



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Progressive in Approach: Christ-like in Action!

Online Worship: May 17, 2020

To An UNKNOWN GOD: How Great Thou Art!

Pastor Dawn Hutchings, Marney Curran
Neil Nauman, & Cherilyn Spraakman

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Welcome:

**LOVE is Risen!
LOVE is Risen in Us! Alleluia!**

PRELUDE:

Little Litanies of Jesus
Gabriel Grovlez

Greeting:

**The grace of our risen CHRIST,
the LOVE which IS DIVINITY
and the power of the SPIRIT is with us all.**



***God is all that is good,
and God made all that is made,
and God loves every part of it.
If you love all people
because of God's love,
then you love
each created thing,
because you love the creator.
For God is in every person,
and every person is in God.
If you love in this way, you love all.***

Julian of Norwich (1342-1416)

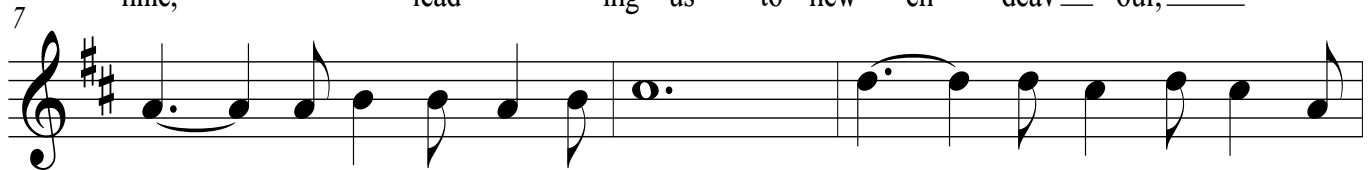
words by Jocelyn Marshall



1. God, com-pos - er and con - duct - or ____ of ____ earth's match-less sym - phon -
 2. God, the ar - chi - tect and ar - tist ____ of ____ earth's col - ours, text - ures,
 3. God of sci - ence, heal - er, teach - er, ____ push - es out the bound - ar -
 4. God, cre - a - tive spi - rit in ____ us, ____ in - spir - a - tion, force sub -



y, makes ____ from si - lence glor - ious mu - sic, ____
 forms, gives ____ new won - der to our vis - ion, ____
 ies of ____ cap - ac - it - y and know - ledge, ____
 lime, lead - ing us to new en - deav ____ our, ____



from ____ dis - cord - ance, harm - on - y; brings ____ forth joy from deep - est
 light ____ in ev - en dark - est storms, teach - es that with un - der -
 chal - len - ges and gent - ly frees from ____ the lim - its that res -
 you, ____ our liv - ing par - a - digm, may ____ we know your con - stant



sor - ow, ec - stac - y from a - gon - y.
 stand - ing, faith ____ re - deems and love re - forms.
 train ____ us, of - fers op - por - tun - i - ties.
 pres - ence now, ____ and to the end of time.

Prayer of the Day:

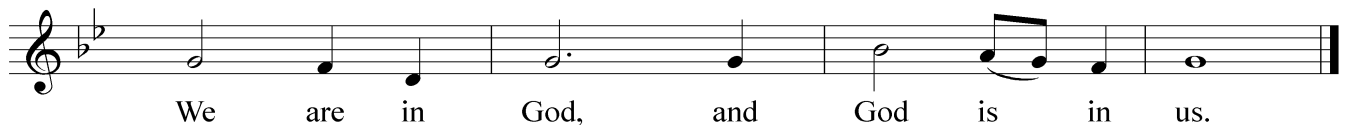
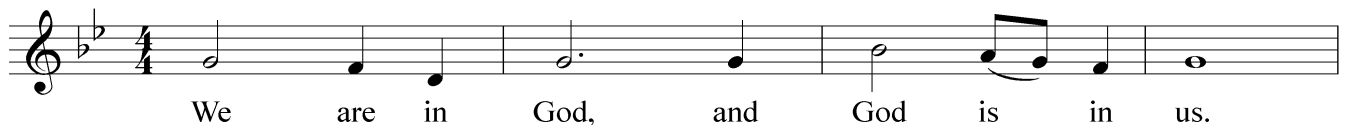
In the midst of the MYSTERY who IS LOVE, let us rejoice knowing that in this LOVE we live and move and have our being. Together, let us rejoice in the splendour of this new day. Just as surely as daybreaks each morning, the LIGHT calls us into the fullness of life. So, as we worship, let us open ourselves to wonders of the glory of God, our LOVER, BELOVED, and LOVE ITSELF. Amen

