

Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House

A place of gospel and social justice.

The 27th Sunday in *Ordinary Times*
October 3, 2010



Remembering Tyler Clementi & Others

*Vigil planned for tonight. Sunday
Washington Square Park, NYC
9 P.M.*

See page 12 for more information

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

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

Many: You discern our thoughts from far away.

One: You know what is easy and what is difficult for us.

Many: You give us what we need to celebrate both.

One: We celebrate even the difficulties, for all things are made celebratory in you.

Many: Wonderful are you, compassionate are you, present are you.

All: In all the ways you are here, blessing each of us in all the ways we arrive in this place, let us join as one and worship you together.

*** Hymn #251 Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure**

Call to Confession in Unison (St. John's UCC, St. Charles, Missouri)

Forgive us, God, when we imagine you are present only in angelic hosts or a burning bush. May we find you speaking to us at the breakfast table, in the headlines of the day, in the people who helped grow and prepare our food.

Forgive us, God, when we believe your way is only found in a crafted sermon or holy book. May we be ready to discover truth in the noises of creation, in the words of poets and singers, in the silence of the lonely.

Forgive us, God, when we think our written words and grand buildings can house the fullness of who you are. May we be willing to find you in neighborhoods of all styles and colors, in small flowers and grand oceans, in the struggle for peace and justice.

Holy, holy, holy God, may we fully embrace this extraordinary world and discover you in the everyday-ness of life. Amen.

Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure 251

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Para. Joy F. Patterson, 1989

Musikalisches Handbuch, 1690
Harm. William Henry Monk, 1847; alt.

1. Your faith - ful - ness, O Lord, is sure In
2. The eyes of all are fixed on You; By
3. Lord, You are just in all Your ways, And
4. My mouth shall speak Your praise, O Lord, My

all Your words, Your gra - cious deeds; You gen - tly lift all
You their wants are all sup - plied; Your o - pen hand is
kind in ev - ery - thing You do; For - ev - er near You
soul shall bless Your ho - ly name; Let all things liv - ing

bur - dened souls And well pro - vide for all our needs.
boun - ti - ful And ev - ery soul is sat - is - fied.
stand to hear And help all those who call on You.
join the song Of praise, from age to age the same.

Silent Prayer for Reconciliation

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

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: *Lamentations 3:19-26*

I remember my affliction and my wandering,
the bitterness and the gall.

I well remember them,
and my soul is downcast within me.

Yet this I call to mind
and therefore I have hope:

Because of the God's great love we are not consumed,
for God's compassions never fail.

They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

I say to myself, "God is my portion;
therefore I will wait for God."

God is good to those whose hope is in God,
to the one who seeks The Holy One;
it is good to wait quietly
for the salvation of the God.

Gospel Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 1-14

I, Paul, am on special assignment for Christ, carrying out God's plan laid out in the Message of Life by Jesus. I write this to you, Timothy, the son I love so much. All the best from our God and Christ be yours! Every time I say your name in prayer - which is practically all the time - I thank God for you, the God I worship with my whole life in the tradition of my ancestors.

I miss you a lot, especially when I remember that last tearful good-bye, and I look forward to a joy-packed reunion. That precious memory triggers another: your honest faith - and what a rich faith it is, handed down from your grandmother Lois to your mother Eunice, and now to you!

And the special gift of ministry you received when I laid hands on you and prayed - keep that ablaze! God doesn't want us to be shy with the gifts we've been given, but bold and loving and sensible. So don't be embarrassed to speak up for God or for me, God's prisoner. Take your share of suffering for the Message along with the rest of us. We can only keep on going, after all, by the power of God, who first saved us and then called us to this holy work.

We had nothing to do with it. It was all God's idea, a gift prepared for us in Jesus long before we knew anything about it. But we know it now. Since the appearance of our Savior, nothing could be plainer: death defeated, life vindicated in a steady blaze of light, all through the work of Jesus. This is the Message I've been set apart to proclaim as preacher, emissary, and teacher. It's also the cause of all this trouble I'm in. But I have no regrets. I couldn't be more sure of my ground - the One I've trusted in can take care of what he's trusted me to do right to the end.

