



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

**Online Worship: July 12, 2020  
LOVE which some of us call God  
is a STRANGE ATTRACTOR**

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

**Pastor Dawn Hutchings**

**Musician: Marney Curran**

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Welcome:

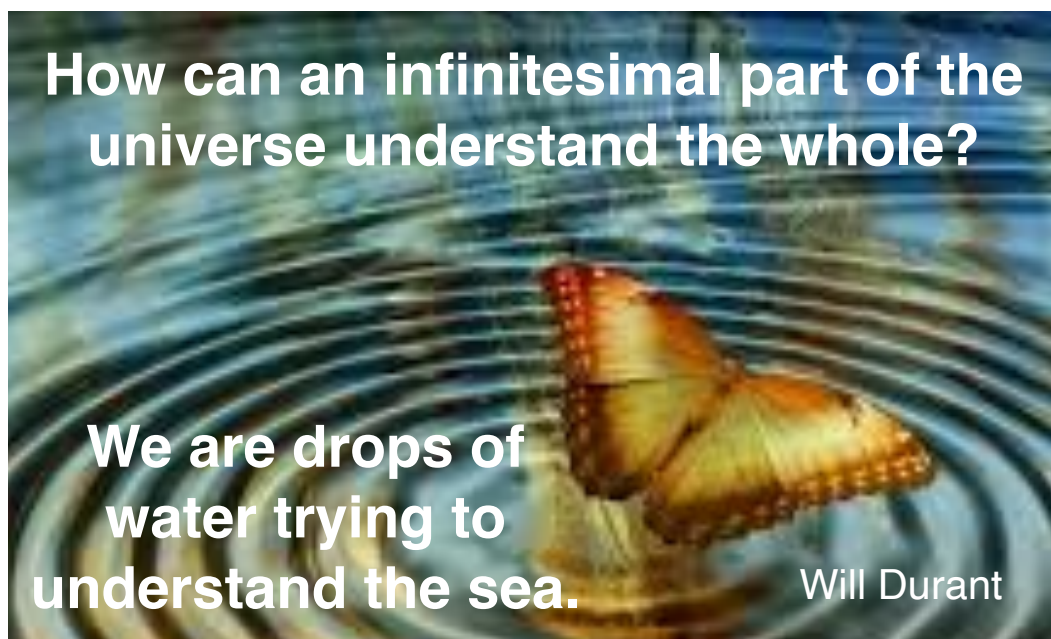
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PRELUDE:

**Our Little Garden**  
by F. Rybicki

Invocation:

The grace of CHRIST who rises in every act of kindness,  
the LOVE which IS God  
and the power of the SPIRIT is with us all.  
Thanks be to all that is HOLY!



Music:

## ***Womb of All Creation Flowing***

TUNE: PICARDY: TEXT: Jann Aldredge-Clanton

1. Womb of all cre - a - tion flow - ing with your bless - ings  
2. Ho - ly Dark - ness deep with - in us, nur - ture our cre -  
3. Lov - ing Womb, your sa - cred dark - ness brings forth trea - sures

ev - ery - where, Bring to birth in us deep car - ing  
a - tive seeds; Bring our dreams to glo - rious flow - er  
night and day, Nour - ish - ing our deep - est long - ings,

that your full - ness all may share. Fill us with your  
as your peace our spir - its feed. In your cen - ter  
cast - ing all our fears a - way. May we join your

gen - tle pow - er that new ven - tures we may dare.  
we find whole - ness as your grace fills all our needs.  
ho - ly la - bor, giv - ing Earth new hope, we pray.



## Prayer of the Day:

Conscious that we are wonderfully created to live and love and play, we open ourselves to the ONE who lives and breathes in, with, through, and beyond us.

Weary of the chaos and fear which accompanies the global pandemic and tired of the racism and inequality inspired by hatred and greed.

Let us breathe deeply of the time and space which has been gifted to us.

As we luxuriate in the restorative power of our own breath, may the SPIRIT which unites us all grace us with the wisdom and strength we need to respond to the needs of our neighbours.

