

National Indigenous Peoples Day

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

Online Worship: June 21, 2020

**In this storm Jesus is not asleep
in the back of the boat! We Are!**

Mark: 4:35-41

Pastor Dawn Hutchings

Musician: Marney Curran

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Welcome:

**National Indigenous Peoples Day
and Fathers' Day**

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This video was recorded on the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee, the Anishinaabe, the Huron-Wendat, and the Chippewas of Lake Simcoe and Lake Huron. This territory is covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the lands and resources around the Great Lakes.

PRELUDE:

Prelude, Op 11, No. 13
by Alexander Scriabin

Opening Prayer:

Let us pray:

HOLY CREATOR, GREAT SPIRIT, embodied in the LOVE of Jesus, we rejoice in every opportunity to give thanks for the variety of gifts of Creation. As we celebrate the diversity of Creation's gifts, we give thanks for the diversity of peoples who live upon this land. As settlers we acknowledge that we have too often failed to honour, respect, and LOVE our First Nations, Inuit, and Metis sisters and brothers. Let us open our ears, hearts, and minds so that we might see a new Way to live in harmony, which honours, nourishes, grounds, and sustains all people as kin, so that together, we might walk tenderly upon the Earth. We pray in the name of ALL that IS HOLY, the great MYSTERY who is our CREATOR, REDEEMER and SANCTIFIER. AMEN.

Music:

Sweet Grass and Candle

TEXT: John Wesley; Music: Rachel Landrecht;

Arranged by Neil Weisensel

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Sweet-grass and Can - dle, the peace pipe and bi - ble, the
Join in the cir - cle that will have no end - ing, for

Frame Drum

sto - ries of eld - ers, and beat of the drum;
we are all e - qual and loved in God's sight.

these are the sym - bols of hope, faith and jus - tice. We
Praise the Great Spir - it! of We gath - er as fam - ily to

gath - er in cir - cle, af - firm - ing we're one
sing of Love's free - dom and dance with de - light.

Wel - come the stran - ger for he is our bro - ther and

she is our sis - ter of Mo - ther Earth.

Care for cre - a - tion for all life is sac - red and

we are u - nit - ed by vi - sion's re - birth

Prayer of the Day:

**An Open Letter to Canadians
from the Chiefs of Ontario**



Open Letter to Canadians: Canada Must Commit to Action Against Systemic Racism

June 8, 2020

Dear Canadians,

We stand on the precipice of change. We are looking down an untravelled path that will lead us from the darkness of hate and racism into the light of a loving, caring and just society. Will we finally have the courage to walk together and say enough is enough? After this immediate crisis is over, we must commit and follow through with the needed action so that it never happens again. This is the work required by all people in Canada.

Together we watched George Floyd's tragic and heart-wrenching murder at the hands of the Minneapolis Police on May 25, 2020. Two days later, Regis Korchinski-Paquet, an Anishinabe-kwe/Black woman, fell to her death during a 'wellness' check-in Toronto attended by the Toronto Police Service. Then, on Thursday, June 4, 2020, Chantel Moore, a Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation woman, was shot and killed by the RCMP during a "wellness" check-in Edmundston, New Brunswick. These represent the types of tragic outcomes attributed to systemic racism toward Black, Indigenous, People of Colour (BIPOC).

We stand with the Black community.

Canada in the midst of an identity problem. To the rest of the world, Canada is one of the most peaceful, progressive, inclusive societies in the world. It is a society that the rest of the world envies. But the reality is systemic racism runs rampant and is deeply rooted in Canadian society. This is most evident in the race relations between many police services (RCMP, SQ, TBPS, OPP) and BIPOC. Despite the mandate to protect and serve, the current policing system is often used to oppress our peoples, which is demonstrated by the overrepresentation of BIPOC in the criminal justice system. Calls by the Black community to defund the police is a call to action that we must examine and support.

I ask Canadians to be aware of how racism lives and moves and looks in everything around you. Make a personal commitment to change the narrative by listening, challenging racism, educating yourself and sharing your power, space and platforms. Call upon your leaders to include the true history of how this country was founded. Include in the curriculum the past injustices inflicted upon BIPOC. Include the racist Acts and pieces of legislation that helped to oppress BIPOC and continues to feed the Colonial state allowing only a select few to benefit. This is a moment to learn.

Indigenous Elders have said, this coronavirus has come for a reason, it has come to teach us something. One thing is obvious; this pandemic has reminded us of our shared humanity. As the world experienced lockdowns, the majority of us stayed home and expressed a collective concern for our fellow humans' health and well-being. Perhaps for the first time in our modern human experience, we understood we are truly in this together. As such, it was especially shattering to watch a fellow human killed when we were all working toward preserving health and saving lives. George Floyd became 'everyman,' who was experiencing real anguish, and when he cried out for his mother, we all understood.