So keep at your work, this faith and love rooted in Christ, exactly as I set it out for you. It's as sound as the day you first heard it from me. Guard this precious thing placed in your custody by the Holy Spirit who works in us.

Provocation: "We are being taken care of..." Ray Bagnuolo

* **Hymn #298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (next page)**

298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt. Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen (1855-1933)

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea;
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures of the mind;

There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.
And the heart of the E - ter-nal Is most won-der - ful - ly kind.

There is no place where earth's sor-rows Are more felt than up in heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, We would glad-ly trust God's Word;

There is no place where earth's fail-ings Have such kind-ly judg - ment given.
And our lives re - flect thanks-giv-ing For the good-ness of our Lord.

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: 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 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

"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.

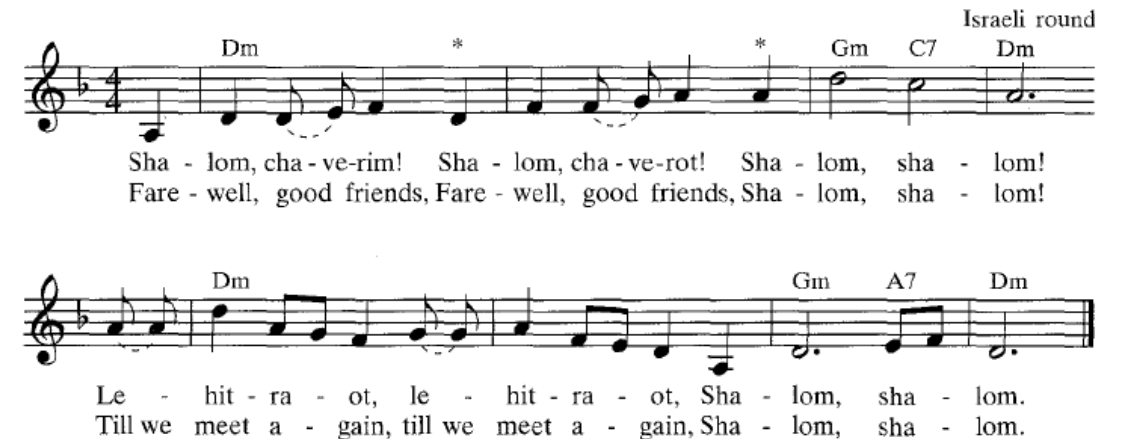
Blessing

* Hymn #537 Shalom, Chaverim!

Shalom, Chaverim! Farewell, Good Friends

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Israeli round



Sha - lom, cha - ve-rim! Sha - lom, cha - ve-rot! Sha - lom, sha - lom!
Fare - well, good friends, Fare - well, good friends, Sha - lom, sha - lom!

Le - hit - ra - ot, le - hit - ra - ot, Sha - lom, sha - lom.
Till we meet a - gain, till we meet a - gain, Sha - lom, sha - lom.

Postlude (Closing Music)

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

Prayers...

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

- The family, friends, and those who remember Tyler Clementi
- Members and friends of Jan Hus, recovering from pain and the uncertainty that pain creates in our lives.
- For those looking for healing...healing for themselves, those they love, the people and pets they care for...
- 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.

Sunday, October 10:	Drew Paton, Preaching Composer's Voice Workshop
Sunday, October 24:	Homecoming
Sunday, October 31:	Drew Paton, Preaching Composer's Voice Workshop
Sunday, November 13	Queer Elder Spirit Presentation, Metropolitan Community Church

Gay News, Friday, October 2, 2010

NYU Students Plan Vigil for Gay Youth Who've Taken Their Lives

In the wake of six recent suicides, gathering planned for October 3

In the wake of five recent suicides of young men, 13-18, following homophobic bullying and harassment — and the suicide of a sixth student, 19, under circumstances not fully known — the NYU chapter of a national fraternity created by gay men is planning an October 3 vigil to commemorate those who have died.