May our worship free us from fear and empower us to be LOVE in the world.

We pray in the name and for the sake of our CREATOR, CHRIST, AND SPRIT ONE.  
AMEN.

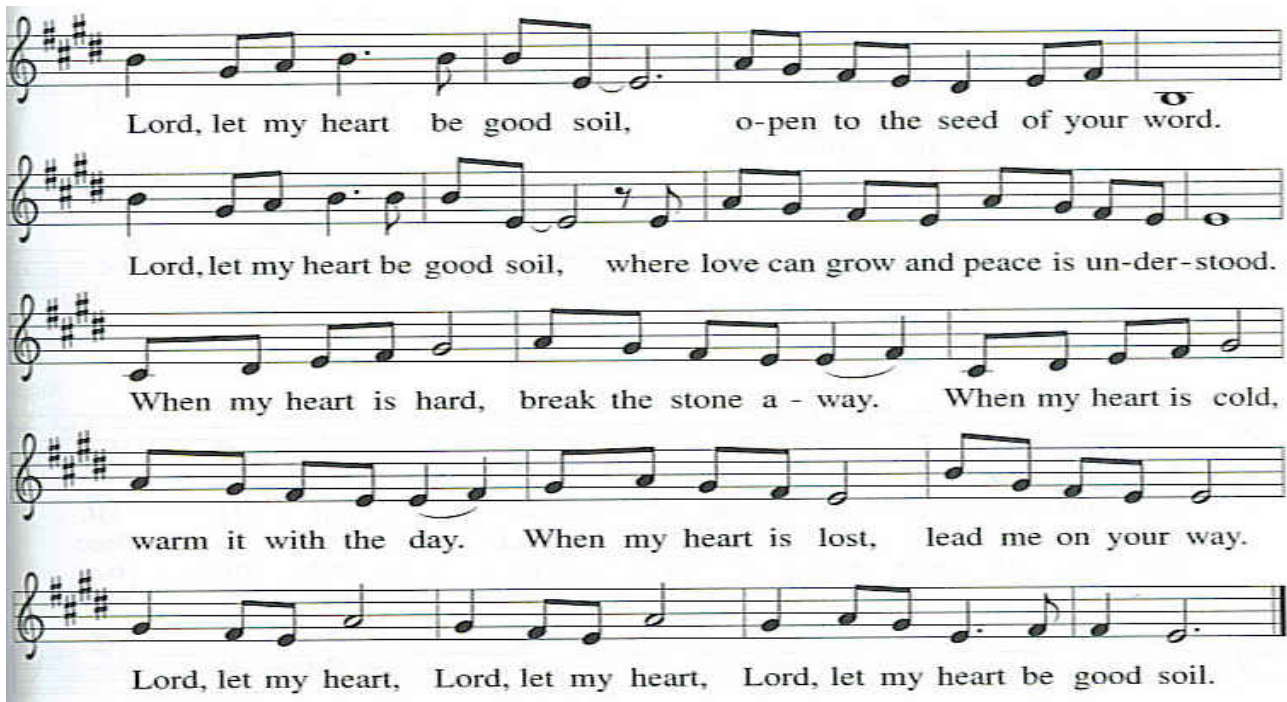
## Video Reflection:

### The Sower

Video produced by The Work of the People

## Acclamation:

### Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil



If anyone, having seen God,  
understood what they saw,  
they did not see God.

