

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

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Times
Sunday, June 20, 2010



On a Day to Remember All Families,
However we may know them.

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

Prelude

Call to Worship

- One: Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
- Many: **Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases;
Who redeems your life from the pit.
Who crowns you with steadfast love;
Who satisfies you with good as long as you live.**
- One: Bless the Lord, all God's hosts, God's servants that do God's will!
- Many: **Bless the Lord, all God's works, in all places of God's dominion!
Bless the Lord, O my soul!**
- All: **Come, let us worship God together!**

* Hymn 108 Christ is Alive

Prayer of Confession: (A variation on Psalm 51)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions, and my wrongs are always before me.
Let me hear joy and gladness from you; Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me. So that I may be faithful to you
and those you call me to serve. Remove the distance between us, so that in your
abundant grace and forgiveness I may be released from the bondage of self I
know.

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

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.

Psalm 42

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and behold the face of God?
My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually,
"Where is your God?"
These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng,
and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.
Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise God, my help and my God.
My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.
Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts;
all your waves and your billows have gone over me.
By day God commands God's steadfast love,
and at night God's song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.
I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?"
As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me continually,
"Where is your God?"
Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?
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Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:26-39

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Introduction: *Fatherhood, Servanthood, and Just Getting By*

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)

Mother/Father, 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 pozebnani 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 537: Shalom Chaverim, Farewell Good Friends

Postlude (Closing Music)

Please pray for and remember those...

- Reflecting on the many meanings of family, at this moment
- Caring for others; seeking care for themselves...
- 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 here
- 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.



Announcements:

- Welcome to Rev. Fred A. Davie, visiting us this morning for many good reasons!
- Thanks to all who helped to prepare this sanctuary for worship and for the meal we share together.
- Congratulations to Rocket and Bizou on the birth of four pups! All are doing well!
- Welcome all our guests!



Dates to Remember:

The Pride 2010 Events are: Tuesday June 22nd First Presbyterian Church in Manhattan will be screening the ‘Fish out of Water’ at 6:30pm; Heritage of PRIDE March Sunday June 27th: Presbyterian Welcome will be lining up between 11:30 and 12:30 on 39th Street between 5th Ave and Madison for the PRIDE march. Afterwards, cll 917.776.0292 to find out where the group is.

- Sunday, June 27 Communion Sunday’ Composer’s Voice Concert
- Tuesday, June 22: Outreach Dinner Program; 5:45 – 7:00 P.M.
- July 3 – 10: General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
- Sunday, July 4 Diana Bell, Preaching
- 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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