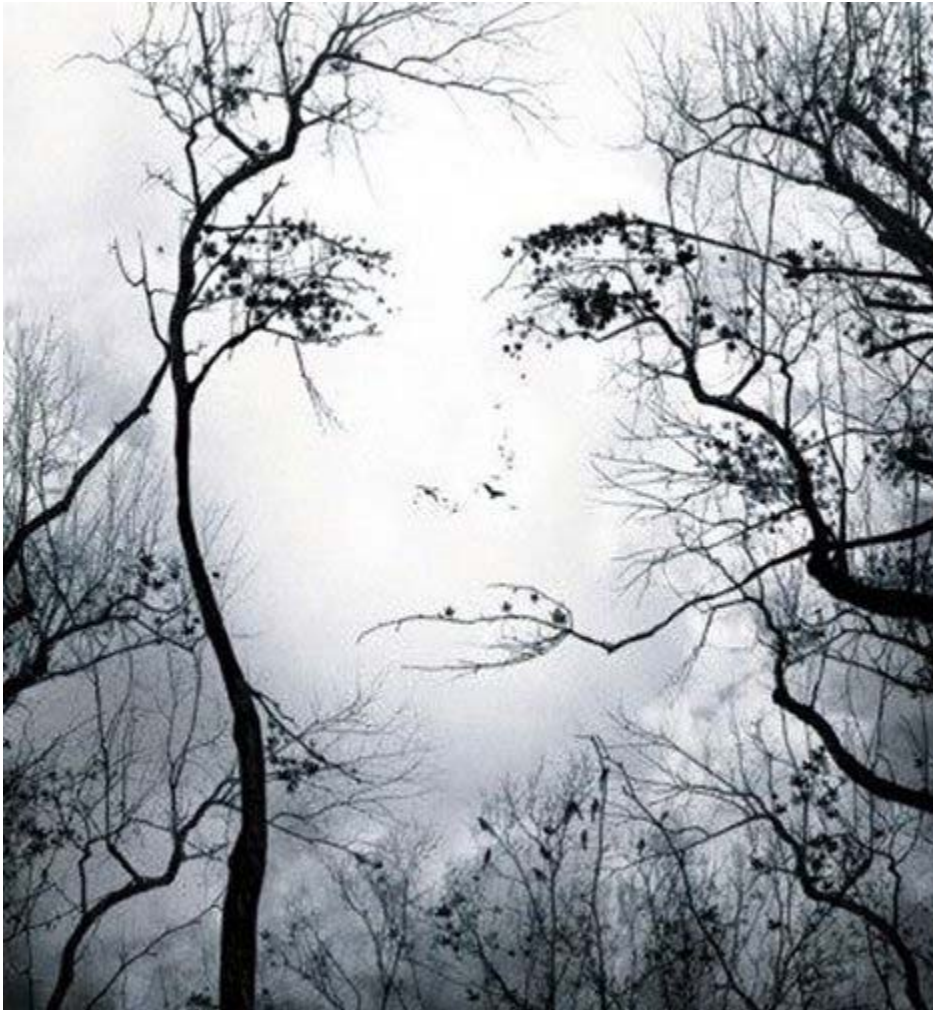


Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House

An unapologetic place of gospel and social justice.

The Thirteenth Sunday in *Ordinary* Times

Sunday, June 27, 2010



“To keep our faces toward change and behave like free spirits in the presence of fate
is strength undefeatable.” ~ Helen Keller

Special Note:

Sections of this morning’s worship and prayers are from
The First Presbyterian Church of York, York, Pennsylvania.

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: From the side of the roads we travel daily, Jesus calls:
All: **“Follow me.”**

One: In the midst of our duties and distractions, Jesus says again:
All: **“Follow me.”**

One: Even when the task seems urgent, or the person important, Jesus persists:
All: **“Follow me.”**

All: **With focused faithfulness, let us join in worship, striving to follow him.**

*** Hymn 268 Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise**

Call to Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you call us to follow, and yet sometimes we hesitate. You ask us to make a choice, and yet sometimes we equivocate. It is so easy to be consumed by doing all that we think will secure our lives here. Help us to know that it is only in giving up our sense of control over our lives and following wherever you lead that we gain our lives. In the name of the One who calls us, we pray.

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: Rejoice! The kingdom of God has come near to us!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, redeemed and strengthened for the journey.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

All: We are forgiven.

***The Passing of the Peace**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
To this peace we were called as members of a single body.

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us offer greet one another with words and signs of peace.

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Mysterious Christ, we do not always understand your words. In you, we see a man who works miracles, yet who had no home of his own; a brother who inspires us to love our families, yet who calls us to greater commitments and allegiances. Your ministry calls disciples to find a new kind of security in homelessness, a new kind of family outside of blood kin. As we hear your words once again, increase our understanding, so that we might follow you more nearly. Amen.

First Reading: *From Galatians 5*

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

The acts of the sinful nature are obvious...But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

Sermon: *"Facing into Love"* Ray Bagnuolo

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.

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
up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give
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.

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.

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:

One: 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.

All: **Jesus came not to be served, but to serve, and calls us to give our life to set others free, loving them as we love ourselves.**

Benediction

Sung Blessing (in English or Czech)

Christians rise and act your creed,	Amen to pozehnani prijdiz na nas vsecky,
Let your prayer be in your deed;	Abychom po skonani vesli v raj nebesky,
Seek the right, perform the true,	A tam s angelskou risi, boha take ctilli,
Raise your work and life anew.	Dejz nam to; o Jezisi, spasitely mily.
Come then law divine and reign,	Amen.
Freest faith assailed in vain.	
Perfect love, bereft of fear,	
born in heaven and radiant here. Amen.	

One: Go in peace to love and serve God!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude (Closing Music)

Please pray for and remember those...

- Reflecting on the many meanings of family, at this moment
- Reeling from disasters – human-made and natural
- Struggling with addiction; Seeking ways out of loneliness
- Praying for relief from depression and despair
- Member of the Presbytery of New York City
- 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.



General Assembly 219:

We ask special prayers for our 219th General Assembly which will be held in Minneapolis from Saturday, July 3rd through 10th. Among the many items to be decided are two overture concurrences from Jan Hus Presbyterian Church and its Session on making marriage equitable for people who are lesbian and gay and a change in the Book of Order regarding ordination standards for lesbian and gay persons. Ray has been asked by the Presbytery of New York City to be the Overture Advocate at the assembly for the changes in ordination. Please keep all of those seeking a fully welcoming church in your prayers.

Announcements and Dates to Remember:

- Thanks to all who helped to prepare this sanctuary for worship and for the meal we share together. Special thanks to the youth group of Brick Church & José!
- Congratulations to Rocket and Bizou (and Robin) on the birth of four pups!



Heritage of PRIDE March is today, Sunday June 27th: Presbyterian Welcome is lining up between 11:30 and 12:30 on 39th Street between 5th Ave, with a brief worship service at Noon. They expect to step off somewhere around 12:30 P.M. If you would like to join them, call 917.776.0292 to find out where the group is.

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| Sunday, June 27 | Communion Sunday’ Composer’s Voice Concert |
| Tuesday, June 29: | 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 at 6:00 P.M. |

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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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