Dionysius the Areopagite:  
Letter to Gaius Therapeutes  
6th Century CE



Gospel:

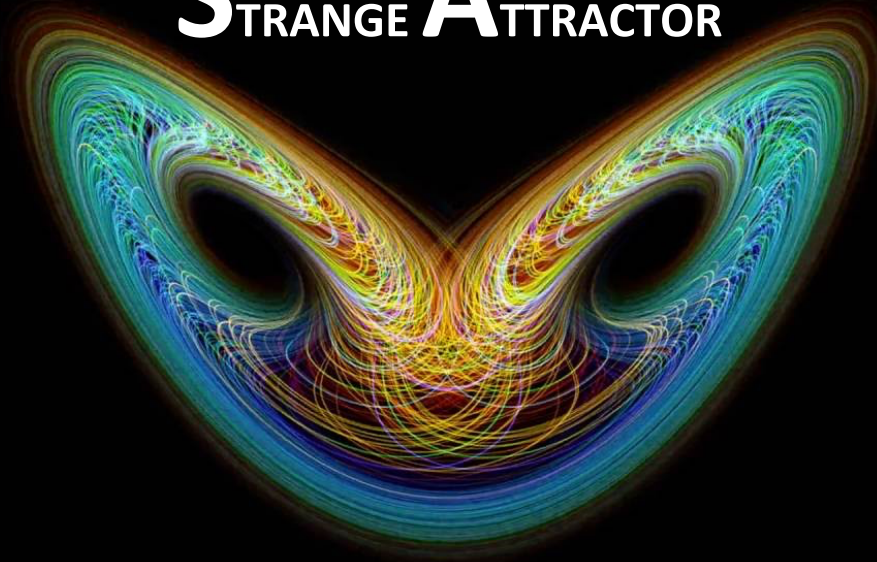
Matthew: 13:1-9, 18-23

Later that day, Jesus left the house and sat down by the lake shore. Such great crowds gathered that he went and took a seat in a boat, while the crowd stood along the shore. He addressed them at length in parables: "One day, a farmer went out sowing seed. Some of the seed landed on a footpath, where birds came and ate it up. Some of the seed fell on rock ground, where there was depth, but when the sun rose and scorched it, it withered away for lack of roots. Again some of the seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. And some of it landed on good soil, and yielded a crop thirty, sixty, even a hundred times what was sown. Let those who have ears to hear, hear this!" ...

“Now listen to the parable of the sower. When people hear the message about the kingdom of God without understanding it, the Evil One comes along and snatches away what was sown in their hearts. This is the seed sown along the path. Those who received the seed that fell on rocky ground are the ones who hear the word and at first welcome it with joy. But they have no roots, so they last only for a while. When some setback or persecution comes because of the message, they quickly fall away. Those who receive the word, but then worldly anxieties and the lure of wealth choke it off, and the message produces no fruit. But those who receive the seed that fell on rich soil are those who hear the message and understand it. They produce a crop that yields a hundred, or sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

Reflection: **LOVE which some of us call God is a STRANGE ATTRACTOR indeed!**

## STRANGE ATTRACTOR



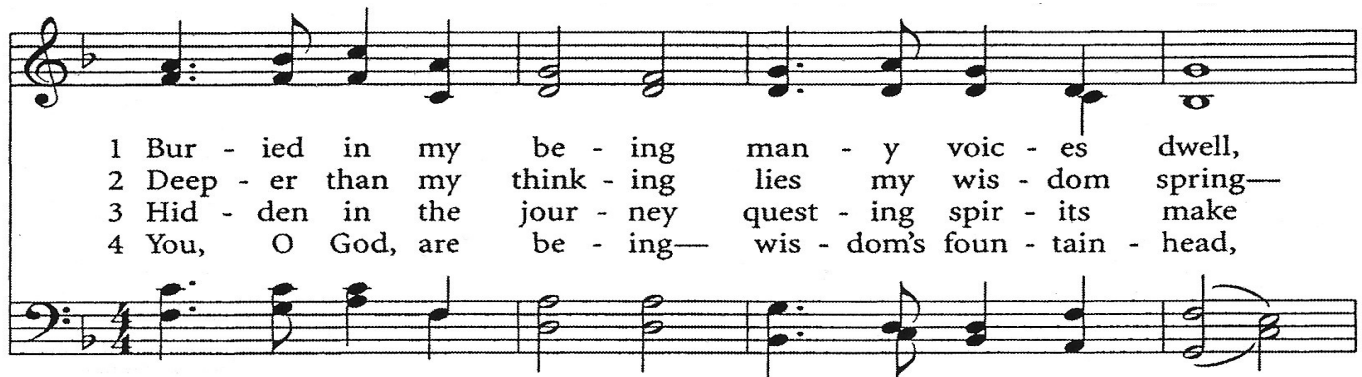
**There is a living hum that might be coming from my neurons but might just as well be coming from the furnace of the stars.**

