

## Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House

An celebration of gospel and social justice.

The 24th Sunday in *Ordinary Times – Anything but Ordinary.*

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St. Patrick's Day Parade '07; Honoring 343 Fallen Firefighter in 9.11  
(Photo by Ray Bagnuolo)

*God is our refuge and our strength.*

*An ever-present help in trouble.*

*Therefore, we will not fear, though*

*the Earth should change.*

*Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;*

*though the waters roar and foam,*

*though the mountains tremble with its tumult.*

*Psalm 46*

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(with some modification for inclusive language)

- <sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
- <sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.  
Selah
- <sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
- <sup>5</sup> God is within her, she will not fall;  
God will help her at break of day.
- <sup>6</sup> Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;  
God lifts God's voice, the earth melts.
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob and Sara is our fortress.  
Selah
- <sup>8</sup> Come and see the works of the LORD,  
the desolations God has brought on the earth.
- <sup>9</sup> God makes wars cease to the ends of the earth;  
God breaks the bow and shatters the spear,  
God burns the shields with fire.
- <sup>10</sup> "Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."
- <sup>11</sup> The LORD Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob and Sara is our fortress.  
Selah

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** (With appreciation to Zion Arendtsville United Church of Christ, PA)

*One and Many:*

One: When we are lost and when we are found, when we seek, or doubt, or question, this is our sanctuary.

Many: Let us gather to seek God.

One: When we are worried or anxious, busy or quiet, angry or calm, this is our sanctuary.

Many: Let us gather to seek God..

One: When we are young and as we gain the gift of years, when we are radical, moderate, or even cautious, this is our sanctuary.

Many: Let us gather to seek God.

All: Come, gathered as we are, in all the ways we are, and let us seek God together.

\* Hymn #258 **Praise Ye the Lord** (next page in this bulletin)

**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.

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Praise Ye the Lord

J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1981

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*Refrain*  $\text{E}^b$   $\text{E}^b$   $\text{A}^b$  ( $\text{E}^b$ )

*Choir or Congregation:* Praise ye the Lord, Hal-le-lu - jah!

The musical score for 'Praise Ye the Lord' is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems. The first system shows the vocal melody in treble clef and piano accompaniment in bass clef. The second system continues the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The third system concludes the piece with a final chord in the piano part.

$\text{Fm}$   $\text{E}^b$  ( $\text{B}^b$ )  $\text{B}^b7$   $\text{E}^b$   $\text{E}^b$  *Fine*

Ev-ery-bod-y praise the Lord. Lord.

*Omit final time*

This section of the musical score includes a second vocal line in treble clef and piano accompaniment in bass clef. It features a first ending (marked '1') and a second ending (marked '2'). The lyrics 'Ev-ery-bod-y praise the Lord. Lord.' are written below the vocal lines. A bracket above the piano part indicates to 'Omit final time' for a second performance. The score concludes with a final chord in the piano part.

B B13 F# B

1. Praise God with the sound of the trum - pet, Praise God with the  
 2. Praise God with ho - ly cym - bals, Praise God with  
 3. Praise God in the ho - ly tem - ple, Praise God for al -  
 4. Praise God on top of the moun - tains, Praise God both

B13 D# B B13 F#

lute and the harp; Praise God with tim - brel and danc - ing,  
 strings and with pipes; Praise God with clash - ing cym - bals,  
 might - y deeds; Praise God for those boun - ti - ful mer - cies,  
 day and night; Praise God down in the low val - leys,

B B13 Bb7 Bb9 Bb7

Praise God wher - ev - er you are.  
 Praise God with all of your might.  
 For God ful - fills our needs.  
 Praise God be - cause it's al - right.

*D.S. al Fine*

## Silent Prayer for Reconciliation

### 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

#### \*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

#### First Reading: *Jeremiah 4:11-12. 22-28*

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or to cleanse – a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. "For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good."

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were lain in ruins, before the Lord, before God's fierce anger.

For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented, nor will I turn back.

"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:** Luke 15: 1-10

*The Parable of the Lost Sheep*

Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

*The Parable of the Lost Coin*

"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

(Note: a drachma is about equal to a day's wages)

**Provocation:** "So easy to lose it..." Ray Bagnuolo

**\*Hymn # 339** **Be Thou My Vision** (next page)

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Be Thou My Vision

SLANE 10.10.9.10

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,

LIFE IN CHRIST



Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.  
Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.  
Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

**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**

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

**The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us (In Unison)**

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.
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**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 #294 Wherever I May Wander**

**Postlude (Closing Music)**

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

# Wherever I May Wander

NEW ENGLAND 7.6.8.6 D

Ann B. Snow, 1959

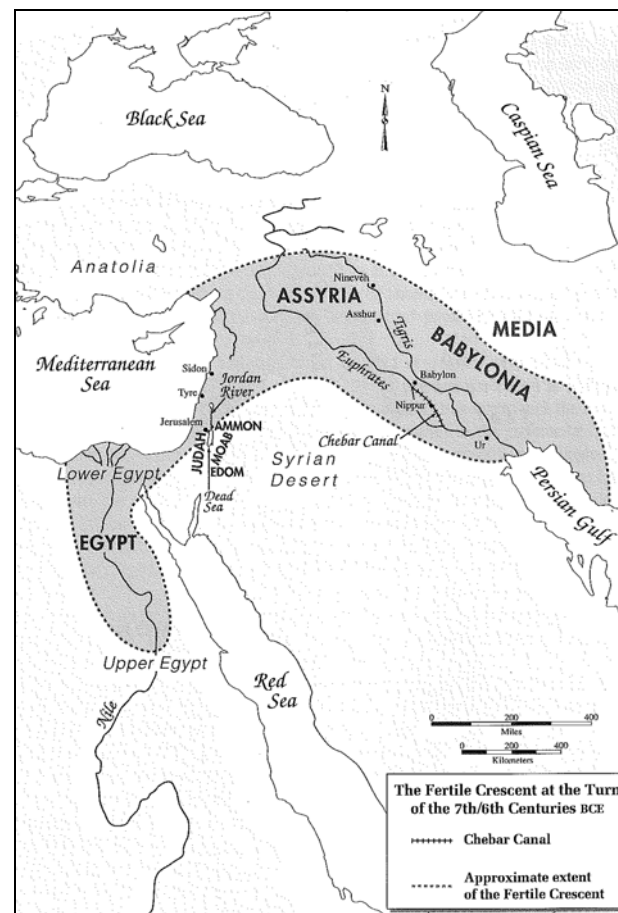
New England folk melody

1. Wher - ev - er I may wan - der, Wher - ev - er I may be,  
 2. Through - out the whole cre - a - tion I see God's lov - ing care

I'm cer - tain of my Mak - er's love; God's care is o - ver me.  
 For ev - ery - one in ev - ery land, God's chil - dren ev - ery - where.

God made the great high moun - tains, And made the wide blue sea;  
 Wher - ev - er I may wan - der, Wher - ev - er I may be,

God made the sky where air - planes fly; God made the world, and me.  
 I'm cer - tain of my Mak - er's love; God's care is o - ver me.





## Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House

"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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