

Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House

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

A Welcoming & Affirming Congregation for All

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 23, 2011



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 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: God who said, "Out of darkness the light shall shine!"
Many: **Is the same God who makes the Light shine in our hearts.**

One: Let the Light bring us the knowledge and the heart of God and God's love.
Many: **Fill us on this and all days with the wonderful presence of God.**

All: **Come. Let us worship God together and share in God's love for all. Amen.**

Hymn # 26: **Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light**



26 Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

ERMUNTRE DICH 8.7.8.7.8.8.7.7

Johann Rist, 1641
Trans. John Troutbeck, 1873

Johann Schop, 1641
Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1734

Musical score for the hymn "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light". It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Break forth, O beau-teous heaven-ly light, And ush-er in the morn-ing. You shep-herds, shud-der not with fright, But hear the an-gel's warn-ing. This Child, now weak in in-fan-cy, Our con-fi-dence and joy shall be; The power of Sa-tan break-ing, Our peace e-ter-nal mak-ing."

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

Prayer of Confession

One: Jesus said:
Ask and it will be given you;
seek, and you will find;
knock, and it will be opened to you.

All: **For every one who asks receives,
and the one who seeks finds,
and to the one who knocks it will be opened.**

One: Friends,
God knows our needs before we ask,
and in our asking
prepares us to receive the gift of grace.

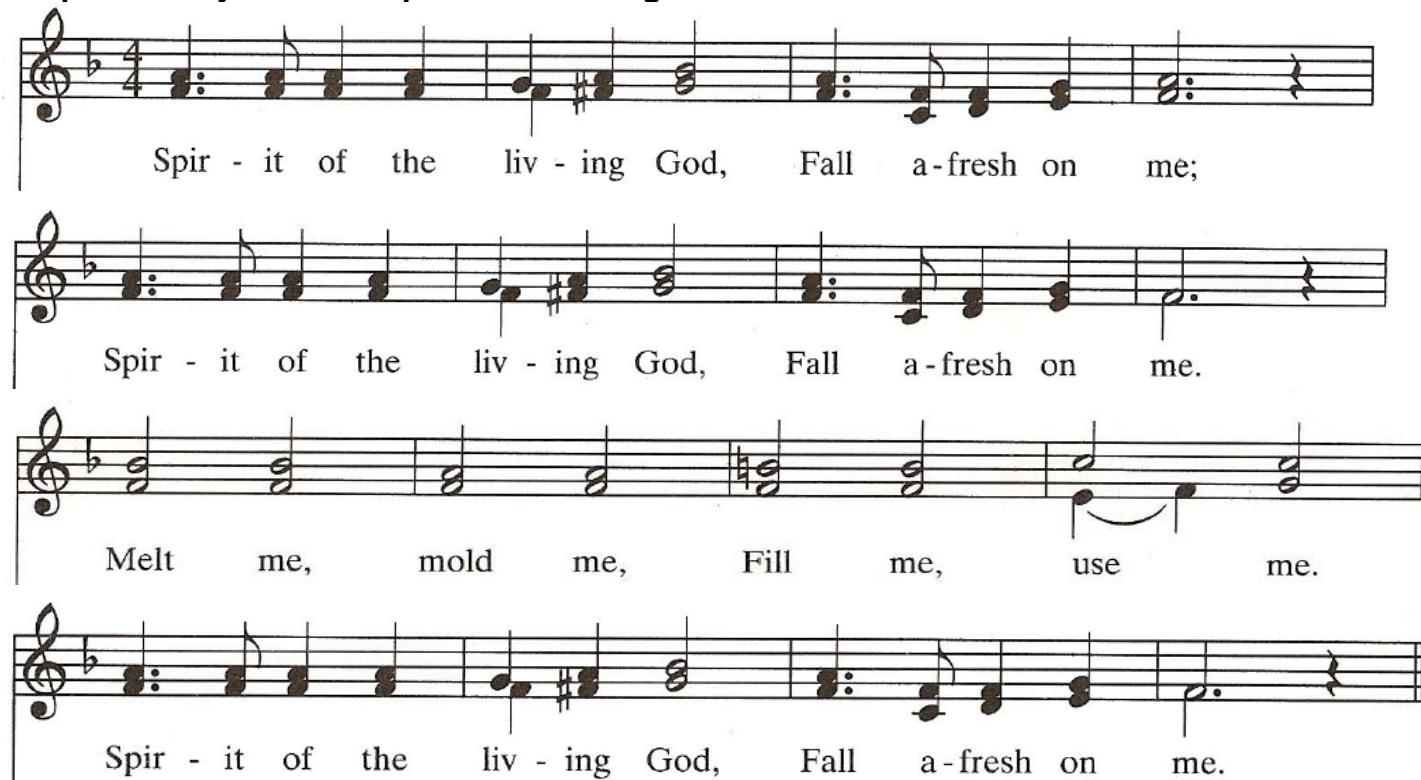
Let us open our lives to God's healing presence,
forsaking all that separates us
from God and neighbor.

