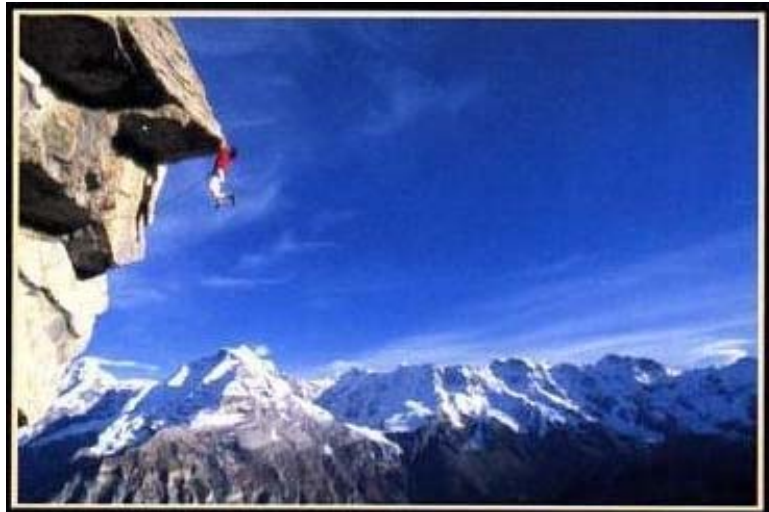


Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House
An unapologetic place of gospel and social justice.

The Sixteenth Sunday in *Ordinary Times*
Sunday, July 18, 2010



I have seen something else under the sun: The race is not to the swift or the battle to the strong, nor does food come to the wise or wealth to the brilliant or favor to the learned; but time and chance happen to them all.

~Ecclesiastes 9:11

Prelude

Call to Worship (Adapted from opening worship of the 219th General Assembly)

One: Come, Holy Spirit, as we gather in your name.

Many: **Help us to love you and one another with all our heart, mind, and soul, as we pray together.**

One: Come, Holy Spirit, as we gather in your name.

Many: **Help us to open our eyes to the sacredness of every living thing, as we pray together.**

One: Come, Holy Spirit, as we gather in your name.

Many: **Give us your strength and the courage to endure, as we pray together.**

One: Come, Holy Spirit, as we gather in your name.

Many: **Give us the goodness of the ages, as we pray together.**

Many: **Come, Holy Spirit, as we gather in your name.**

*** Hymn 489 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty**

Call to Prayer

Time of Confession (From More Light Presbyterians worship at GA 219)

From generation to generation we trust God's forgiveness is at hand and so we pray:

Gracious God, *you* look at the most troubled soul and see, still unstirred, the wings of an angel; *we* scan the finest of our neighbors, anxious to find flaws. *You* see our lives in the context of eternity; *we* demand instant results and look for tomorrow before savoring today. *You* grieve every sparrow that falls; *we* have not cared for the world, nor respected our neighbor.

We pray for your grace and pardon. We hope not to have our worst confirmed, but rather our best liberated. Forgive in us what has gone wrong. Repair in us what is wasted. Reveal in us what is good. Please.

Silent Prayers

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...
Many: **Just by asking.**

One: We show our gratitude for restoration...
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: Acts 22:30-23:11

Since the commander wanted to find out what Paul was being accused of by the Hebrew authorities, the next day he released him and ordered the chief priests and the entire council to meet. He brought Paul down and had him stand before them.

While Paul was looking intently at the council he said, "Brothers, up to this day I have lived my life with a clear conscience before God." Then the high priest Ananias ordered those standing near him to strike him on the mouth. At this Paul said to him, "God will strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting there to judge me according to the law, and yet in violation of the law you order me to be struck?" Those standing nearby said, "Do you dare to insult God's high priest?" And Paul said, "I did not realize, brothers, that he was high priest; for it is written, 'You shall not speak evil of a leader of your people.'"

When Paul noticed that some were Sadducees and others were Pharisees, he called out in the council, "Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. I am on trial concerning the hope of the resurrection of the dead." When he said this, a dissension began between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. (The Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, or angel, or spirit; but the Pharisees acknowledge all three.) Then a great clamor arose, and certain scribes of the Pharisees' group stood up and contended, "We find nothing wrong with this man. What if a spirit or an angel has spoken to him?" When the dissension became violent, the tribune, fearing that they would tear Paul to pieces, ordered the soldiers to go down, take him by force, and bring him into the barracks.

That night the Lord stood near him and said, "Keep up your courage! For just as you have testified for me in Jerusalem, so you must bear witness also in Rome."

Gospel Reading: Mark 2:1-12

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" - he said to the paralytic - "I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Sermons: *So, you thought this would be easy...* Ray Bagnuolo

*Hymn

Spirit I have Heard You Calling

1. Spir - it I have heard you call - ing, like a mem - 'ry long grown dim, cry - ing
2. Now I see you all a - round me, now I hear you call my name. Now I
3. Since you moved u - pon my wa - ters, since you spoke and set me free, I have
from cre - a - tion's mo - ment, seek - ing voice from deep with - in. I have
speak the words you give me, now I feed cre - a - tion's flame. You are
yearned for this com - mu - nion, for your fire in - side of me! Now your
heard you in my long - ing, I have heard you in my pain. Now I
speak - ing through my long - ing, You are speak - ing through my pain. Now I
love de - fines my long - ing, now your love shines through my pain. Now we
feel you mov - ing in me, feel you burn - ing like a flame.
feel you mov - ing in me, and I'll nev - er be the same.
dance in end - less un - ion, sing - ing out cre - a - tion's name.

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)

Our 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 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 [God]

**Go with us, God, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day
Than in Your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to you.**

Postlude (Closing Music)

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



- Seeking respite from the heat and humidity
- Rethinking and re-ordering their lives following changes in employment
- On their way to God's new calls
- Working for peace and an end to war
- Reeling from the effects of disasters – human-made and natural
- Struggling with addiction and denial
- Seeking friends and families in times 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
- Finding ways home from Iraq, Afghanistan, and other places...
- Hungry, unsure
- Caring for elderly member of their families...
- Not ready for help, yet...
- Seeking joy, prosperity, good company, a light heart, and a faith in God.
 May they find us here...
- Your prayers, all...

Please Join Us for Fellowship & a Light Lunch Following Worship

Announcements:

Please thank Essie, Stan, and Brian for preparing the sanctuary and this morning's light refreshments. Also, please thanks Del for the care of the flowers that fill our chancel and around the rest of our building.

Congratulations to Elaine Connolly on her clearing to be ordained and installed as pastor!

On Sunday, August 1, we will be having a blessing of the animals. Please invite your pets to bring you to worship so we may bless and appreciate them as part of our service.

Sunday, July 19-20th Feast of Tish'a B'Av: The three weeks during the summer when members of the Jewish faith mourn the destruction of the Holy Temple and their launch into Exile.

Sunday, July 25th Composer's Voice Concert. Free to all. 1:00 P.M.

Monday, September 6th Labor Day. All church offices will be closed. The church will be open for all 12-Step meetings.

September 8th – 10th (Wednesday – Friday) Rosh Hashanah: Beginning of the Jewish New Year

September 17th – 18th (Wednesday – Saturday) Yom Kippur: The day God forgave the Jewish people for the sin of the Golden Calf, known as the Day of Atonement and the most solemn day of the Jewish year.

Sunday, September 19th Homecoming! If you would like to participate in plans for our homecoming celebration, please let Ray know.

Membership Classes: If you would like to become a member of Jan Hus Presbyterian Church, please let Ray know. We are planning our membership classes for the fall. If you'd like more information, see Ray or any other member of the church.

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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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