In the days ahead, we must hold onto our collective concern and do more than dream a new dream together. We must create concrete plans that include investing in safety and security for everyone, and this means moving away from paramilitary organizations. We must construct the new reality rather than just talk about it, or take a knee in a protest. The real work is beginning, and that is the untravelled path that we must take. If you feel small and insignificant in the grand scheme of things, remember change is possible. Will you continue to participate in this change? Long after the cameras have stopped rolling and the protesting in the streets has stopped? Will you look at what changes you can begin to make right in your own homes to make the lives of all Canadians, including BIPOC, as wonderful as the rest of the world believes Canada to be. It is essential to harness our collective compassion to create a more just society and root ourselves in a deep and abiding love and care for one another. I'll do my part. What about you?

Ninanaskamon!

Ontario Regional Chief RoseAnne Archibald

Music:

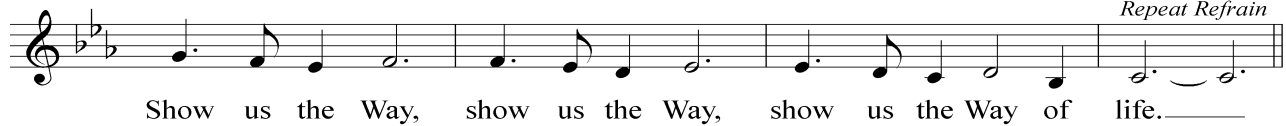
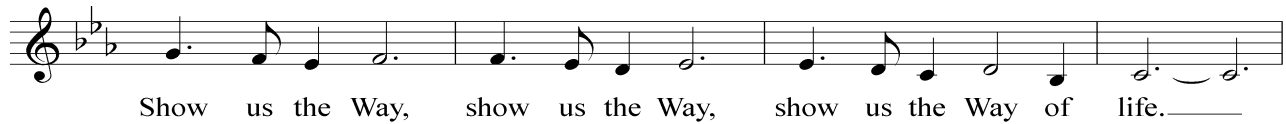
Show Us the Way of Compassion

Refrain

Kristopher E. Lindquist



Verse



Repeat Refrain

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Contemporary Reading:

Sacred Teaching of the Seven Grandfathers

**Respect, Love, Humility, Truth, Honesty, Wisdom,
Bravery**

To cherish knowledge is to know wisdom.

To know love is to know peace.

To honour all of Creation is to have respect.

Bravery is to face the foe with integrity.

Honesty in facing a situation is to be honourable.

Humility is to know yourself as a sacred part of the Creation.

Truth is to know all of these things.



Video: Directed, Animated and Edited by: Reuben J. Steindorf

Gospel:

Matthew 4:35-41

With the coming of evening that same day, Jesus said to the disciples, "Let's cross over to the other shore."

Leaving the crowd behind, they took Jesus in the boat in which he was sitting. There were other boats with them. Then a fierce gale arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat so much that it was almost swamped. But Jesus was in the stern through it all, sound asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said, "Teacher, doesn't it matter to you that we're going to drown?"

Jesus awoke, rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!"

And the wind dropped, and everything was perfectly calm.

Jesus then said to the disciples, "Why were you so frightened? Have you no faith?"

But they became filled with fear and said to one another, "Who is this, whom even the wind and sea obey?"

Reflection:

In this storm, Jesus is not asleep in the back of the boat! We Are!

Song of the Day

Call To Action

1. When bad laws are not ques-tioned, good pol-i-cies not tried, then
2. The Je-sus we have heard of, was al-ways strong to state that
3. If we are Christ's dis-ci-ples, we can-not turn our backs when
5 God is kept in heav-en and God with-in de-nied. For
he was for the weak-ones, the poor and not the great. He
9 called in-to the strug-gle to fol-low in his tracks. For
when we sit in si-lence much wrong can go un-checked; we
13 chal-lenged all the lead-ers; would not be o-ver-awed; he
Je-sus it was cost-ly; the en-e-my was strong. When
17 need to speak out loud-ly, make gov-ern-ments re-flect.
saw in-just-ice ram-pant, and e-qui-ty ig-nored.
pow-er is cor-rupt-ed we're charged to con-front wrong.
21 We may voice o-pin-ions al-though with cen-sored voice; let
We should voice o-pin-ions to gain a list-ening ear; let
We shall voice o-pin-ions; we too shall not suc-cumb. Let
25 shouts be strong a-gainst all wrong; we real-ly have no choice.
shouts be strong a-gainst all wrong; we need to in-ter-fere.
shouts be strong a-gainst all wrong; and we shall o-ver-come.

Interpretation of the Prayer Jesus taught... *A First Nations Interpretation*

O' Great Spirit, the source of Our Life, You created us all. You live in the Heavens, in the Earth and in our hearts. Your name is very sacred to us; we see It everyday in the skies, in the rivers and in the forests. You are a friend to the four legged ones, the winged ones, the ones who live in the waters and to the two legged ones.

Your eternal Ways bring harmony and strength, so the hoop of your people is unbroken as we gather around the council fires for wisdom. You are the Source of our life.

So, we rejoice each day for the food we eat, the shelter we live in and the companions we share. Help us to remember that as we love all that is around us. Your love grows within us. Lead our steps away from the trails of confusion and hurtfulness; place our feet on the trails of harmony and sharing. For Your Ways direct our lives, Your Power ignites the campfires of our hearts. Let us sing songs of joy to each other as we gather our logs. Thank you, Great Spirit. Amen.

