

"We must be willing to get rid of the life we've planned, so as to have the life that is waiting for us.

The old skin has to be shed before the new one can come.

If we fix on the old, we get stuck. When we hang onto any form, we are in danger of putrefaction.

Hell is life drying up."

Joseph Campbell



## Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Online Worship: May 24, 2020

### Making Love to the ONE Who IS LOVE

Pastor Dawn Hutchings, Marney Curran  
Carol Wegford

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Welcome:

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

PRELUDE:

### ***Little Litanies of Jesus***

*Music Composed By: Marney Curran*

*Inspired by George Macdonald's Poem*

Maker of me, go on making me, and let me help thee.  
Come, O Father, here I am,  
Let us go on, let us go on.  
I know that my thoughts are those of a child,  
But it is Thy child that prays to thee.  
It is Thy dark I walk in, it is Thy hand I hold.  
Amen.

Greeting:

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

Music:

# *Like the Stars that Hymned Creation*

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of four systems, each with a vocal staff and a piano accompaniment staff. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves. The music features a mix of whole, half, quarter, and eighth notes, with some rests. The piano accompaniment is primarily composed of chords and single notes, providing a harmonic foundation for the voices.

1 Like the stars that hymned cre - a - tion, sing praise to God;  
2 In the si - lent pause of won - der, God's song is heard;  
3 As our minds and bod - ies la - bor, God sings through us;  
4 For the glo - rious gift of mu - sic, thanks be to God;

with the tongues of ev - ery na - tion, sing praise to God.  
in the hush that fol - lows thun - der, God's song is heard.  
when we help and serve our neigh - bor, God sings through us.  
for the skill and grace to use it, thanks be to God.

For all bless - ings, great and grow - ing, for new strength to keep on  
When the hum of life sur - rounds us, or a deep - felt pres - ence  
By re - stor - ing and for - giv - ing, when our wor - ship shapes our  
For the surge of joy - ful nois - es made by in - stru - ments and

go - ing, for the gift of peace past know - ing, sing praise to God.  
grounds us, most of all, when joy dumb - founds us, God's song is heard.  
liv - ing day by day with love's self - giv - ing, God sings through us.  
voic - es when the church in hope re - joic - es, thanks be to God.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944- )  
MUSIC: Welsh melody

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8.4.8.4.8.8.8.4.

## Prayer of the Day:

**We gather together to awaken in one another the LOVE which lives and breathes in, with, through, and beyond us. We gather to be ONE with that LOVE which is the source of life. We gather to know LOVE, to experience the power of the LOVE that IS God. Let us open ourselves to LOVE so that we might become LOVE.**

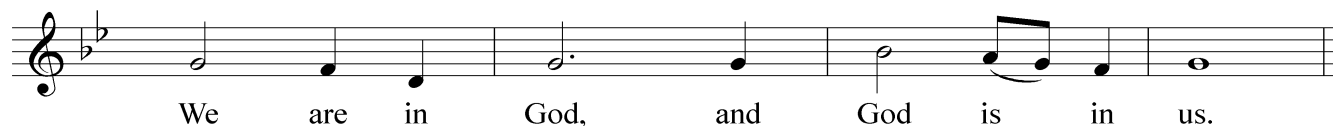
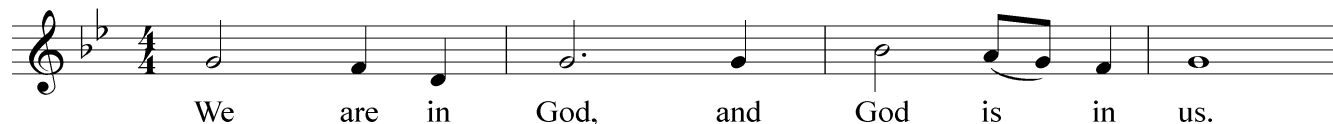
**We pray in the name of our Creator, Christ, and Spirit ONE, our LOVER, BELOVED, and LOVE ITSELF. Amen.**

## Song of Praise

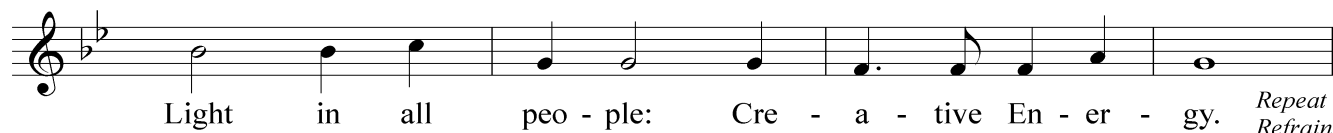
### *We are in God*

#### Refrain

Kristopher E. Lindquist



#### Verse



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

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**From the time I first heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of the holy ones, I have never stopped thanking God for you and remembering you in my prayers.**