**When I look up at them there is a small commotion in my bones, as the ashes of dead stars that house my marrow rise up like metal filings toward the magnet of their living kin.**

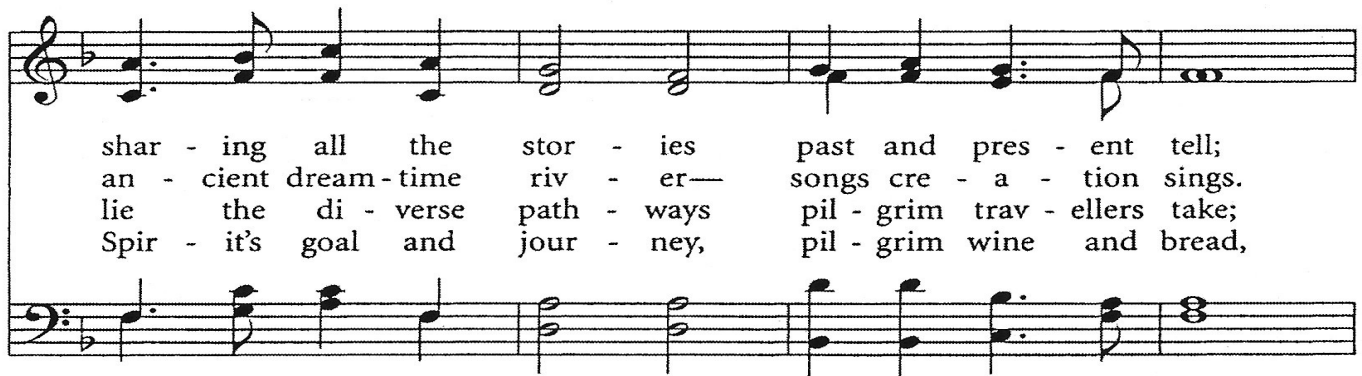
Barbara Brown Taylor

***Buried In My Being***

TEXT: William L. Wallace: TUNE: GRANHAM Gustave Theodore Holst



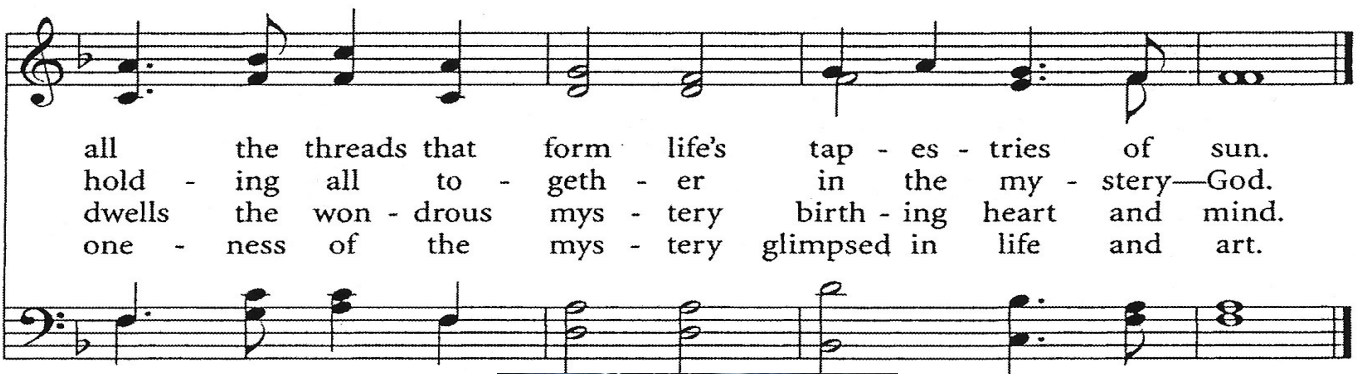
1 Bur - ied in my be - ing man - y voic - es dwell,  
 2 Deep - er than my think - ing lies my wis - dom spring—  
 3 Hid - den in the jour - ney quest - ing spir - its make  
 4 You, O God, are be - ing— wis - dom's foun - tain - head,



