

Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House

An celebration of gospel and social justice.

The 23rd Sunday in *Ordinary Times*

Sunday, September 5, 2010



I would rather be ashes than dust!

*I would rather that my spark should burn out
in a brilliant blaze than it should be stifled by dry-rot.*

*I would rather be a superb meteor, every atom
of me in magnificent glow, than a sleepy and permanent planet.*

The function of humans is to live, not to exist.

I shall not waste my days trying to prolong them.

I shall use my time. ~ Attributed to Jack London

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun 456

MORNING HYMN LM

François Hippolyte Barthélemon, 1785
As in *The Church Hymnal
for the Christian Year, 1917*

Thomas Ken, 1695; alt.

1. A - wake, my soul, and with the sun your
2. Lord, I my vows to You re - new. Dis -
3. Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, All

dai - ly stage of du - ty run; Shake off dull sloth, and
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; Guard my first springs of
I de - sign or do or say; That all my powers, with

joy - ful rise To pay your morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
thought and will, And with Your - self my spir - it fill.
all their might, In Your sole glo - ry may u - nite.

♩=96-104

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (Variation on Psalm 139)

One and Many:

One: God, you have searched us and known us.

Many: You discern our thoughts from far away.

One: Even before a word is on our tongue, you know it completely.

Many: You are all around us, and lay your hands upon us.

One: For, it was you who formed and made us.

Many: Wonderful are your works!

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

*** Hymn #456 Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun**

Call to Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession (Cornelius Presbyterian Church, Cornelius, NC)

One: Let us confess to God whatever has wounded us or brought injury to others, that we may receive mercy and become for each other ministers of God's grace. Let us pray...

People: Merciful God, we humble ourselves before you today to confess the ways in which we have failed. We have fallen short of your call to welcome all your children, to include enemies and even those different than we are. You have called us to give the cup of cold water to even the least, but we look the other way. You know our hesitations God. You know our fears, doubts and selfish ways. Forgive us and give us courage to serve you in all our actions. Amen.

Silent Prayer for Reconciliation:

Assurance of God's Love & Forgiveness

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so. Page 3

Response to Grace (In Unison)

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One. And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich because of what God has done for us." And let us give thanks!

***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 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. His ministry calls disciples to find a new kind of security in homelessness, a new kind of family outside of blood kin. As we pray these words, increase our understanding, so that we might follow you more nearly, please. Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from God : "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message." So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me: "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?" declares the LORD. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.

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"Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, 'This is what the LORD says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.'

Gospel Reading: The Letter of Paul to Philemon 1-21

Salutation: I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father/Mother and the Lord Jesus Christ.

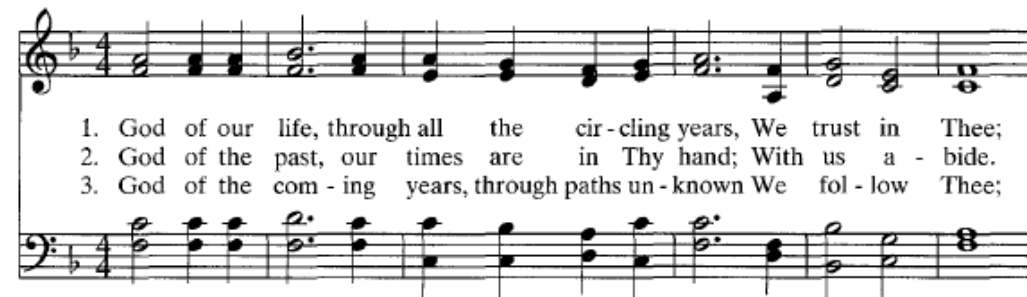
Philemon's Love and Faith: When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

Paul's Plea for Onesimus: For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