**I pray that the God of our Saviour Jesus Christ, the God of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation, to bring you to a rich knowledge of the Creator.**

## Music

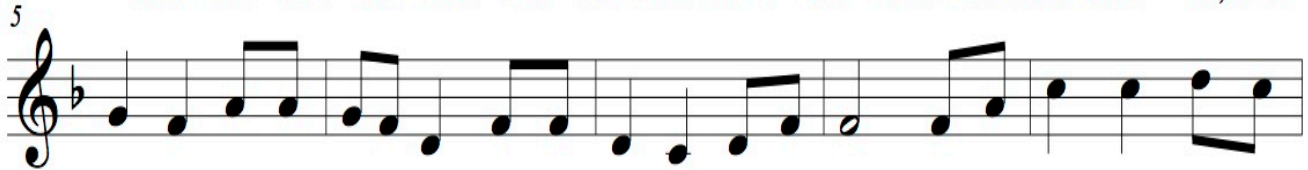
***When Our World of Thought Lies Shattered***

Text: William Livingstone Wallace

Beach Spring



1. When our world of thought lies shat-tered as its truths frag-ment and die, we will  
 2. All we thought was un-con-nect ed now is linked with cos-mic thread. What was  
 3. Can our faith sur-vive this tur-moil? Can it rev-'rence new found laws? Yes, when



trust the myst'ry's one-ness held with-in the earth and sky. What we once con-ceived as  
 seen as un-re-lat-ed genes u-nite as one in-stead. Faith that claims to be rock  
 won-der is our help-mate aid-ing us to stop and pause. Glo-ry be for sa-cred



sol-id we now know is full of space, what seems stat-ic and un-mov-ing sci-ence  
 sol-id holds some parts but not the whole. On-ly through the Spir-it's flow-ing can we  
 mys-t'ry. Praise for all life's wondrous ways. Cel-e-brate e-merging know-ledge wov-en



shows is not the case.  
 find our jour-ney's goal.  
 in a ring of praise.



Contemporary Reading from: "EMBERS: One Ojibway's Meditations  
by Richard Wagamese

**I'VE BEEN REFERRED to as odd before.**

**Nowadays, I prefer to refer to myself as "awed."**

**I want awe to be the greatest ongoing relationship in my life.**

**I want to move through my days floored by the magnificence and generosity of my CREATOR. The breaking of a day, the silence between words, the light emanating from a real conversation, and kindness, truth, love and the apparently random hand of grace: I want to remain gobsmacked by all of it. Rendered speechless by wonder, I await the next unfolding. Peace, friends. Be awed today.**

\* 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 6/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The notes are simple, with some rests and ties, and the overall feel is contemplative.

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

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Gospel:

John 17:1-11

**After Jesus said this, he looked up to heaven and said,  
“Abba, the hour has come! Glorify your Only Begotten that I may glorify  
you, through the authority you’ve given me over all humankind, by  
bestowing eternal life on all those you gave me.  
And this is eternal life: to know you, the only true God, and the one you  
have sent, Jesus, the Messiah.  
I have given you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.  
Now, Abba, glorify me with your own glory, the glory I had with you  
before the world began.  
I have embodied your Name to those you gave me from the world.**

....

**They were yours, and you gave them to me; and now they have kept  
your word.  
Now they know that everything you’ve entrusted to me does indeed  
come from you.  
I entrusted to them the message you entrusted to me, and they received  
it.  
They know that I really came from you; they believe it was you who sent  
me.  
And it’s for them that I pray—not for the world, but for these you’ve  
given me—just as all that belongs to me is yours and all that belongs to  
you is mine.  
It is in them that I have been glorified.  
I am in the world no more, but while I am coming to you they are still in  
the world.  
Abba, holy God protect those whom you have given me with your  
Name—the Name that you gave me—that they may be ONE, even as we  
are ONE.**

Reflection

## **Making Love to the ONE Who IS LOVE**

### ***Song of the Day:***

### ***This Path We Walk***

TUNE: O WALY WALY, WORDS: S. Curtis Tufts

**This path we walk, through joy and tears,  
a living Way of faith and fears,  
through each step's risk, each sorrow's pain,  
when walked in LOVE, we'll rise again.**