Song of Praise

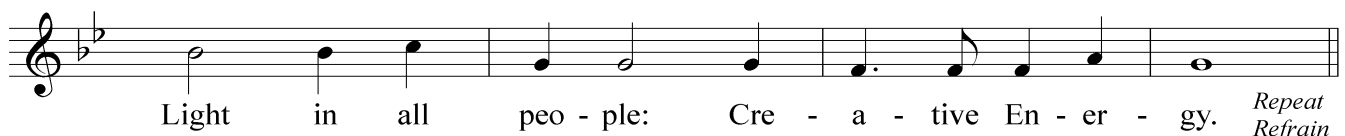
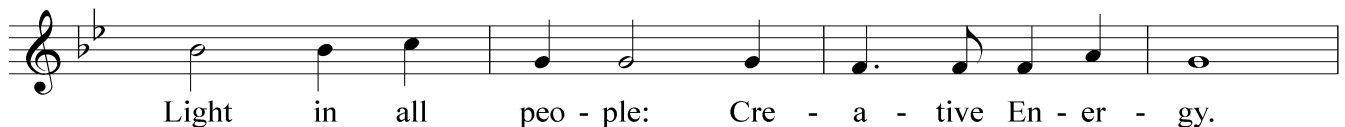
We are in God

Refrain

Kristopher E. Lindquist



Verse



Text inspired by Julian of Norwich, 1342-1415 CE, & John 1:1-18.

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YOU EITHER SEE GOD IN ALL



OR DONT SEE GOD AT ALL

Reading Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is a time for everything,
a season for every purpose under heaven:
a season to be born and a season to die;
a season to plant and a season to harvest;
a season to hurt and a season to heal;
a season to tear down and a season to build up;
a season to cry and a season to laugh;
a season to mourn and a season to dance;
a season to scatter stones and a season to gather them;
a season for holding close and a season for holding back;
a season to seek and a season to lose;
a season to keep and a season to throw away;
a season to tear and a season to mend;
a season to be silent and a season to speak;
a season to love and a season to have;
a season for hostilities and a season for peace.

Music

Limitless LOVE

Jocelyn Marshall

1. God of in - fi - ni - ty, God of hu - man - i - ty, Giv - er, Cre - a - tor, your
2. Give us the faith that your pres-ence is ev - ery-where as it has been with your
5. God un - i - vers - al and God of the per-son - al, Source of all wis - dom, Sus-
7
like - ness we seek: faith, hope and char - i - ty blend - ed in un - i - ty,
saints through the years: faith that moves moun-tains, en - cour - ag - ing, streng-then-ing,
tain - er and Friend, Spi - rit in - tang - i - ble, in - comp - re - hens - i - ble,
13
guid - ing our act - ions, the words that we speak.
bind - ing to - geth - er, dis - pel - ling our fears.
Love with - out lim - it and Life with - out end.

Reading: Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood up before the council of the Areopagus and delivered this address:

“Citizens of Athens, I note that in every respect you are scrupulously religious. As I walked about looking at your shrines, I even discovered an altar inscribed, ‘To an Unknown God.’ Now, what you are worshiping in ignorance I intend to make known to you. “For the God who made the world and all that is in it, the Sovereign of heaven and earth, doesn’t live in sanctuaries made by human hands, and isn’t served by humans, as if in need of anything. No!

God is the ONE who gives everyone life, breath—everything. From one person God created all of humankind to inhabit the entire earth and set the time for each nation to exist and the exact place where each nation should dwell. God did this so that human beings would seek, reach out for and perhaps find the ONE who is not really far from any of us—the ONE in whom we live and move and have our being. As one of your poets has put it, “We too are God’s children.’ If we are in fact children of God, then it’s inexcusable to think that the DIVINE NATURE is like an image of gold, silver or stone—an image formed by the art and thought of mortals.

God, who overlooked such ignorance in the past, now commands all people everywhere to reform their lives. For a day has been set when the whole world will be judged with justice. And this judge has given proof of all of this by raising this judge from the dead.”

* Acclamation: ***One In Whom We Live***

Kristopher E. Lindquist

One in whom we live, One in whom we move,

One in whom we have our be-ing, One the Life in All.

