



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

Online Worship: June 28, 2020

50 years of PRIDE!

Matthew 10:40-42

Pastor Dawn Hutchings

Musician: Marney Curran

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Welcome: **Pride Sunday!**

On June 28, 1970, just one year after the Stonewall Uprising, the Gay Liberation Front hosted the very first Pride Parade. Today, in the midst of a global pandemic and racial unrest, we pause for much needed sabbath rest; or as our gospel reading puts it: A cool glass of water.

May our Pride celebration provide an opportunity for us all to breathe deeply of the SPIRIT in whom we live and move and have our being. As we reflect upon just how far we have come, we celebrate and give thanks for the beautiful diversity of human expression.

May all that is HOLY rejoice in the sacredness of each and every beautiful body in which the SPIRIT breathes! HAPPY PRIDE!

PRELUDE: ***True Colours*
by Cindi Lauper**

Invocation:

The LOVE which IS God, the peace of CHIRST,
and the comfort of the SPIRIT is with you all.
THANKS be to all that IS HOLY!



Music:

Behold I Gather All To Me

TEXT: David R. Weiss;

TUNE: Trad. El Condor Pasa (Flight of the Condor)

Verses: 1, 4, & 5 – refrain after verse 1 & 5

1. Our song we sing in praise of God who swirled o - ver
2. To slaves who cried to you from out their pain, God of
3. And when your peo - ple sought to shut the door 'gainst the
4. In Christ your hol - y Wis - dom dwelt on earth Preach - ing
3 5. Our song we sing in praise of God to - day; God who

cha - os _____, hov - 'ring Wis - dom, _____ birth - ing the world. Each
free - dom, _____ God of jus - tice, _____ in pow'r you came. To
Gen - tiles, _____ 'gainst the eun - uchs, _____ a - gainst the poor, Then
wel - come, _____ bring - ing whole - ness, _____ and shar - ing mirth. Though
6 claims us, _____ God who names us, _____ both straight and gay. And

word you spoke was so and so was good. Now, O Wis - dom, _____ on your
gifts of law and land you led the weak, Birthed a peop - le, _____ af - ter
pro - phets spoke the pas - sion of your choice For the out - cast - for the
cru - ci - fied, the re - sur - rect - ed One Sends the Spi - rit, _____ to God's
each is safe - ly kept be - neath your wing: Lov - ing ho - ly, _____ liv - ing

9 Sab - bath, _____ sing if you would - Be - hold, I ga - ther all to me; those I
your heart, who hear you speak. (to verse 3) _____
voice - less, _____ they raised your voice. (refrain)
peo - ple: _____ the song goes on. (to verse 5) _____
ful - ly, _____ be - cause you sing. (refrain)

13 gath - er, _____ I set free. Be - hold in me all things are new: At first

17 light, and then in Christ, and now in you. _____

Prayer of the Day:

Living in the midst of the ONE Who Is the Source of All Being, we rejoice in the possibilities of this new day. Our hearts are filled with longing for peace through justice for all our sisters and brothers.

We rejoice in the wonders of our bodies. The intricate design of our humanity is a miracle which enables joy, empowers LOVE, and provides life in a marvelous Creation which we are only just beginning to understand. Let us treasure the wonders of Creation and be tender with one another so that all may know the pleasures of passion, companionship, and community.

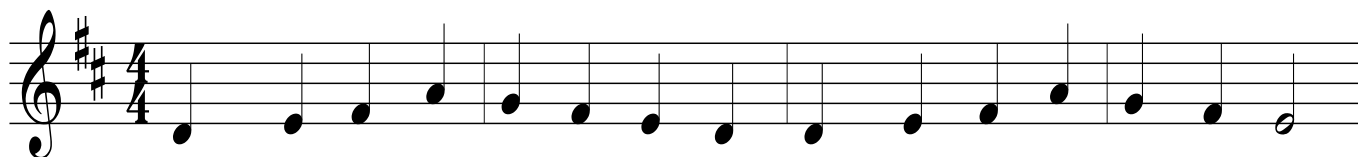
Our ancestors sought to live out the scripture's call to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with our God. As we rejoice in the wonders of our own unique creation, let us live into the dream of justice, equality, freedom, and love that so that the dreams and visions of justice-seekers and peacemakers can be given life in all the world.

Let the SPIRIT of LOVE live, in, with, through, and beyond us so that all may know the LOVE which IS DIVINITY, now and forever, Amen.