shar - ing all the stor - ies past and pres - ent tell;  
 an - cient dream-time riv - er— songs cre - a - tion sings.  
 lie the di - verse path - ways pil - grim trav - ellers take;  
 Spir - its goal and jour - ney, pil - grim wine and bread,



deep - er than these voic - es si - lence weaves as one  
 Yet be - yond this wis - dom dwells un - know - ing's cloud  
 but be - yond the man - y quests of hum - an kind  
 fire that keeps me trav - elling, nur - ture for my heart,



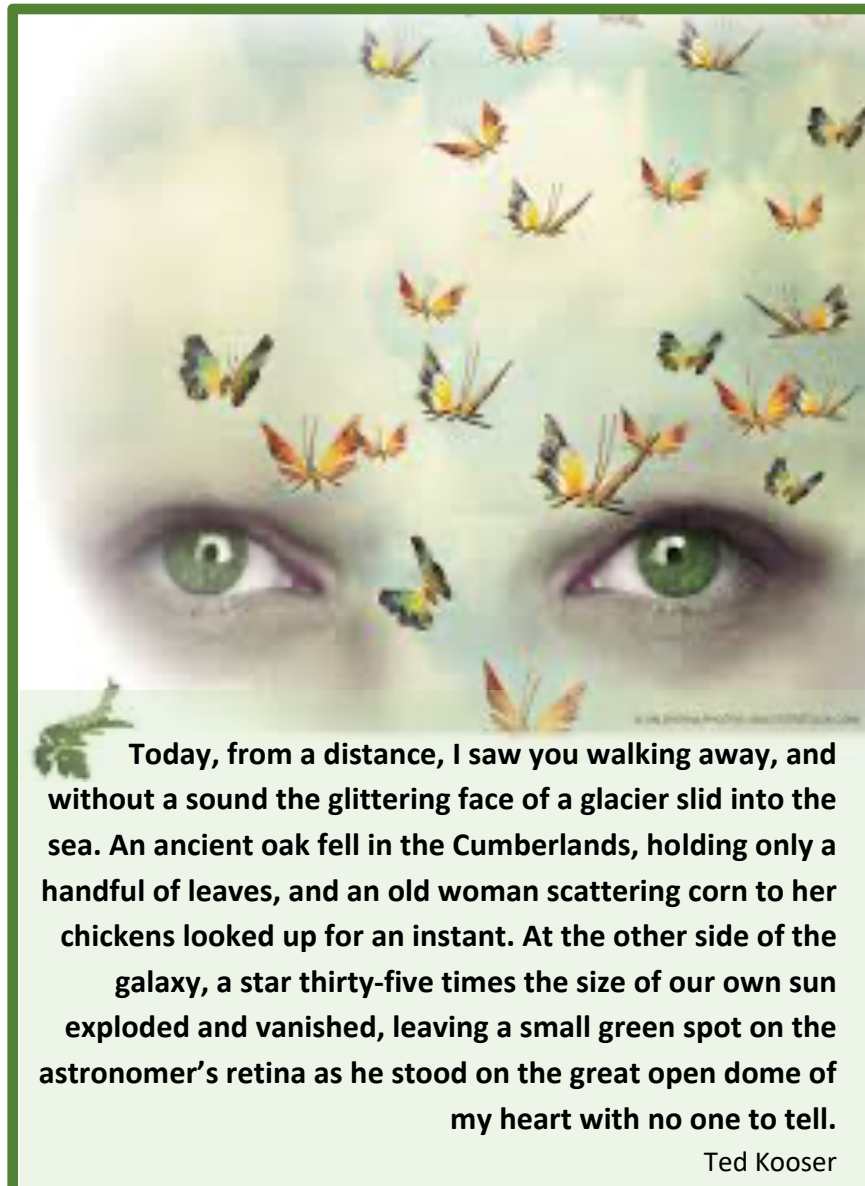
all the threads that form life's tap - es - tries of sun.  
 hold - ing all to - geth - er in the my - stery—God.  
 dwells the won - drous mys - tery birth - ing heart and mind.  
 one - ness of the mys - tery glimpsed in life and art.