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first two phrases, and the second staff contains the next two phrases. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Text inspired by Epimenides, 6th c. BCE (in Acts 17:27-29)

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Gospel:

John 14:15-21

Jesus said,

“If you love me and obey the command I give you, I will ask the ONE who sent me to give you another Paraclete, another Helper to be with you always—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept since the world neither sees her nor recognizes her; but you can recognize the Spirit because she remains with you and will be within you.

I will not leave you orphaned; I will come back to you.

A little while now and the world will see me no more; but you’ll see me; because I live, and you will live as well.

On that day you’ll know that I AM in God and you are in me, and I AM in you. Those who obey the commandments are the ones who love, me, and those who love me will be loved by Abba God. I too, will love them and will reveal myself to them.”

Reflection

To An UNKNOWN GOD: How Great Thou Art!

Song of the Day:

How Great Thou Art

TEXT: Carol G. Boberg; MUSIC Swedish folk tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art! How Great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art! How Great thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art! How Great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art! How Great thou art!**

**There are no words, by which we catch the MYST'RY;
Yet still we sing, we praise and we adore;
There are no words in which we hold the history
Of all Creation. We just stand in awe.
So sing my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art! How Great thou art!
So sing my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art! How Great thou art!**

**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy will fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great though art!"
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art! How Great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art! How Great thou art!**

Prayers of the People

Interpretation of the Prayer Jesus taught...

**LOVING PRESENCE, luminous in all creation,
hallowed be your name.
Thy Kin-dom come.
May we reflect on earth the yielding perfection of the heavens.
Help us to receive an illumined measure from the earth this day.
Forgive us when we trespass against others,
human and other-than-human,
as we forgive others who trespass against us.
Keep us on the path of wisdom
when we are tempted to take the selfish path.
May it be your rule we follow, your power we exercise,
and your radiance that allures.
May this be the truth that guides our lives,
the ground from which our future will grow,
until we meet again. Amen.**

*If Darwin Prayed, by Bruce Sanguin (Fall, 2010)
Lord's Prayer: translation from Aramaic by Bruce Sanguin.*

Song:

When We Have Moved

TUNE: FINLANDIA; TEXT: William Livinstone Wallace

FINLANDIA (alt)



1. When we have moved be - yond the realm of words And emp - ty -
2. O des - ert God, who dwells in deep - est night, — Your dark - est
3. With lov - ing thoughts we grow to ov - er - come — Each force that



ness re - plac - es all our thought, A Christ-like peace de - scends up - on our
space re - veals a cos - mic view; With trust we move be - yond the cir - cum -
un - der - mines our in - ner health Un - til we view each oth - er as the



hearts; A space where wars are nei - ther won nor sought.
scribed To dance with Christ the spi - ral's gold - en hue.
one — Who al - so dwells with - in our com - plex self.

Blessing

POSTLUDE: Sleeping Bells
Mychael Danna

Please stay tuned to the end of the video for a special appeal from Council Member Andrew Slonetsky!

OFFERINGS:

There are several ways to ensure that we are able to continue meeting our commitments.

You can mail in your offerings:

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
1035 Wayne Drive
Newmarket, On. L3Y 2W9

You can sign up to our Preauthorized Remittance Program PAR

contact our Treasurer Sharon Smyth who will guide you

You can go to Holy Cross' **CanadaHelps** page to donate just follow the link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/131691727RR0001-holy-cross-lutheran-church/>

CARE TEAM:

We are doing our best to connect with our HC Family. We are grateful that at the moment we have more volunteers than we need. This will serve us well in the coming weeks. Soon, we will be creating a phone chain to ensure that we all stay connected. If you need help, or simply a conversation, **PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE** to leave a voicemail on the church phone: 905-898-1682 – we are checking these messages 3 times a day. So, someone will get back to you ASAP.

You can also call Pastor Dawn directly on her cellphone 905-868-0897.



This Easter Season worship with us!

We are reviving the early Christian practice of "Home Church."
Updated for these challenging times:

**Online Worship Videos
will be posted
Sundays at 10:45am**

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ALLELUIA!

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Pastor....The Reverend **Dawn Hutchings** B.A., M.Div. 905-868-0897
Musical Director.....**Marney Curran** B.S.M., A.R.C.T.
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Holy Cross Finances as of April 30, 2020

THANK-YOU! THANK-YOU! THANK-YOU! Thanks to all the generous, Members and Friends of Holy Cross who have graciously stepped up to ensure that our financial house is in order during these unprecedented times! Your ongoing donations are especially appreciated as we all struggle to come to terms with the current realities of financial insecurity. Below you will see a summary of our Income and Expenses.

