

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

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No Obstructions...

You know my friends, there comes a time when people get tired of being trampled by the iron feet of oppression ... If we are wrong, the Supreme Court of this nation is wrong. If we are wrong, the Constitution of the United States is wrong. And if we are wrong, God Almighty is wrong. If we are wrong, Jesus of Nazareth was merely a utopian dreamer that never came down to Earth. If we are wrong, justice is a lie, love has no meaning. And we are determined here in Montgomery to work and fight until justice runs down like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream. – The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
(Address to the first Montgomery Improvement Association Mass meeting at Holt Street Baptist Church, December 5, 1955)

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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.



Prelude

Call to Worship

One: God of justice,
Many: **Your word is light and truth.**

One: Let your face shine on us to restore us,
Many: **that we may walk in your way,**

One: seeking justice and doing good.
All: **Let us continue on this path together, eliminating wrongs,
welcoming all, holding on to one another,
as we lift our voices in prayer and song together.**

*** Hymn 364 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God**

Call to Prayer: A Time of Confession

One: In faith, we confess to God the ways we live in creation
that do not honor it.
All: **In faith, we confess to God the relationships we have with others
that create pain and suffering.**

One: In faith, we confess to God the choices our nation makes that are not just.
All: **In faith, we confess to God the ways we live that are not upright.**

One: In faith, we confess to God the lifestyle we have that is not sustainable.
All: **In faith, we confess to God the one we worship is not always God.**

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 have asked for faith and trust, for peace and light, for love and
lovingness and to have removed that which blocks their way to us.

Many: **Your forgiveness opens the space in each of us for such gifts to
rush in on the wings of your great spirit. Forgiven? Yes. We are
forgiven, indeed, and welcome your spirit and peace!**

Passing of the Peace

Let us offer one another a greeting and sign of this 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: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they

were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:49-56

"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Prayer:

God of all the nations,
you rescued your people out of the Red Sea
and delivered Rahab from battle;
you rescue the lowly and needy from injustice and tribulation.
Surround us with so great a cloud of witnesses
that we may have faith to live by your word in our time,
courage to persevere in the race set before us,
and endurance in the time of trial. Amen

Sermon: *No Obstructions...* 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.

Sending Forth:

One: Go in peace to love and serve God!

Many: Thanks be to God!

* Hymn 354 Guide My Feet

Postlude (Closing Music)



Prayers....

Please remember our families, friends, and concerns in your prayers:

- Herman Brown's mother, as she moves through serious illness;
- Those seeking a place to live, to eat, to have clothing...to be in community;
- The Rev. Dr. Janie Adams Spahr on trial for marrying same gender couples;
- Those working for peace and an end to war;
- All who are reeling from the effects of disasters – human-made and natural;
- Folk who are struggling with addiction and denial;
- Friends, praying for relief from depression and despair;
- Loved ones coming near the end of this time...
- Everyone who may be caring for elderly members of their families...
- Anyone not ready for help, yet...
- And all the other prayers you hold close in your heart...

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.

Special Congratulations to Elaine Connolly soon to be ordained and installed as pastor! Ordination will take place at Jan Hus Church. The tentative date is Sunday, September 26th at around 4:00 P.M. All are invited!

Sunday, August 11 th	Islamic Ramadan begins
Sunday, August 15 th	Elaine Connolly, Guest Preacher
Sunday, August 29 th	Drew Paton, Guest Preacher

Vox Novus
in collaboration with
Remarkable Theatre Brigade & Jan Hus Church
Composer's Voice Concert Series
Vision of Sound
A Concert of Live Music and Dance



Jan Hus Church
Sunday, August 29th, 2010
1:00pm

Directed by:
Mark Olivieri

Composers:
Mark Olivieri
Nicholas Omiccioli
Doug Opel

Choreographers:
Melanie Aceto
Laurie Atkins
Suzanne Oliver
Tara Madsen Robbins

Musicians:
Emily DuFour, *cello*
Nicola Melville, *piano*
Chris Otto, *violin*

Dancers:
Nina Madsen
Kristi Schopfer

www.visionofsoundconcert.org

Sunday, August 29th Composer's Voice! Vox Novus. See previous page. Free.

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

Weds., September 8th Islamic Ramadan ends

September 8th – 10th Rosh Hashanah: Beginning of the Jewish New Year

September 17th – 18th 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.

Tuesday, September 21 International Day of Peace

Thursday, September 23 Native American Day

September 23-29 Jewish Sukkot

Sunday, September 26 Elaine Connolly Ordination 4:00 P.M. (Date may change.)