Interpretation of the Prayer Jesus taught...

**LOVER of us all, most HOLY ONE,  
help us to respond to you  
to create what you want for us here on earth.  
Give us today enough for our needs;  
forgive our weak and deliberate offences,  
just as we must forgive others  
when they hurt us.  
Help us to resist evil  
and to do what is good;  
for we are yours,  
endowed with your power  
to make the world whole.  
All praise and honour is yours forever. Amen.**

Adapted from Grenham Common Interpretation.



Today, from a distance, I saw you walking away, and without a sound the glittering face of a glacier slid into the sea. An ancient oak fell in the Cumberlands, holding only a handful of leaves, and an old woman scattering corn to her chickens looked up for an instant. At the other side of the galaxy, a star thirty-five times the size of our own sun exploded and vanished, leaving a small green spot on the astronomer's retina as he stood on the great open dome of my heart with no one to tell.

Ted Kooser



Music:

## I Sing the Grace of God Within You

Words & Music: Colin Gibson (permission granted)

(♩ = 88)

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor) and a piano accompaniment. It is in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 88. The score consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with three parts and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The first system contains the first line of the song, the second system contains the second line, the third system contains the third line, and the fourth system contains the fourth line. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation for the vocal parts.

1 I sing the grace of God with - in you,  
2 I sing the love of Christ with - in you,  
3 I sing the Spir - it's life with - in you,

I know that grace with - in my soul;  
I know that love with - in my soul;  
I know that life with - in my soul;

and when we hon - or God in each oth - er  
and when we hon - or Christ in each oth - er  
and when we hon - or life in each oth - er,

we bring to - geth - er one gra - cious whole.  
we come to - geth - er, one lov - ing whole.  
the Spir - it forms one liv - ing whole.

Blessing  
Announcements  
Postlude

**Mysterious Summer's Night**  
by L. Kuzmenko

**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**

## **Pastor Dawn on vacation:**

**Wednesday July 8 to Wednesday July 15  
voicemail on the church phone will be answered:  
905-898-1682**



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



## 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

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Jan - May BUDGET</b>	<b>Jan - May ACTUAL</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Regular Sunday Offerings	\$54,097.97	\$45,930.3	
BLOG Participants		\$2,500	
<b>Total OFFERINGS</b>	\$54,097.97	<b>\$48,430.3</b>	<b>-\$5,667.67</b>
Solar Panel Income	\$3,750.00	\$1,190.97	<b>-\$2,559.03</b>
Fundraising	\$833.31	\$0.00	<b>-\$833.31</b>
Gifts	\$208.31	\$0.00	<b>-\$208.31</b>
Interest	\$0.00	\$26.01	\$26.01
Non-Budgeted Expenses	\$416.69	\$0.00	<b>-\$416.69</b>
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	<b>-\$641.19</b>
Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00		\$0.00
<b>Sub-Total General Fund</b>	\$66,972.97	<b>\$58,928.49</b>	<b>-\$8,044.48</b>
2019 Surpluss Carried forward	\$413.55	\$413.55	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$67,386.52</b>	<b>\$59,342.04</b>	<b>-\$8,044.48</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES to May 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$67,386.38</b>	<b>\$60,514.43</b>	<b>-\$6,871.95</b>
<b>NET LOSS as of May 31, 2020</b>		<b>\$1,172.53</b>	