

# Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House

"Where you are welcome, long before you arrive."

## The Second Sunday after Christmas

January 2, 2011



Mary with the Child Jesus  
Bernard van Orley d. 1542

"And here is love / like a tinsmith's scoop /  
sunk past its gleam / in the meal-bin"  
~Mossbawn Sunlight, Seamus Heaney

*All are invited to join us for a light lunch, following worship.*

## Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House

"A Spiritual Home in the Real World"

A Welcoming & Affirming Congregation for all our LGBT/Q Sisters and Brothers

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!*



### *Prelude*

### *Welcome*

### *Call to Worship*

- One: Spirit Divine, attend us and our prayers, this day.  
**Many: Bring good from our hearts into this space we share.**
- One: Spirit Divine, descend upon us with your gracious powers.  
**Many: Strengthen us to stay in love with you,**
- All: loving all in your name. O come, great Spirit, come!  
God knows we need you. Amen.**

\* Hymn #325 Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

1. Spir - it di - vine, at - tend our prayers, And make this house Your home;  
 2. Come as the light; to us re - veal Our emp - ti - ness and woe;  
 3. Come as the fire and purge our hearts Like sac - ri - fi - cial flame;  
 4. Come as the dove and spread Your wings, The wings of peace - ful love;

De - scend with all Your gra - cious powers; O come, great Spir - it, come!  
 And lead us in those paths of life Where all the righ - teous go.  
 Let our whole soul an of - fering be To our Re - deem - er's name.  
 And let the church on earth be - come Blest as the church a - bove.

**Unison Prayer for Social Justice** *Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929 – 1968)*

**Yes, Jesus, I want to be on your right side or your left side,  
 not for any selfish reason. I want to be on your right or your best side,  
 not in terms of some political kin[g]dom or ambitions,  
 but I just want to be there, in love and in justice and in truth  
 and in commitment to others,  
 so we can make of the old world a new world. Amen.**

**A Time for Silent Prayer...**

**Assurance of God's Love & Forgiveness**

We are not judged by what eyes see or by what is heard.  
 We are instead loved. Forgiven and loved. Be sure of it, for it is so.

**\*The Passing of the Peace:**

One: Since we have been forgiven by God, especially in the birth of this child Jesus, let us also forgive one another and walk and live in the peace that is ours. May the peace of God in all the ways God is known be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

**Prayer for Illumination**

God, by your Holy Spirit, give us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and awe of you. Bring us the spirit of joy in your presence, through these words written long ago. May it be so.

**First Reading: Jeremiah 31: 7 – 14**

Oh yes, God says so: Shout for joy at the top of your lungs for Jacob! Announce the good news to the number-one nation! Raise cheers! Sing praises! Say, "God has saved God's people, saved the core of Israel."

"Watch what comes next: I'll bring my people back from the north country And gather them up from the ends of the earth, gather those who've gone blind And those who are lame and limping, and gather pregnant women, even the mothers whose birth pangs have started, bring them all back, a huge crowd!

"Watch them come! They'll come weeping for joy as I take their hands and lead them, Lead them to fresh flowing brooks, lead them along smooth, uncluttered paths. Yes, it's because I'm Israel's God and Ephraim's my firstborn son!

"Hear this, nations! God's Message! Broadcast this all over the world! Tell them, 'The One who scattered Israel will gather them together again. From now on God will keep a careful eye on them, like a shepherd with a flock.'

I, God, will pay a stiff ransom price for Jacob; I'll free him from the grip of the Babylonian bully. The people will climb up Zion's slopes shouting with joy, their faces beaming because of God's bounty—grain and wine and oil, flocks of sheep, herds of cattle. Their lives will be like a well-watered garden, never again left to dry up. Young women will dance and be happy, young men and old men will join in. I'll convert their weeping into laughter, lavishing comfort, invading their grief with joy. I'll make sure that their priests get three square meals a day and that my people have more than enough." This is God's Decree.

**Gospel of John from Chapter 1**

The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Mother, like Son, generous inside and out, true from start to finish. John pointed him out and called, "This is the One! The One I told you was coming after me but in fact was ahead of me. He has always been ahead of me, has always had the first word." We all live off God's generous bounty, gift after gift after gift. We got the basics from Moses, and then this exuberant giving and receiving, This endless knowing and understanding— all this came through Jesus, the Messiah. No one has ever seen God, not so much as a glimpse. This one-of-a-kind God-Expression, who exists at the very heart of the Mother and Father, who have made him plain as day.

**Provocation:** Caught off-guard by the marvelous... Ray Bagnuolo

**Interlude**

**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 Jesus' imagination.  
**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."

## 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!*

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  
All One  
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)

**Our Mother/Father, 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.**

## \*Hymn #513 Let Us Break Bread Together

1. Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; (on our knees;)  
2. Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees.)  
 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees.)

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. (on me.)

**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)**

**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.

**Charge to the People**

As God's own, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness and patience, forgiving each other as God has forgiven all of us, and crown all these things with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

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