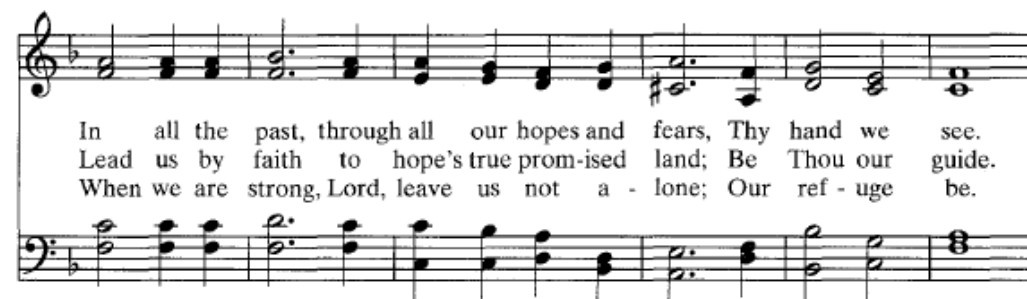
So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Provocation: "God then and Now...Maybe, You Decide" Ray

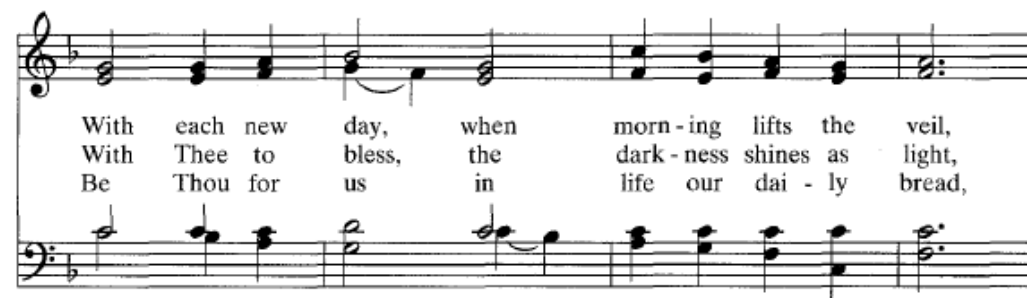
*** Hymn #275 God of Our Life**



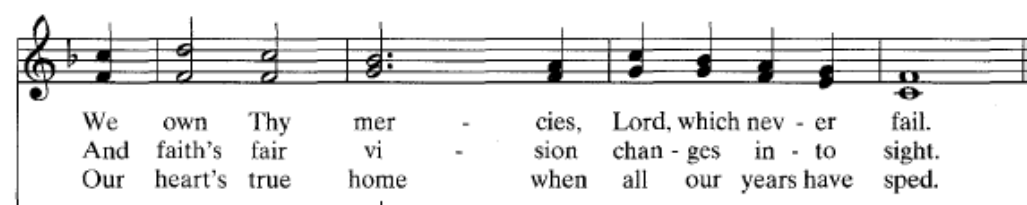
1. God of our life, through all the cir - cling years, We trust in Thee;
2. God of the past, our times are in Thy hand; With us a - bide.
3. God of the com - ing years, through paths un - known We fol - low Thee;



In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Thy hand we see.
Lead us by faith to hope's true prom - ised land; Be Thou our guide.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a - lone; Our ref - uge be.



With each new day, when morn - ing lifts the veil,
With Thee to bless, the dark - ness shines as light,
Be Thou for us in life our dai - ly bread,



We own Thy mer - cies, Lord, which nev - er fail.
And faith's fair vi - sion chan - ges in - to sight.
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

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 Lord's Supper: Come to the Table, One and All!

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 *All* *One*

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:

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.

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

The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us (In 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.

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

We pass the elements to each other, saying:

"The bread of life," and "the cup of blessing."

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison)

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.

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.

Blessing:

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!

*** Hymn #456 Be Thou My Vision**

Postlude (Closing Music)

Please join us for fellowship meal following the Postlude. Our deck is open for gathering and enjoying Stan & Brian's preparation.

