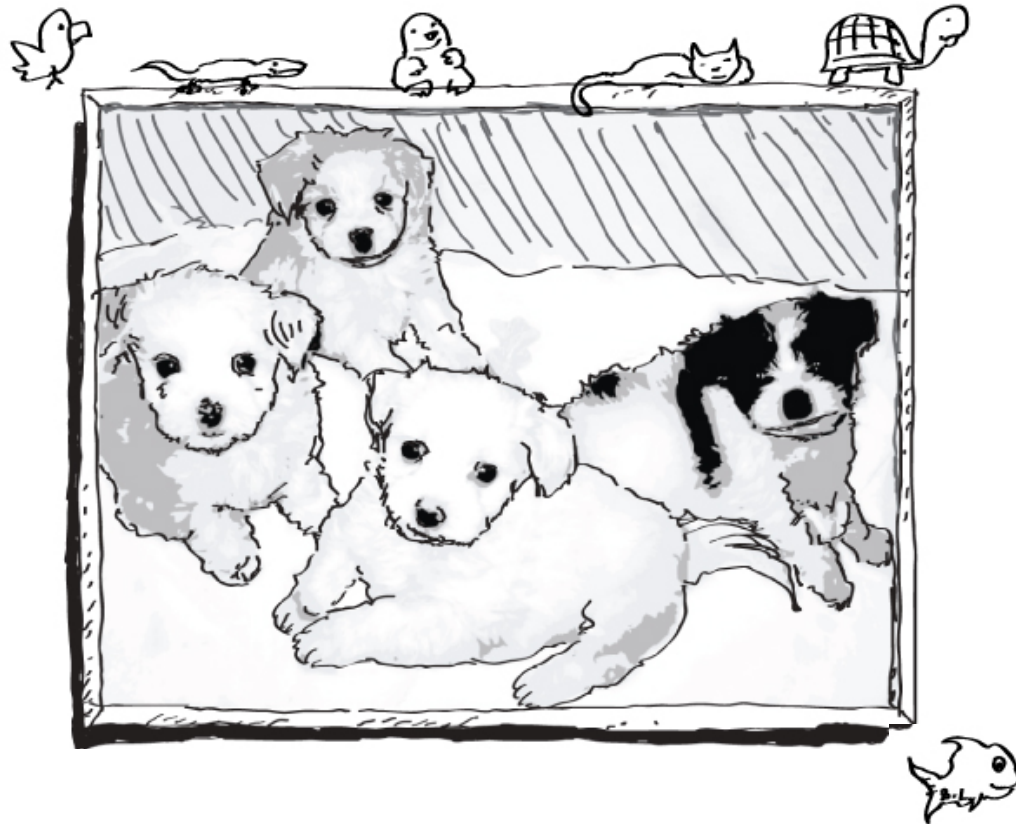


Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House
A place of gospel and social justice.

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Times
Sunday, August 1, 2010



"Not to hurt the creatures brethren is our first duty to them, but to stop there is not enough. We have a higher mission - to be of service to them wherever they require it." ~Saint Francis

God made all the creatures and gave them our love and our fear, to give [a] sign, we and they are God's children, one family here. -Robert Browning-

Prelude

Welcome

"But ask the animals, and they will teach you;
The birds of the air, and they will tell you;
...and the fish of the sea will declare to you,
In God's hand is the life of every living thing..." (Job 12:7, 8b, 10a)

Call to Worship

Reader:

'God said, "Let waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let the birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind, cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind." And God blessed them. God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good." – (from *Genesis 1*)

One and Many:

One: Come, let us gather together.

Many: **Let us join the gathering: we bring fins and feathers.**

One: Come, all is ready for all of creation.

Many: **Let us join the gathering: we bring scales and fur.**

One: Come, let us praise our Creator.