According to Joe Picini, vice president of NYU's Delta Lambda Phi, his fraternity is working with the NYU LGBT Office and other LGBT clubs at the university to plan the event.

The five young men who took their lives are:

Tyler Clementi, an 18-year-old Rutgers University freshman who jumped from the George Washington Bridge on September 22 after his roommate and another freshman allegedly trained a computer camera on him while he engaged in sexual behavior with another man and webcast the encounter on the Internet;

Billy Lucas, a 15-year-old Greensburg, Indiana, youth who took his life in September after allegedly being bullied by fellow students who said he was gay;

Justin Aaberg, a 15-year-old student at Anoka High School just outside Minneapolis, who hung himself in July, after enduring what his friends told his mother was bullying at the hands of other students;

Seth Walsh, a 13-year-old student at Jacobsen Middle School in Tehachapi, California, who hung himself on September 19, but lingered on life support until September 28, and whose friends said suffered bullying because he was gay; and

Asher Brown, a 13-year-old student at Opal Hamilton Middle School in Harris County near Houston, whose parents said he likely had Asperger's Syndrome and shot himself to death this week because, they said, of constant tormenting from other youth, in part due to his sexual orientation.

The circumstances surrounding this week's dormitory suicide by **Raymond Chase**, a 19-year-old gay student at Johnson & Wales College in Providence, are not yet known.

The candlelight vigil is scheduled for Sunday, October 3 at 9 p.m. in Washington Square Park. *Glowsticks, only. The City does not allow candles in the park.*



The Jan Hus Homeless Theatre Troupe
presents

It Could Happen to You

The world premiere of an original Forum Theatre play
Conceived, Scripted and Performed by the Jan Hus Homeless Theatre Troupe
...with special appearances by the audience...

Facilitated by "Joker" Katy Rubin
In collaboration with the
Jan Hus Homeless Outreach and Advocacy Program

7PM Wednesday, October 20th, 2010
The Theatre at Jan Hus Church
****SUGGESTED DONATION \$3****

Guests who benefit from the Jan Hus Homeless Outreach and Advocacy Program have been training in the Theatre of the Oppressed methodology since June 2010. The premier performance of *It Could Happen to You* marks the beginning of our NYC tour.

Join us in brainstorming alternatives to the problems faced by NYC's homeless. And, of course, come help us celebrate our opening night!

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"Where you were welcome, long before you arrived."

Since 1888, the doors of this church have been open to those who seek a new way to engage with the Spirit and share at the table Jesus has set for us all. In those early years, Jan Hus served the needs of the Czech immigrants who founded the church and named it after the Czech reformer and martyr Jan Hus.

Today, our mission has expanded to include people from many different walks in life; people who want to share this stage of their journey with others in a God centered community. We continue to honor our Czech founders, as well, by singing our closing hymn in the Czech language each Sunday.

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 the wonder of 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 shared pulpit. This is a place in which we hear the Scriptures interpreted by clergy and laity, alike, reflecting our congregation and community as a diverse expression of the presence of God in each believer. We strive for sermons that are conversations which give us an opportunity to hear how God's voice speaks to each of us. Often, we are invited into new ways of seeing and hearing God, deepening and affirming those beliefs we hold most true.

It is possible that Jan Hus may seem different than what you expect in church, for surely God loves to challenge us all with the unexpected!

However you may find us, please know that you are most welcome here as one who carries within you the Spirit of God who loves us all. *Namasthe!*

We are pleased to have you join us on this day of celebration and thank God for bringing us together in this community. What a day, indeed...this day that God has made!



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Pictures from the ordination and celebration
of the call to Elaine Connolly
September 26, 2010

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