Let us be mindful not only of personal wrongdoing
but also of our communal sins
of family, class, race, gender, gender identity, and nation.

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, all, of God's grace.

A Time for Silent Prayer...

Response Hymn # 322 Spirit of the Living God



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me;

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me.

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Assurance of God's Love & Forgiveness

The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. In the name of God who loves us all, I declare that we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives all wrongs, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us now and forever. **Amen.**

*The Passing of the Peace:

One: Let us offer one another a sign of peace: May the peace of God in all the ways God is know be with you all. All: **And also with you.**

Prayer for Illumination

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, so that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of of us all, in all the ways we may know you. **Amen.**

The First Reading: from ISAIAH 9: 1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time God brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time God will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Gospel of Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Provocation: At what speed light? Ray Bagnuolo

Hymn # 3: **Comfort, Comfort You My People**

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.

Comfort, Comfort You My People

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PSALM 42 8.7.8.7.7.8.8

Johannes Olearius, 1671

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

Genevan Psalter, 1551

1. Com - fort, com - fort you my peo - ple, Tell of peace, thus says our God;
2. For the her - ald's voice is call - ing In the des - ert far and near,
3. Make you straight what long was crook - ed, Make the rough - er plac - es plain;

Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness Bowed be - neath op - pres - sion's load.
Bid - ding us to make re - pent - ance Since the king - dom now is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be - fits God's ho - ly reign.

Speak you to Je - ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;
O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
For the glo - ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

Tell them that their sins I cov - er, And their war - fare now is o - ver.
Let the val - leys rise in meet - ing And the hills bow down in greet - ing.
And all flesh shall see the to - ken That God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

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

- Composer's Voice 2011 Kick-off Concert next Sunday, January 30 at 1 P.M.
- The Rev. Dr. Janie Spahr will visit with us on February 13, 2011. Please come meet this friend of Jan Hus and prophetic witness for full inclusion of the LGBT/Q community in the PCUSA.

Prayers of the People

- Mark in Hawaii
- Jerry recovering from heart surgery

The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us (In 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,
Frest 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. And most of all, pray to answer fear with faith, knowing that "God, gonna be with us always!" Amen.

Closing Hymn: #432 Canto de Esperanza/Song of Hope

Canto de Esperanza Song of Hope

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¡Dios de la es-pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun-do en
May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, Fill-ing all our

cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -
lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus-tice speed us

nos tu luz, Luz y es pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.
on our way, Bring-ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.

Refrain
O - re - mos por la paz, Can - te - mos de tu a - mor.
Pray-ing, let us work for peace, Sing-ing, share our joy with all,

Lu - che - mos por la paz, Fie - les a Ti, Se - ñor.
Work-ing for a world that's new, Faith-ful when we hear Christ's call.

Blessing

Postlude

A special gift is something outside of [us]. [We] are not the same as it.

The nature of the gift has nothing to do with the [one] who carries it.

~ Carl Jung (paraphrased)

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Please join us for a light lunch following worship.