Financial Report - General Fund Jan-April 30, 2020

INCOME	Jan-April BUDGET	Jan-April ACTUAL	Variance
Regular Sunday Offerings	\$43,278.37	\$40,026.91	
BLOG Participants		\$2,000	
Total OFFERINGS	\$43,278.37	\$42,026.91	-\$1,251.46
Solar Panel Income	\$3,000.00	\$510.87	-\$2,489.13
Fundraising	\$666.64	\$0.00	-\$666.64
Gifts	\$166.64	\$0.00	-\$166.64
Interest	\$0.00	\$16.88	\$16.88
Non-Budgeted Expenses	\$333.36	\$0.00	-\$333.36
Budgeted Expense	\$333.36	\$2,307.40	\$1,974.04
Rentals: Church Facility	\$500.00	\$540.00	\$40.00
Rental: Armitage Daycare	\$4,300.00	\$4,300.00	\$0.00
Movie Nights/Matinees	\$1,000.00	\$608.81	-\$391.19
Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sub-Total General Fund	\$53,578.37	\$50,310.87	-\$3,267.50
2019 Surpluss Carried forward	\$330.85	\$330.85	
TOTAL INCOME	\$53,909.22	\$50,641.72	-\$3,267.50
TOTAL EXPENSES to April 30 2020	\$53,909.06	\$49,868.90	-\$4,040.16
NET INCOME as of April 30 2020		\$772.66	

EXPENSES:

- Typically, our expenses run above budget during the first quarter due to annual expenses which cannot be carried over 12 months eg Insurance \$3,558.60 and Snowplowing \$1,247.28. However, as a result of physical distancing our expenses are actually \$4,040.16 less than budgeted.
- Expenses are expected to remain below budget for the foreseeable future.

INCOME:

- Federal Government Payroll Subsidy: Holy Cross will receive 10% of monthly salary (including housing allowance) for 3 months (March 18 to June 19) to a maximum for \$ 1350 total per employee. In our case this means \$ 450 a month for 3 months which is given as a reduction in payroll tax due for those months.
- Pastor Dawn's speaking engagements have been cancelled and all fees have been waived.

BRIDGE LOAN:

- The \$20,000 Bridge Loan remains intact. It continues to secure our cash flow.
- The first payment of \$5,000 plus interest is due in June and will be drawn from the loan itself.

ACCESSIBILITY FUND:

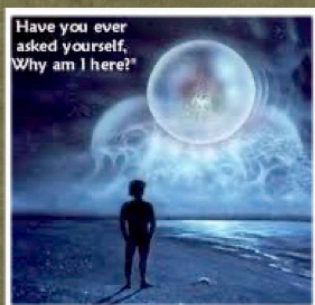
Loan Payment Dec. 31:	\$12,500.00
Carry over from 2019:	2,180.34
Received in 2020:	2,279.73
Accessibility Fund total:	\$ 4,460.07
Balance needed by Dec.31:	\$ 8,039.93



**Bring along your favourite
Morning Brew
and join the conversation.**



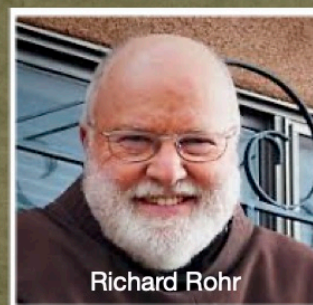
**ZOOM Sessions begin:
Thursday May 14th
at 10:00am**



Matthew Fox



Joan Chittister



Richard Rohr

SPIRITUALITY IN CHAOTIC TIMES

Nurturing our Spirits

Each week you will receive a short essay on the subject of spirituality written by a contemporary author. We will use the essays to inspire conversations exploring various spiritual practices which can nourish, ground, and sustain us, during these chaotic times.

Essays, along with a Zoom link will be published on our website on the Monday preceding our session. You are welcome to invite a friend. A sample of the type of essay we will be exploring is attached. Our first essay will be posted on Monday May 11.

Sessions: Thursdays **May 14, 28, June 4, 11, & 25** at 10:00am

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Street Outreach Van



A big THANK-YOU from the volunteers at the Outreach Van!