Saturday, October 16th World Food Day

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.

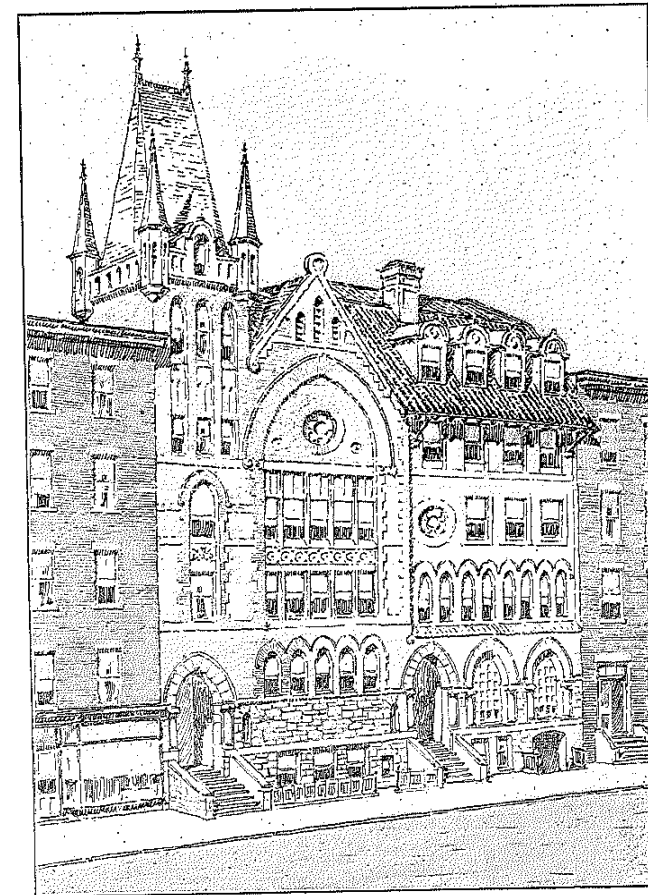
Upcoming Lectionary Readings (Worship leaders may choose other readings)

Sunday, August 22 (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)
 Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6
 Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

Sunday, August 29 (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
 Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16
 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

The Jan Hus Celebration

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The King and Queen.

May Party in the Park.

Three of their subjects.

THE JAN HUS CELEBRATION

July 6th, 1915 will mark the five-hundredth anniversary of the martyrdom of the Bohemian reformer, Jan Hus. During the coming year Protestant churches all over the world will be celebrating the memory of this great fore-runner of Luther, whose life and death meant so much to the cause of truth and the rise of Protestantism.

But more than to any other nation or people, the memory of Jan Hus is particularly sacred to the Bohemians. In Jan Hus we have an open door to the heart of every good Bohemian, whether he be Catholic, Protestant or Free-thinker; for all alike look to him as the one great hero and martyr of their people. This Hus year therefore, presents an unparalleled opportunity to enter into the hearts of the Bohemian people, and to incarnate before them a religion pure and undefiled, after the pattern of their great hero, and his Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

THE BOHEMIANS OF NEW YORK

On the upper East Side of New York City, between 67th Street and 80th Street, there is a community of thirty thousand Bohemians. An intelligent, progressive and fairly prosperous people, they are among the best of all the foreigners in our country. Their love of cleanliness and their kindly hearts relieve life among them of many of the distressing conditions so sadly prevalent in many of our foreign communities. But one thing is lacking to make them the peers of any foreign people in this country, namely the embodiment in their individual and community life of the joyous idealism and consecrated spirituality of the Gospel of Christ.

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 Annie Rawlings, Del Shorter, Deborah Widerkehr

THE DEACONS: Essie Rance

THE STAFF

Ministers	All the People
Ray Bagnuolo	Stated Supply Pastor
Herman Brown	Custodian
Amy Conley	Volunteer Coordinator
Drew Paton	HOAP Outreach
David Kelley	Social Worker
Stanley M. Kusz	Hospitality (Sunday Lunch Preparation)
Christian McLeer	Music Director
Karl Kaminski, Jeremiah Frederick	Musicians
Holly Nedelka, Director	Child's Play; www.childsplaynyc.com
José Reyes	Building Superintendent
Carol Schachter	Church Administrator
Gerard D. Shaw	Hospitality

THE RESIDENT STAFF Allison Bombard, Albert Linares, Sara Renstron, Gerard D. Shaw
 HUSSITE PETS : Philpot, QT & Madge, Roc-qui & Bizou + 4, Allie, & Marvin's
 Reptile Friends

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