

**Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House**  
**An unapologetic place of gospel and social justice.**

**The Eleventh Sunday in *Ordinary Times***  
**Sunday, June 13, 2010**



Welcome friends from  
**Church of Reconciliation**  
**Chapel Hill, South Carolina**

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Visitor's footfalls are like medicine; they heal the sick.  
~African Proverb

## *Prelude*

### Call to Worship

One: *Welcome* means something in this place...

**Many: It means we are trying.**

One: Faithfulness is a song, a prayer, a meditation...

**Many: And as we practice such things, we find ourselves moved, gently, undeniably closer to God and to one another.**

One: So welcome! Practice with us as we seek to be faithful and open and loving to our neighbor, and in so doing...

**Many: Let us move close to God and to our neighbor. Come, let us worship God together in voice, and prayer, and song!**

### \* Hymn 161 As Morning Dawn

#### Call to Prayer

**Unison Prayer:** [This prayer is adapted the movie *Peter's Dragon*. It's the story of an orphaned boy who has an invisible dragon as a companion. In one scene, the townspeople, mostly fishermen, blame the boy because they aren't catching fish. One of them yells, "There's no room here for you." The prayer is, in part, the lyrics from the song-in-response: "There's Room for Everyone."]

There's room for everyone in this world if everyone makes some room.  
Won't you move over and share this world, will everyone make some room...  
give him or her a chance to sing their song, they only want to belong...  
a Dragon is just one more stranger in search of a friend...step aside, let them live,  
it's simple to give...

Love given freely can spare this world...just give an inch, give a yard,  
never flinch when the time comes to give a hand.

Let's all make sure we give everyone a place to stand, just the way God planned.

#### Silent Prayer for Reconciliation

### Sung Response: Hymn #322

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

One: We are forgiven what needs to be so...

**Many: Just by asking.**

One: We show our gratitude for such blessings...

**Many: When we forgive another.**

#### Passing of the Peace

Let us offer one another a greeting and sign of forgiveness and 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: 1 Kings 21:1-21a

Later the following events took place: Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard in Jezreel, beside the palace of King Ahab of Samaria. And Ahab said to Naboth, "Give me your vineyard, so that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near my house; I will give you a better vineyard for it; or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its value in money." But Naboth said to Ahab, "The LORD forbid that I should give you my ancestral inheritance."

Ahab went home resentful and sullen because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had said to him; for he had said, "I will not give you my ancestral inheritance." He lay down on his bed, turned away his face, and would not eat.

His wife Jezebel came to him and said, "Why are you so depressed that you will not eat?" He said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if you prefer, I will give you another vineyard for it'; but he answered, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'" His wife Jezebel said to him, "Do you now govern Israel? Get up, eat some food, and be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

So she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal; she sent the letters to the elders and the nobles who lived with Naboth in his city. She wrote in the letters, "Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth at the head of the assembly; seat two scoundrels opposite him, and have them bring a charge against him, saying, 'You have cursed God and the king.' Then take him out, and stone him to death." The men of his city, the elders and the nobles who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent word to them. Just as it was written in the letters that she had sent to them, they proclaimed a fast and seated Naboth at the head of the assembly. The two scoundrels came in and sat opposite him; and the scoundrels brought a charge against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, "Naboth cursed God and the king." So they took him outside the city, and stoned him to death. Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth has been stoned; he is dead."

As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, Jezebel said to Ahab, "Go, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead." As soon as Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, Ahab set out to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying: Go down to meet King Ahab of Israel, who rules in Samaria; he is now in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone to take possession. You shall say to him, "Thus says the LORD: Have you killed, and also taken possession?" You shall say to him, "Thus says the LORD: In the place where dogs licked up the blood of Naboth, dogs will also lick up your blood."

Ahab said to Elijah, "Have you found me, O my enemy?" He answered, "I have found you. Because you have sold yourself to do what is evil in the sight of the LORD.

### **Gospel Reading: Luke 7:36 – 8:3**

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment.

Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner." Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "Speak." "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little."

Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

**Introduction:** *Cross the Mersey to a Place Where No One is Turned Away*

**\* Hymn 106 Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks**

## 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.

## 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!**

### \* Hymn 535 Go With Us Lord

#### Postlude (Closing Music)

**Please remember our families, friends, and concerns in your prayers, including those who are:**

- Analia on the next leg of her mission trip to the USA
- Caring for others
- On their way to new...
- Reeling from disasters – human-made and natural
- Struggling with addiction
- Seeking ways out of loneliness
- Praying for relief from depression and despair
- Family members in all the configurations and ways of being family
- Member of the Presbytery of New York City
- Friends on their way to us from all the ways there are to journey
- Trying to forgive – or have given up on trying
- Preparing for surgery and procedures
- Holding on to the hopes for finding work
- Navigating their relationships with others
- Longing for peace
- Hungry
- Unsure
- Not ready for help, yet...
- Seeking joy, prosperity, good company, a light heart, and a faith in God. May they find us here...



*Please Join Us for Fellowship & a Light Lunch Following Worship  
And, the outside deck is open!  
Feel free to wander outside with your meal!*

Announcements:

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

Congratulations to Rocket and Bizou on the birth of four pups! All are doing well! (Especially, Robin!)

Please greet and welcome all our guests!

Dates to Remember:

Monday, June 14: Fresh Fruit Awards will be held in the Jan Hus Playhouse

Tuesday, June 15: Bishop Christopher Senyonjo is an LGBT advocate, ally, and exiled Bishop of the Church of Uganda, and has been publicly censored by the Church of Uganda for his courage and dedicated pastoral care of the LGBT community will be meeting at Intersections (part of the Collegiate Church family). See Ray for more information

Tuesday, June 15: Outreach Dinner Program; 5:45 – 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, June 16: Session meeting at 6:00 P.M.

July 3 – 10: General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Sunday, July 11: Annie Rawlings Preaching

Wednesday, July 14 Next Session Meeting

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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.



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June is Pride Month for the LGBT Community, Family, Supporters, & Friends  
Jan Hus Presbyterian Church and Neighborhood House is a  
Supporting Member of More Light Presbyterians



In worship across the country, congregations are remembering the people who have been marginalized and oppressed simply because they are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgendered.

Jan Hus Presbyterian Church and Neighborhood House is a *More Light Church*, meaning we subscribe to and support More Light Presbyterians and its work. The mission statement of MLP is as follows :

Following the risen Christ, and seeking to make the Church a true community of hospitality, the mission of More Light Presbyterians is to work for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people of faith in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Today, we offer these ten affirmations as part of the community of full inclusion in the life of the PC(USA) and beyond :

1. We celebrate the unity we create in the midst of our diversity.
2. We affirm the inherent beauty, worth, and dignity of every GLBT and straight person.
3. There are many paths to the sacred. The spiritual paths of GLBT persons are among them.
4. The choice is not whether to be GLBT or straight but whether or not to live an authentic life.
5. Coming out is a courageous and spiritual act.
6. Sexual expression is one of the many sacred ways that GLBT and straight adults can express the depth of love in their relationships.
7. We support each person's journey of integrating spirituality and sexuality which leads to wholeness.
8. Marriage is a sacred union for people who are committed to each other without regard to gender. Love makes a family.
9. Spiritual leaders must take responsibility to lead, protect, and affirm GLBT people: children, adults, and their families.
10. No one is free when others are oppressed.