Many: **We, too, are loved, and with the fins, feathers, scales, and fur, we bring *our* skin.**

All: **Come, in all the ways we are created and let us worship God together!**

* **Hymn #70 (Insert) God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale**

Call to Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

God, Mother and Father of us all, we know that we have not always been faithful caretakers of your animals. Forgive us when we have spoiled their environment, erased their places of shelter, polluted the waters, destroyed their food supply, and neglected them in our own community. Forgive us when we have not extended the love and care you have given to us, to one another and to all the *living* that surrounds us. We know your heart beats in all life. Forgive us when we miss the pulse, please. Fill us with the celebration of all creation in the great symphony you have created. Let us lift our hearts in the music and song of life, your life in us all. Let us see and cherish all life, everywhere.

Silent Prayer for Reconciliation followed by Sung Response:

The musical score is for the hymn 'All things bright and beautiful'. It is written in G major and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea- tures great and small,'. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'all things wise and won - der - ful, in love God made them all.' Both systems end with a 'Fine' marking.

Assurance of God's Love & Forgiveness

One: God is love.
Through Jesus our sins are forgiven.
Let us take hold of this forgiveness
And live our life, knowing that we are forgiven, and deeply loved.
Let us always remember that the Holy Spirit will enable us to live fully,
richly, and deeply – with one another and all the friends of God's creation.

All: We are forgiven.

*The Passing of the Peace

Let the peace of God in all the ways God is known - erupt in your hearts, so that all may know you are loved by God. And let us share this wonder with each other, one and all!

One: God's great peace be with you!

All: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Mystery that You are, we do not always understand your words. In you, Jesus, 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: *The Prayer of St. Francis* Robin Strasser

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:25-26

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Mother/Father feeds them.”

Homily and Blessing of the Animals:

Blessing:

N., you were created by God, and you are loved by God. May you and your family experience joy and companionship together, and continue to be a blessing to each other. In the name of God, and all the ways God is known. Amen.

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

Response to the Prayers

"God, move within our prayers."

The Lord's Supper

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

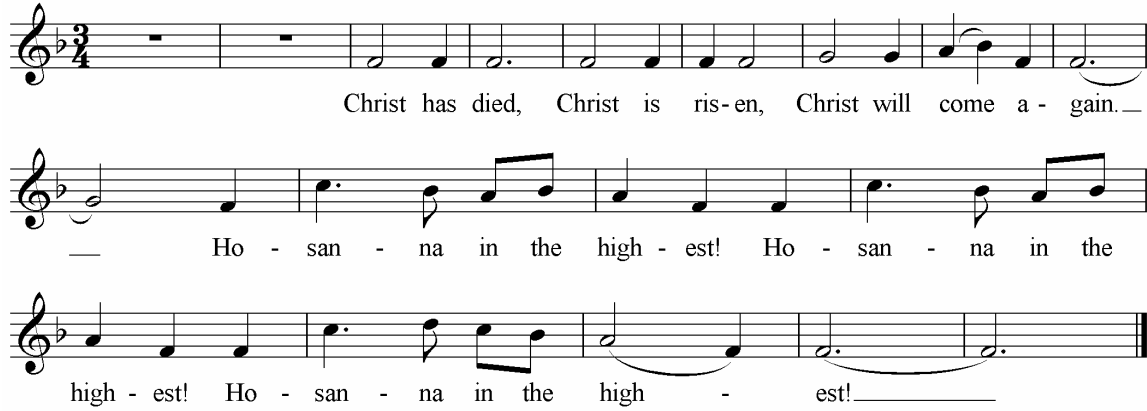
One All One
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift
up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give
thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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!

One:

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:



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.**

And now, with the confidence of the children and creation of God, let us pray:

The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us (Unison)

Creator God, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kindom 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 kindom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The holy evangelists, Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and St. Paul write thus:

"Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night in which he was betrayed, took the bread, gave thanks, and broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take; eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way he also took the cup after the supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them and said, "Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the New Covenant in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'"

Communion of the People

The gifts of God
for the people of God

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,
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.

Blessing: Prayed Together

**God, our Creator, help us to love
All creatures as kin,
All animals as partners on Earth,
All birds as messengers of praise,
All minute beings as expression of your mysterious design,
And all – as signs of hope.
Amen**

One: Go out into the world, love one another.
Cherish all the members of God's family.
To love and serve God.
Go, in God's great Shalom!

All: Thanks be to God!

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 thank 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!

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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