes us to the table and offers us nourishment.

All: Let us prove our Love for God with joyful worship and lives of service.

**\* Hymn 434 Christ is Alive!**

**Call to Prayer**

**Unison Prayer**

Loving God, You call to us across the waters but we cannot believe it's really you. You reveal yourself amongst us and yet we think we are on our own. You invite us to your table of abundance, but we would rather fight over the scraps. You have gone to the ends of the Earth and beyond to show your love for us, but still we feel unworthy and so we deny your love entry into our hearts. Help us, O God, to receive with trust all that you have in store for us, to follow Christ down his harrowing path, and to feed and tend your sheep as you have commanded; so that we might know more fully the depth of your love for us and so that it might be made manifest in the world.

**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 God's Love & Forgiveness***

One: We, too, are the forgivers...

**Many: Jesus call us to forgive, as much as we seek forgiveness.**

One: It is true...serenity and peace...are never fulfilled when forgiveness is incomplete.

**Many: So let us seek forgiveness in full and peace in abundance, and let it begin now...**

***Please offer on 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.**

**First Reading:      The Book of Acts      Chapter 9 Verses 1 – 6**

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

**Gospel Reading:    The Book of John                    Chapter 21 Verses 1 – 19**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

**Sermon:**        *Do You Love Me?*                    Drew Paton, M.Div., Candidate for Minister of Work and Sacrament

**\* Hymn            421    The Church of Christ in Every Age**

\*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.            Page 5

**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.”**

**All:            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)**

Creator God, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**\*Hymn 369    I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**

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**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**

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

- The People of Haiti, China, and other locations in the world where natural disasters have collided with the lives of our sisters and brothers.
- The People of Poland and the deep sorrow they are living through as they mourn many of their country’s leaders.
- Closer to home, the People of West Virginia living in the shadow of loss from the recent mine explosion.
- Those who find themselves marginalized in any way from the their places of worship.
- Individuals and families finding their way through addiction and recovery.
- The many who are unemployed seeking work.
- All those prayers you bring with you today...



**Please join us after worship for a light lunch after worship today!.**

***Today’s Announcements:***

Please thank Stan and Essie who prepared the sanctuary and light lunch that follows worship, Del for the care and beauty of the flowers that fill our chancel, and Analia and Brian for their help this morning.

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| Sunday, April 25 | Composer’s Voice Concert – Free! 1:00 – 2:00 P.M.   |
| Wednesday, 4/28  | Chamber Music Concert to Benefit Jan Hus Presbyterian Church Ministry to the Poor and Homeless. 7:30 P.M. at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church at Madison and 73 <sup>rd</sup> . See insert. |

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**If you have clothing you are able to donate, we welcome your generosity.  
We are especially in need of men’s clothing for our outreach program.  
Clothing is always given away without any charge. Always. Tax forms  
available.**

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