



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

Online Worship: August 16, 2020  
Matthew 15:21-28

**“Those People!”**

Pastor Dawn Hutchings  
Musician: Marney Curran  
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Welcome:

Music printed under  
LiscenSing #1975

We worship as we live, in the midst of the LOVE  
which IS the DIVINE MYSTERY we call God.  
Our LOVER, BELOVED, and LOVE ITSELF. Amen.

Prelude:

**Prelude Op. 2. No.2** by Aleksandr Scriabin  
photos by Wayne Dawe

Invocation:

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

<u>Where did the church meet?</u>	
Acts 2: 46	"House to house"
Acts 5: 42	"House to house"
Acts 8: 3	"House after house"
Acts 10: 20	Cornelius' house
Acts 12: 12	Mary's house
Acts 16: 32	Jailer's house
Acts 16: 40	Lydia's house
Acts 18: 7	Titius Justus' house
Acts 20: 20	"House to house"
Romans 16: 5	Prisca + Aquila's house
1 Corinthians 16: 19	Prisca + Aquila's house
Colossians 4: 15	Nympha's house
Philemon 1: 2	Philemon's house

Music:

***Come Touch and Bless* verses 1, 3, & 4**

**HOEK**

**11.10.11.7.6**

words by Gordon Light

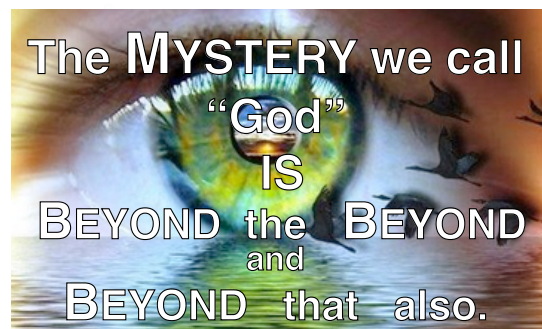
1. Come touch our hearts that we may know com - pas - sion,  
2. Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,  
3. Come touch our minds and teach us how to rea - son,  
4. Come touch us in the mo - ments we are fra - gile,  
5. Come touch us now, this peo - ple who are gath - ered,

from fail - ing em - bers build a blaz - ing fire;  
your qui - et pres - ence all our fears dis - pel;  
set free our thoughts to won - der and to dream;  
and in our weak - ness and your great strength re - veal;  
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;

love strong e - nough to o - ver - turn in - just - ice,  
cre - ate a space for spir - it to grow in us,  
help us to o - pen doors of un - der stand - ing,  
that we may rise to fol - low and to serve, \_\_\_\_\_  
that we may love you with our heart, our soul, \_\_\_\_\_

to seek a world more gra - cious, come  
let life and beau - ty fill us, come  
to wel - come truth and wis - dom, come  
stea - dy now our nerve, \_\_\_\_\_ come  
our mind, our strength, our all, \_\_\_\_\_ come

touch and bless our hearts.  
touch and bless our souls.  
touch and bless our minds.  
touch and bless our wills.  
touch us with your grace.



## Prayer of the Day:

We yearn for the MYSTERY which is LOVE.  
Let our worship embody presence of DIVINE LOVE among us.  
Let us embody the LOVE that is us, around us, and beyond us.  
Let us be for one another the LOVE we yearn for.  
Let us be healing for one another,  
in with through and beyond the MYSTERY which is LOVE.  
Amen