Be Thou My Vision

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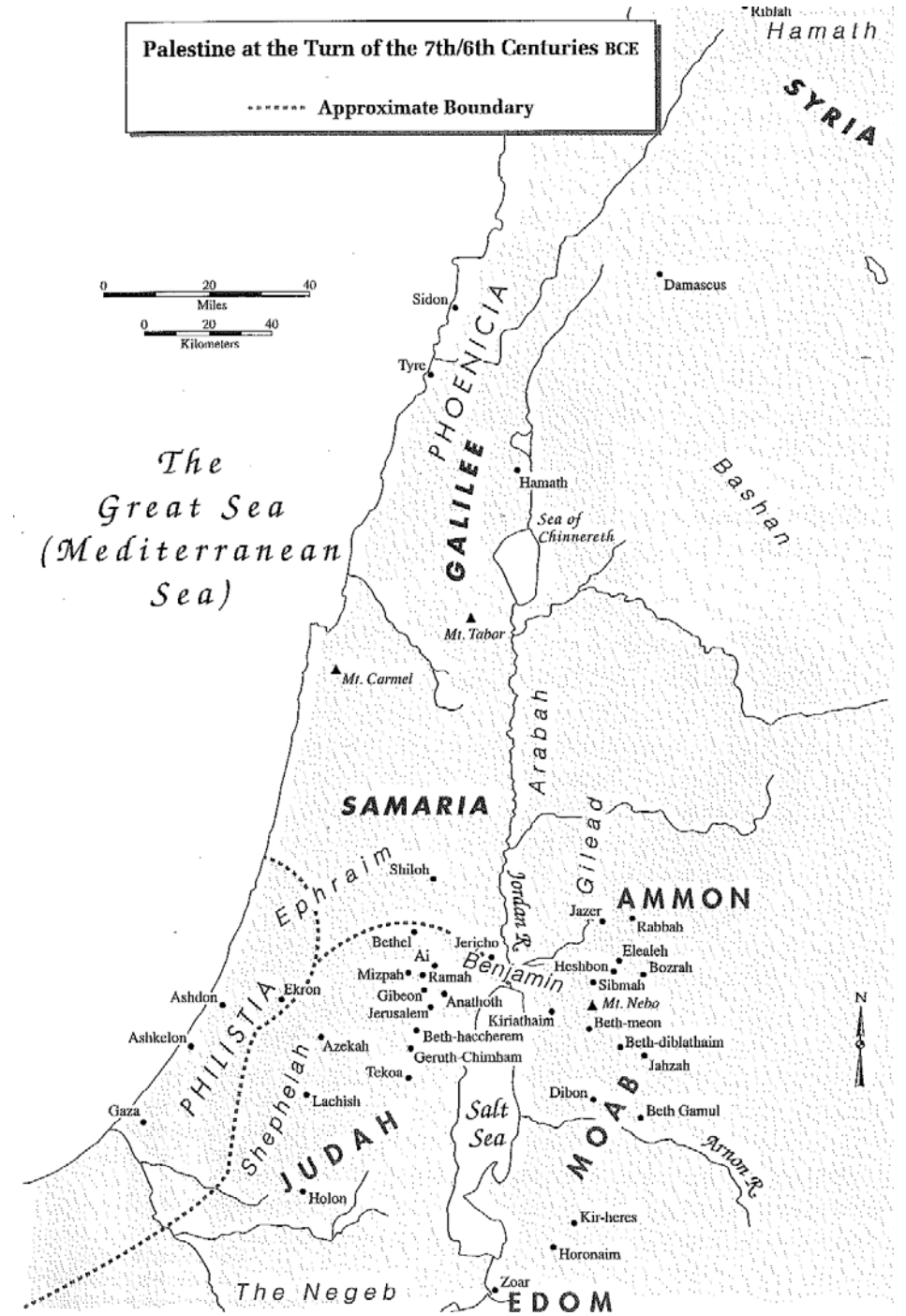
Ancient Irish poem
 Trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
 Vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912; alt.