**These gifts we bring, this light we hold,  
our songs of grace, our stories told,  
remain un-done, told just in part,  
till shared in LOVE, and known by heart.**

**When life is shared, together bound,  
God's richest gifts, together found;  
together walk the Spirit's Way  
when LOVE's the guide, we shall not stray.**

### 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:

# Startle Us, God, By the Gifts of Your Spirit

verses: 1, 2, & 4

1 Star - tle us, God, by the signs of Your Spir - it a - round  
2 Wake us to see where the winds of the cit - y are blow -  
3 Shock us by show - ing us Je - sus, his style of di - rec -  
4 Star - tle us, God, in - to con - fi - dent high ex - pec - ta -

us! Shake us a - wake for the thrust of Your Word to a -  
ing, fac - ing the bro - kers of power where the cur - rents are  
tion, wel - com - ing, nev - er con - ven - tion - al in his se -  
tion, know - ing the hope and the prom - ise of new rev - e -

stound us! Rat - tle our doors, give our dis -  
flow - ing, find - ing the lost, learn - ing what  
lec - tion, o - pen our minds, teach us how  
la - tion, tak - ing Your part, prais - ing with

com - fort no pause, rouse us for work You have found us!  
jus - tice may cost, feel - ing the pain of our grow - ing.  
prej - u - dice blinds, col - ors our cul - ture's re - flec - tion.  
mind and with heart, hon - or - ing all Your cre - a - tion.

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray  
MUSIC: Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

LOBE DEN HERREN

## Blessing

POSTLUDE:     The Weather of the SPIRIT  
                     Music Composed by Marney Curran  
                     Inspired by George MacDonald's poem

Do Thou, my God, my spirit's weather control,  
And as I do not gloom tho' the day be dun,  
Let me not gloom when earthborne vapours roll  
Across the infinite zenith of my soul.  
Should sudden brain frost through the heart's summer run,  
Cold, weary, joyless, waste of air and sun,  
Thou art my south, my summer wind, my All, my ONE.

**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.**

## **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](mailto:wayne@wdawe.com) and he will insure that physical distancing prevails. Happy Gardening!

## 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

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Jan-April BUDGET</b>	<b>Jan-April ACTUAL</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Regular Sunday Offerings	\$43,278.37	\$40,026.91	
BLOG Participants		\$2,000	
<b>Total OFFERINGS</b>	\$43,278.37	<b>\$42,026.91</b>	<b>-\$1,251.46</b>
Solar Panel Income	\$3,000.00	\$510.87	<b>-\$2,489.13</b>
Fundraising	\$666.64	\$0.00	<b>-\$666.64</b>
Gifts	\$166.64	\$0.00	<b>-\$166.64</b>
Interest	\$0.00	\$16.88	\$16.88
Non-Budgeted Expenses	\$333.36	\$0.00	<b>-\$333.36</b>
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	<b>-\$391.19</b>
Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Sub-Total General Fund</b>	\$53,578.37	<b>\$50,310.87</b>	<b>-\$3,267.50</b>
2019 Surpluss Carried forward	\$330.85	\$330.85	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$53,909.22</b>	<b>\$50,641.72</b>	<b>-\$3,267.50</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES to April 30 2020</b>	<b>\$53,909.06</b>	<b>\$49,868.90</b>	<b>-\$4,040.16</b>
<b>NET INCOME as of April 30 2020</b>		<b>\$772.66</b>	

#### 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:	<b>2,180.34</b>
Received in 2020:	<b>2,279.73</b>
Accessibility Fund total:	<b>\$ 4,460.07</b>
Balance needed by Dec.31:	<b>\$ 8,039.93</b>

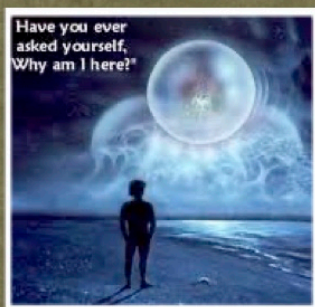




**Bring along your favourite  
Morning Brew  
and join the conversation.**



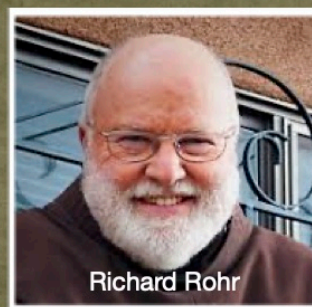
**ZOOM Sessions begin:  
Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup>  
at 10:00am**



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](mailto: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](mailto:holycrosslutheran@rogers.com)