## Contemporary Reading:

### **Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander**

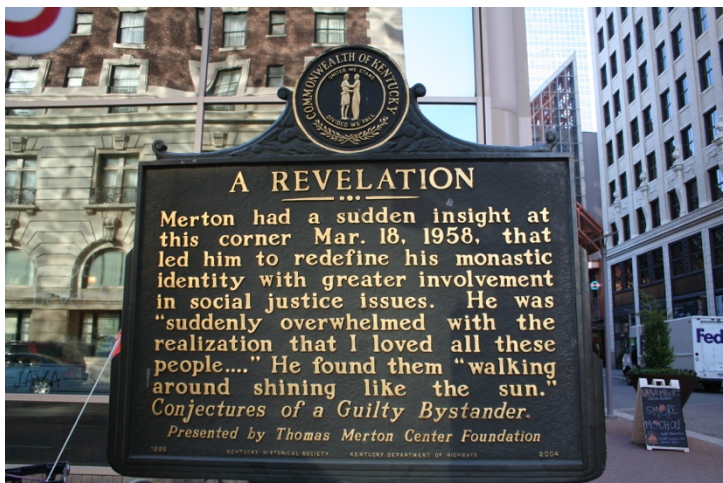
A Mystical Vision by Thomas Merton

video produced by: The Work of the People

In 1958, in downtown Louisville at the corner of 4th and Walnut, Trappist monk and author Thomas Merton had a mystical vision that's one of the most famous revelations in the history of spirituality.

*"In Louisville, at the corner of Fourth and Walnut, in the center of the shopping district, I was suddenly overwhelmed with the realization that I loved all those people, that they were mine and I theirs, that we could not be alien to one another even though we were total strangers. It was like waking from a dream of separateness, of spurious self-isolation in a special world, the world of renunciation and supposed holiness... This sense of liberation from an illusory difference was such a relief and such a joy to me that I almost laughed out loud... I have the immense joy of being man, a member of a race in which God Himself became incarnate. As if the sorrows and stupidities of the human condition could overwhelm me, now I realize what we all are. And if only everybody could realize this! But it cannot be explained. There is no way of telling people that they are all walking around shining like the sun.*

*Then it was as if I suddenly saw the secret beauty of their hearts, the depths of their hearts, where neither sin nor desire nor self-knowledge can reach, the core of their reality, the person that each one is in God's eyes. If only they could all see themselves as they really are. If only we could see each other that way all the time"*



Thomas Merton (1915-1968)



Acclamation:

***Only You O LOVE***

BALM IN GILEAD: *African American Spiritual; Text adapted from Marty Haugen*

**Only you O LOVE, and you alone the broken heart console  
Only you O LOVE, and you alone the wounded world make whole.**

**O God our rock and haven, our stronghold safe and sure  
Though earth be torn and shaken, in you we stand secure  
Only you O LOVE, and you alone the broken heart console  
Only you O LOVE, and you alone the wounded world make whole.**

**You guard us faithful LOVER within your sheltering hope  
You nurse us loving MOTHER with milk and healing balm  
Only you O LOVE, and you along the broken heart console  
Only you O LOVE, and you alone the wounded world make whole.**

**We pray do not abandon the ones you call your own.  
Our comfort and companion we trust in you alone.  
Only you O LOVE, and you alone the broken heart console  
Only you O LOVE, and you alone the wounded world make whole.**

**Come fill the world with wonder as you O God draw near  
Then break the bow asunder and crush both shield and spear  
Only you O LOVE, and you alone the broken heart console  
Only you O LOVE, and you alone the wounded world make whole.**

**You cannot love your neighbor while  
supporting or accepting systems that  
crush, exploit, and dehumanize them.  
You cannot love your neighbor while  
accepting less for them and their family  
than you do for you and your own.  
-Mika Edmondson**



Gospel:

Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus left there and departed for the district of Tyre and Sidon. It happened that a Canaanite woman living in that area came and cried out to Jesus, "Heir to the House of David have pity on me! My daughter is horribly demon-possessed.

Jesus gave her no word of response. The disciples came up and repeatedly said to him, "Please get rid of her! She keeps calling after us."

Finally, Jesus turned to the woman and said, "My mission is only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel."

She then prostrated herself before him with the plea, "Help me, Rabbi!"

He answered, "But it isn't right to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

"True, Rabbi," she replied, "but even the dogs get to eat the scraps that fall from the table."

Jesus then said in reply, "Woman, you have great faith! Your wish will come to pass."

At that very moment her daughter was healed.