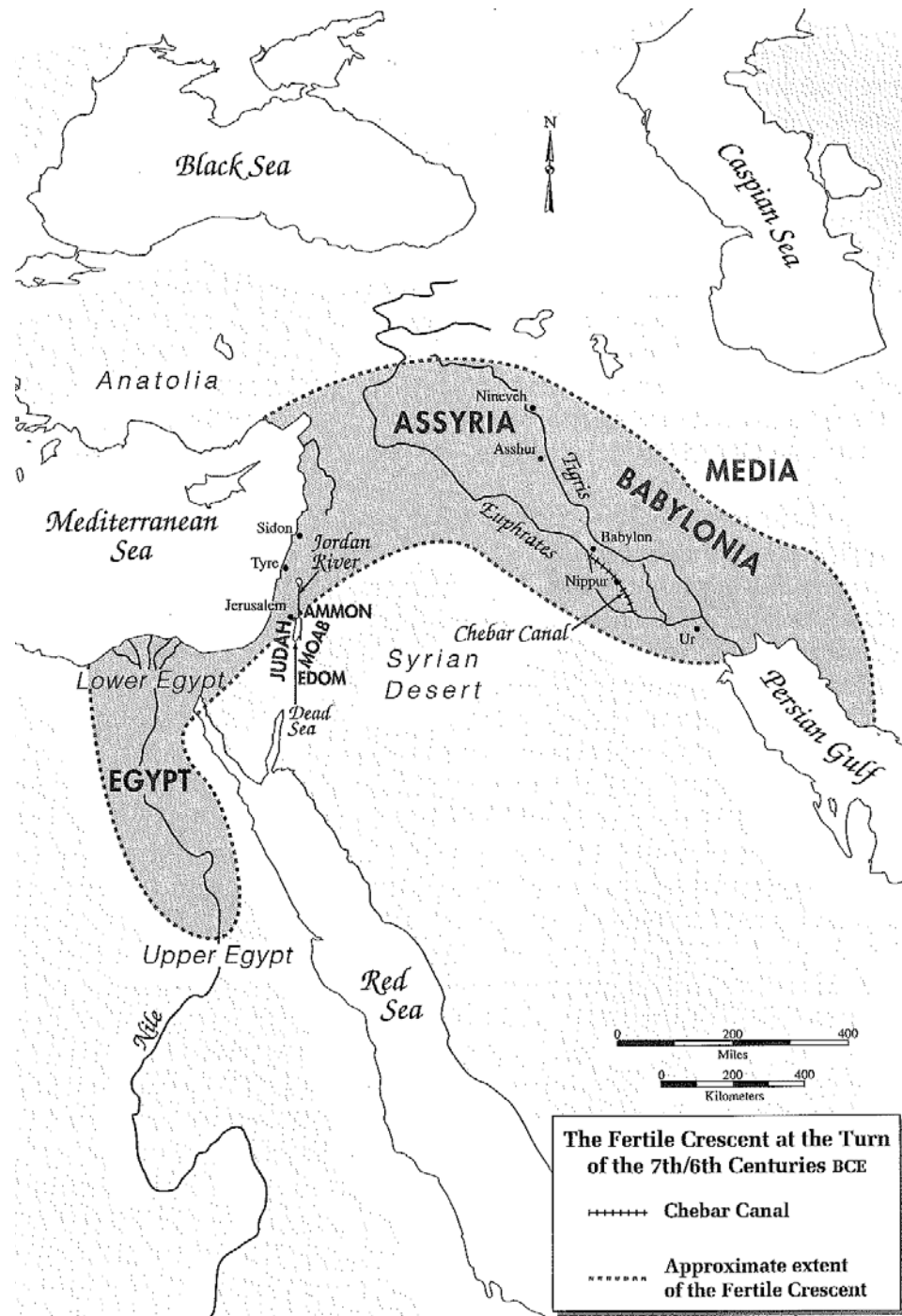
Irish ballad
 Harm. David Evans, 1927

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 3. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;

Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,





The Fertile Crescent at the Turn of the 7th/6th Centuries BCE

+++++ Chebar Canal

..... Approximate extent of the Fertile Crescent

Prayers...

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

- Herman Brown's mother, as she moves through serious illness;
- Those who are seeking shelter, food, clothing...a welcome.
- Those working for peace and an end to war
- All who are reeling from the effects of natural and human disasters
- 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.

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.)

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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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HUSSITE PETS: Philpot, QT & Madge, Rocket & Bizou + 3, Allie, & Marvin's Reptile Friends

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