"Global Justice Team and Holy Cross Lutheran Church

On behalf of the street outreach staff team and clients I would like to thank you so very much for your donation of food during this pandemic. As you know we rely heavy on donations from the community to do the work that we do. This month we have been incredibly busy and saw an increase of 125 new clients who have never accessed the services of the van. I am extremely grateful for all the help we receive from the volunteers over the years. I often tell Sharon and the other ladies this. They make our job that much easier.

Mary Ann"

We all know that there are folks in distress during this period of diminishing resources and fear over the pandemic. Contributing food items to the Van may be a way you would feel you could help with.

Items most needed are:

Peanut Butter

Tuna

Baked Beans

Canned Pasta Sauce (no glass)

Canned Soup



To arrange pick-up or drop-off
of your donation: Email

holycrosslutheran@rogers.com

If you go shopping for yourself, or send someone shopping on your behalf, please consider buying some extra for the Van. Since there are no volunteers to go shopping for the Van, we appreciate food donations over monetary gifts.

Your donations will be picked up from your porch or we can arrange a drop off for you if you email holycrosslutheran@rogers.com



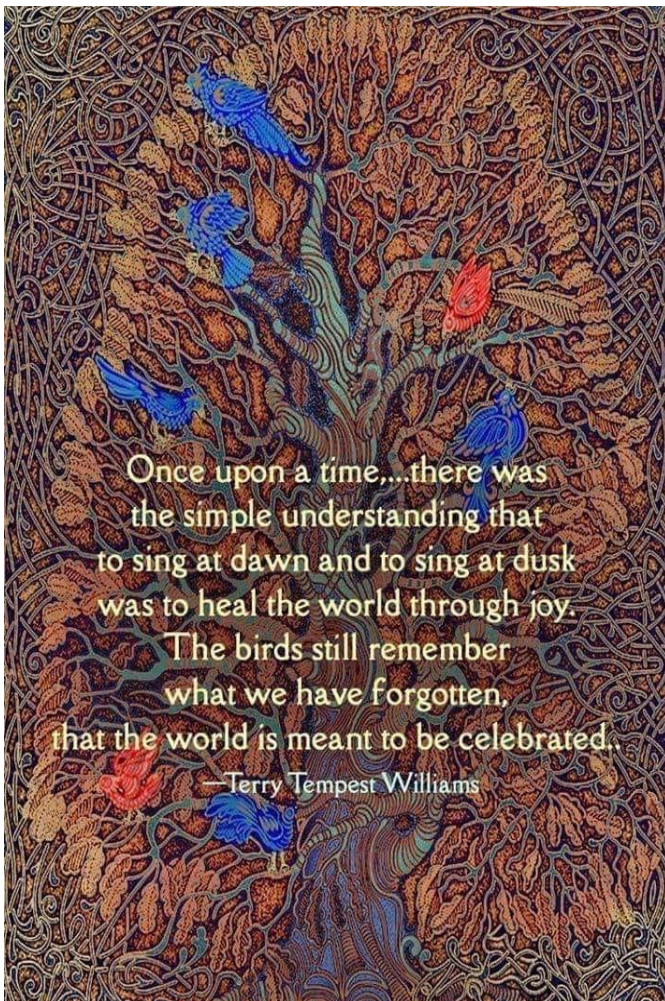
Attention Gardeners! Volunteers Needed!!!



As you can see Creation is in bloom at the church. In our absence: the tulips, daffodils, grass, and weeds, are flourishing.

Our little garden could use a little tending.

If you are able to lend a hand, please send Wayne Dawe an email wayne@wdawe.com and he will insure that physical distancing prevails. Happy Gardening!



Once upon a time,...there was
the simple understanding that
to sing at dawn and to sing at dusk
was to heal the world through joy.

The birds still remember
what we have forgotten,
that the world is meant to be celebrated.

—Terry Tempest Williams

LET YOURSELF REST

If you're exhausted, rest.

If you don't feel like starting a new project, don't.

If you don't feel the urge to make something new,
just rest in the beauty of the old, the familiar, the known.

If you don't feel like talking, stay silent.

If you're fed up with the news, turn it off.

If you want to postpone something until tomorrow, do it.

If you want to do nothing, let yourself do nothing today.

Feel the fullness of the emptiness, the vastness of the
silence, the sheer life in your unproductive moments.

Time does not always need to be filled.

You are enough, simply in your being.

Jeff Foster

