

**Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House**  
A Spiritual Home in the real world, embracing Gospel and Justice.

**Day of Pentecost**  
Sunday, May 23, 2010



Being the Spirit of grace, the Holy Spirit strives against [human] hostility to grace—in other words, [our] seeking to justify [ourselves] by works; for this is the characteristic, unique [distancing from God] that [we] cannot get rid of, nor escape thinking of. The Holy Spirit strives against this.

The Holy Spirit and the Christian Life, Karl Barth

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

One: Spirit Divine, attend our prayers  
Many: **Make a lost world your home.**

One: Descend with all your gracious power  
Many: **O, come Great Spirit, come**

**All: And let us worship God together!**

**\* Hymn 524 Holy Spirit, Lord of Love**

**Unison Prayer**

Ruach [roo-ock], pneuma [noo-ma], spirarse...  
Wind, spirit, breathe...  
Words to capture what captures us, if we let it.

Dear God, we don't always "let it."  
We have no idea how to hold onto the wind, the spirit, the breath.  
Every time we try, it moves elsewhere. We chase it and  
"Where has it gone?"

Then, when we least expect the movement  
There you are. When we stop trying to capture, chase...control  
There you are, sometimes gently  
And sometime with all the force  
we could never understand.

Come to us in whatever ways are needed.  
Teach us the power of pause and presence and response together.  
Forgive us when we forget these practices,  
forgive us for ourselves...  
but more, forgive us for missing those you send our way,  
As we too often move in the wrong direction.

Be with us, as we are together,  
just like in the times of your early disciples  
just like always  
And stir us with your Spirit and your Grace,  
Please.

We ask this in the name of the one who taught us to pray...

### **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 radical and welcoming 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: Paul's Letter to the Romans: Chapter 8 Verses 14-17**

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Mother! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

#### **The Gospel According to John: Chapter 14 Verses 8-17; 25-27**

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the one you call "Abba," and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the one you ask of. How can you say, 'Show us the Father, Abba, Mother'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but of God who dwells in me does God's works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the one who is Abba. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that God may be glorified in God's Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask of God, and God will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees nor knows this Spirit. You know the Spirit, because the Spirit abides with you, and the Spirit will be in you.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom God will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

**Sermon:** *The Gift of Spirit*

**\* Hymn 131 Wind Who Makes All the Wing that Blows**

## 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)

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 319 Spirit

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

## 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

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

- For those struggling with addiction...
- For those struggling with God...
- For those struggling with one another...
- For those marginalized...for any reason.
- For those seeking healing, work, wholeness..
- All for all the prayers you bring with you today...
- If you wish, please offer your prayers for all to hear, as well



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

### **Today's Announcements:**

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

Sunday, May 30  
Sunday, June/6

Composer's Voice at 1:00 P.M. Free. All Are Welcome.  
More Light Sunday Worship

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## 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.



\*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so. Page 7

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