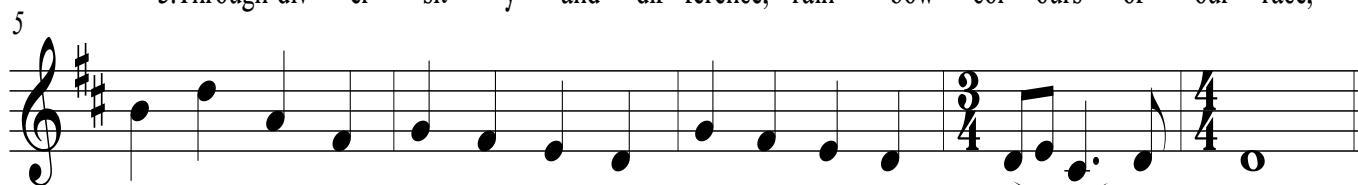
Music:

Rainbow Colours

Text: Andrew Pratt; Tune: SERVANT SONG



1. Help us trace your rain - bow col - ours through these days of change and choice,
2. In a world of con - tra - dic - tions let your just - ice change our ways,
3. Let us nur - ture fresh ex - pres - sions, dif - ferent ways of be - ing church,
4. Let us go with com - mon pur - pose, though dis - tinc - tive from our birth;
5. Through div - er - sit - y and dif - ference, rain - bow col - ours of our race,



hold - ing firm - ly to your prom - ise: all the world can praise, — re - joice.
then with mer - cy, fire, com - pas - sion, let no bi - as mar — our praise.
shar - ing love and un - der - stand - ing, join - ing peo - ple in — their search.
wel - come all to share our vi - sion, go as one to all — the earth.
let us share with - out dis - tinc - tion God's de - mand - ing, lov - ing grace.

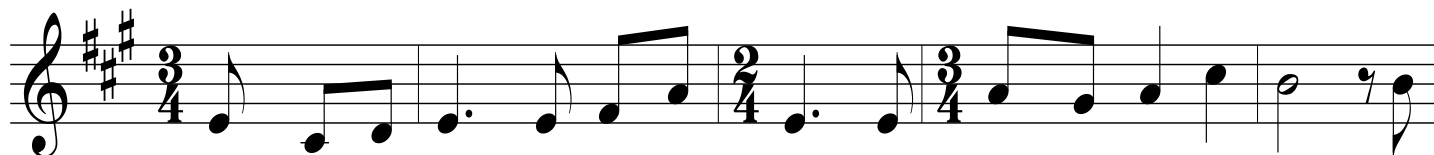
Praise Song for a Pandemic:

Video produced by The Work of the People

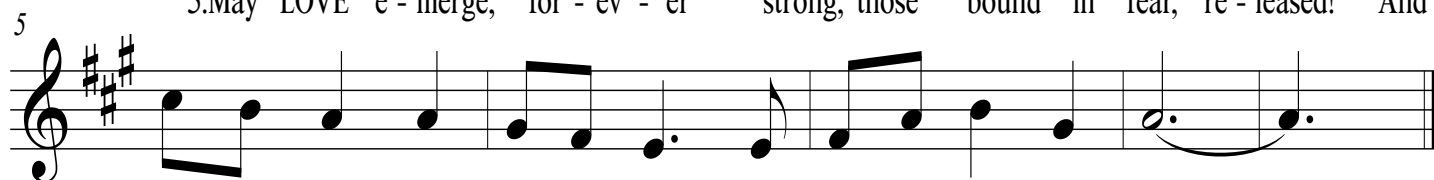
Music:

LOVE, Again

Text: Greta Vosper, Tune: SHANTI by Marty Haugen



1. When LOVE first stretched a hu - man heart, e - merged from deep with - in, our
2. For quick as LOVE did fear a - rise and work to bring love down. Its
3. Be - fore an - oth - er mo - ment wanes, may we our love re - new, and
4. For on - ly we can LOVE and care, com - mit to du - ty's call, re -
5. May LOVE e - merge, for - ev - er strong; those bound in fear, re - leased! And



lives were changed for - ev - er - more; that time must come a - gain. _____
shad - ows lurk in trou - bled eyes and peace is no - where found. _____
pledge to build up what re - mains of all that's good and true. _____
mem - ber all that's right and fair, and van - quish fear for all. _____
we in - spired, shall end the wrongs, LOVE ev - er to in - crease. _____

Gospel:

Matthew 10:40-42

Jesus said,

“Those who welcome you also welcome me, and those who welcome me welcome the ONE who sent me. Those who welcome prophets just because they are prophets will receive the reward reserved for the prophets themselves; those who welcome holy people just because they are holy will receive the reward of the holy ones. The truth is, whoever gives a cup of cold water to one of these lowly ones just for being a disciple will not lack a reward.”

The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language:

“This is a large work I’ve called you into, but don’t be overwhelmed by it. It’s best to start small. Give a cool cup of water to someone who is thirsty, for instance. The smallest act of giving or receiving makes you a true apprentice. You won’t lose out on a thing.”