Music:

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 2/4 time. It consists of four systems of staves. The lyrics are written below the staves, with two verses for the first two systems and one for the last system. Chord symbols are placed above the staves to indicate the harmonic structure. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, bar lines, and dynamic markings like 'fine'.

1. Makeme a chan-nel of your peace: where there is hat-red,
2. Makeme a chan-nel of your peace: where there's des-pair in

let me bring your love; where there is in- ju- ry, your heal-ing
life let me bring hope; where there is darkness, - - on- ly

pow'r, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
light, and where there's sad- ness, ev- er joy.

3. O Spir-it, grant that I may nev-er seek so much

to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be un-der-stood

as to un-der-stand, to be loved as to love with

all my soul - -

4. Make me a channel of your peace.
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 in giving to all that we receive,
 and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Blessing
 Announcements

Postlude **The Back of an Eagle**
 by Nancy Telfer

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

Join us Next Sunday for PRIDE WORSHIP!
 Followed by ZOOM COFFEE TIME

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.

Pastor Dawn on vacation:

Wednesday June 17 to Wednesday June 24

Voicemail: **905-898-1682**

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!

Global Justice Team Zoom Meeting: Monday June 23rd @ 7pm

Care Team Zoom Meeting: Tuesday June 24th @ 2pm

Holy Cross Finances as of MAY 31, 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. Thanks to your generosity we have been able to hold our deficit down to -1,172.53 compared to Budget. As many of you know, the budget does not reflect the annual expenses which are paid in the first half of the year. Our ongoing expenses are expected to continue well below budget for the remainder of this year. Below you will see a summary of our Income and Expenses.

Financial Report - General Fund Jan-May 31, 2020

INCOME	Jan - May BUDGET	Jan - May ACTUAL	Variance
Regular Sunday Offerings	\$54,097.97	\$45,930.3	
BLOG Participants		\$2,500	
Total OFFERINGS	\$54,097.97	\$48,430.3	-\$5,667.67
Solar Panel Income	\$3,750.00	\$1,190.97	-\$2,559.03
Fundraising	\$833.31	\$0.00	-\$833.31
Gifts	\$208.31	\$0.00	-\$208.31
Interest	\$0.00	\$26.01	\$26.01
Non-Budgeted Expenses	\$416.69	\$0.00	-\$416.69
Budgeted Expense	\$416.69	\$1,857.40	\$1,440.71
Gov't Payroll Subsidy	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Rentals: Church Facility	\$625.00	\$540.00	-\$85.00
Rental: Armitage Daycare	\$5,375.00	\$5,375.00	\$0.00
Movie Nights/Matinees	\$1,250.00	\$608.81	-\$641.19
Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sub-Total General Fund	\$66,972.97	\$58,928.49	-\$8,044.48
2019 Surpluss Carried forward	\$413.55	\$413.55	
TOTAL INCOME	\$67,386.52	\$59,342.04	-\$8,044.48
TOTAL EXPENSES to May 31, 2020	\$67,386.38	\$60,514.43	-\$6,871.95
NET LOSS as of May 31, 2020		\$1,172.53	

First Contact

Zoom Conversation June 24 @ 7:00pm

Canadians' opinions about the Indigenous people of this country are formed without any knowledge of the culture's true history or firsthand experience of the present-day communities. This may explain the prevalence of racist, unsympathetic and generally prejudicial attitudes that are often directed towards Indigenous peoples.

First Contact takes six Canadians on a 28- day journey intended to challenge these attitudes and shed a light on the true Indigenous experience. The travellers, all with ignorant views about Indigenous People, have been invited to leave their everyday lives behind and embark on a unique journey, travelling deep into the Indigenous communities throughout Canada including the nation's capital, Algonquin Anishanabek Territory, Labrador, Saskatchewan and the Yukon. It is a journey that will challenge their perceptions and confront their prejudices about a world they never imagined they would see. This exploration of the true Indigenous experience in Canada will change the participants' lives forever.

This evocative documentary series is available to stream on TVO. Our Global Justice Team will curate our conversation over Zoom. To receive the Zoom link send an email to: holycrosslutheran@rogers.com



Everyone IS Welcome!
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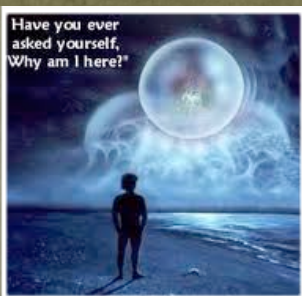
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and join the conversation.



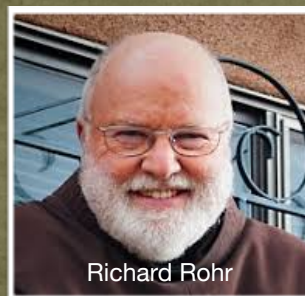
NEXT ZOOM Session
Thursday JUNE 25
at 10:00am



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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