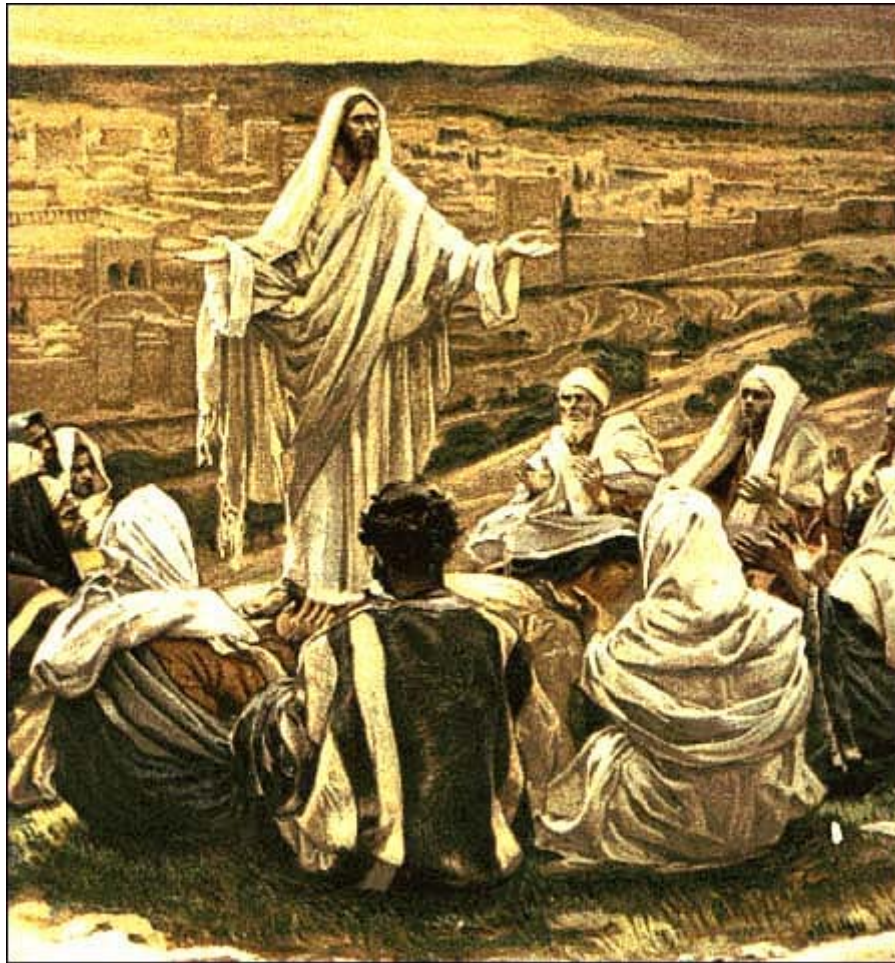


Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House
An unapologetic place of gospel and social justice.

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Times
Sunday, July 25, 2010



“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.” ~The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: We gather, Dear God, to pray.

Many: **We pray together with our voices and in unison with our hearts.**

One: In our prayers, we pause. We draw nearer to the mystery that is hidden, here, before, around, and in us.

Many: **Let our prayers unlock what is locked. Open what is closed.**

One: So let us pray to God in all the ways God is known and present.

Many: **Let us lift our voices and hearts in prayer, praise, and song.**

One: Come, let us worship God..

All: **Let us worship God together.**

* Hymn 284 **Gather Us In (Insert)**

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 being restored...

Many: When we forgive one another, especially the tough ones!

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: Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make God's face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere God.

Gospel Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father [Mother], hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are imperfect, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father [Mother] give the Holy Spirit to those who ask!"

Sermon: *Out of Bed* 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)

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 332 Live Into Hope**

Postlude (Closing Music)

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

- Rethinking and re-ordering their lives following changes in employment
- Working for peace and an end to war
- Reeling from the effects of disasters – human-made and natural
- Struggling with addiction and denial
- Praying for relief from depression and despair
- Trying to forgive – or have given up on trying
- Navigating their relationships with others
- Finding ways home from Iraq, Afghanistan, and other places...
- Caring for elderly member of their families...
- Not ready for help, yet...
- Your prayers, all...

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.

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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