Reflection:

50 Years of Pride

Voice-over God, our Lover and Creator,
whose Word transformed disorder into peace,
who gave to all that is a name, a calling,
by whom all human wisdom was released,
God, give us confidence in living, loving,
the mind, the mood to make this life a feast.
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Companion-Christ, in human terms among us,
let your redeeming, freeing presence teach
and help us not to measure those around us
by culture, race, by gender, creed or speech,
to look for that which is of God within them,
reach out, give thanks for what is good in each.
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Ennobling Spirit, source of strength and passion,
inspire our hearts to hear the voiceless cry,
our will to break the shackles of injustice,
take down the barriers that demean, divide;
to give the hungry bread, the homeless shelter:
life in all fullness, that will never die.
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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.**

Music:

Praise the Source of All Creation

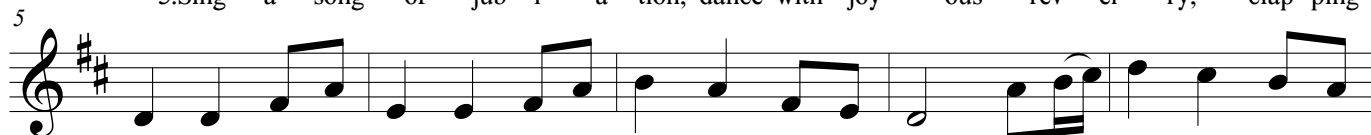
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Words: Jann Aldredge-Clanton (adapted)

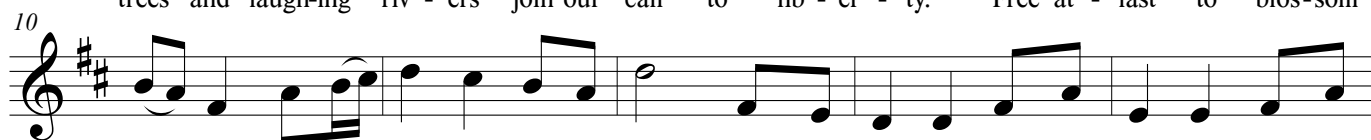
Verses 1, 2, 3, & 5



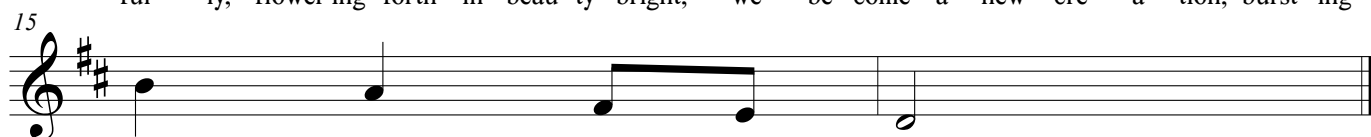
1. Praise the Source of all cre - a - tion, giv - ing life through - out the Earth, bless - ing
2. Man - y gen - ders, man - y rac - es, all re - flect Di - vin - i - ty; man - y
3. Long have man - y been ex - clud - ed, judged and scorned by cus - tom's norms; ev - ery -
4. E - qual mar - riage, heal - ing, free - ing, nur - tures bod - y, mind and soul, re - af -
5. Sing a song of jub - i - a - tion, dance with joy - ous rev - el - ry; clap - ping



ev - ery love re - la - tion, fill - ing all with sa - cred worth. Cel - e - brate all forms and
gifts and man - y grac - es help us be all we can be. Part - ners on this path of
one will be in - clud - ed as we work to bring re - forms. Let us end a - buse and
firm - ing ev - ery be - ing, all cre - a - ted good and whole. Now, re - joice and sing to -
trees and laugh - ing riv - ers join our call to lib - er - ty. Free at - last to blos - som



co - lours, va - ried beau - ty ev - ery - where, streams of good - ness o - ver - flow - ing, won - drous
free - dom, tak - ing down each stif - ling wall, we will o - pen doors of wel - come, bring - ing
vio - lence, bring - ing just - ice ev - ery - where, join - ing Ho - ly Wis - dom's mis - sion, help - ing
geth - er, cel - e - brat - ing life and love; praise the great Cre - a - tive Spir - it, liv - ing
ful - ly, flower - ing forth in beau - ty bright, we be - come a new cre - a - tion, burst - ing



gifts	for	all	to	share. _____
hope	and	joy	to	all. _____
all	be	free	and	fair. _____
in	us	and	our	love. _____
o -	pen	in -	to	light. _____

Blessing

Announcements

Postlude

Stand By Me

by Ben King

**Our celebration continues on ZOOM
11:45am – bring your coffee & cake!**

email holycrosslutheran@rogers.com for the Zoom Link

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/>

E-transfer

You can now transfer funds via email to:
holy.cross.donations@rogers.com

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.




Gather with us! **ONLINE** **Sundays @ 10:45am**

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

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are posted
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Opening ourselves to the **MYSTERY** which is God who **IS LOVE**

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!

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	