Reflection:

**Nasty, Uppity, Woman!**

***Song of the Day***

**Spirit of All Freedom**

Words by William Wallace

SPIRIT of all freedom, MYST'RY unconfined,  
Breaking Bondage, freeing mind,  
LIFE-FORCE we embrace.  
Tide of ev'ry heartbeat, Pulse of time and space,  
You are God, the gifting ONE, Source of ev'ry grace.

SPIRIT of all breathing, Air which we exchange,  
Bringing vigor, firing change,  
LIFE-FORCE we embrace.  
Tide of ev'ry heartbeat, Pulse of time and space,  
You are God, the gifting ONE, Source of ev'ry grace.

SPIRIT of all caring, Healing wounds and tears,  
Nursing bodies, soothing tears.  
LIFE-FORCE we embrace.  
Tide of ev'ry heartbeat, Pulse of time and space,  
You are God, the gifting ONE, Source of ev'ry grace.



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.

## Blessing

Yes, we are in the midst of one hell of a pandemic!  
There's a whole lot of noise out there.  
All sorts of clamoring and yammering.  
It's enough to push us all  
beyond where we want to go.  
But go we must if we are to follow Jesus  
Into a new way of being in the world.  
So, go  
Go beyond boundaries  
Go in faith to be the LOVE that heals.  
Go in the name of our,  
LOVER, BELOVED and LOVE HERSELF.  
Amen.

YOU EITHER SEE GOD IN ALL



OR DONT SEE GOD AT ALL

Announcements:

Zoom Coffee-time Check-in – Sunday August 16 at 11:30am

***Look for the link in your email or send us an email and we will send the link [holycrosslutheran@rogers.com](mailto:holycrosslutheran@rogers.com)***

Sending:

GO IN PEACE.

Be LOVE in the world.

Thanks be to all that is holy!

MUSIC:

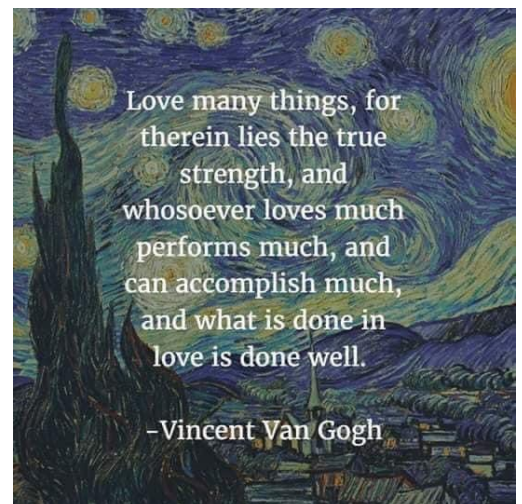
**The World Needs LOVE**

*Tune: Finlandia; Text: Philip Sudworth*

**The world needs love; so many hearts are hurting.  
Lord, work through us, help us to spread your peace,  
bringing to all – through your forgiving spirit –  
freedom from guilt, from bitterness release.  
Reconcile us; help us to share your calmness,  
'till anger stills and all our conflicts cease.**

**The world needs hope, a vision for the future,  
what life might be, if all would live in you.  
Help us to lead – through your transforming spirit –  
lives that reflect what you would have us do,  
to share our gifts, show forth your loving kindness,  
encourage all to find their hope in you.**

**The world needs joy, a sense of celebration  
that human lives have such diversity.  
Help us to see – through your dynamic spirit –  
each person's part in life's vitality.  
Sharing our joys, supporting others' sorrows  
make our small world a better place to be.**



Postlude

**The Lotus Awakes, by G. McLean**  
photos by Wayne Dawe



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

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

**Online Worship Videos  
are posted  
Sundays at 10:45am**

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**Progressive in Approach: Christlike in Action!**



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

## **Pastor Dawn on vacation:**

**Wednesday August 19 to Wednesday August 26  
voicemail on the church phone will be answered:  
905-898-1682**

During the month of August Pastor Dawn will continue to provide Worship Videos each Sunday.  
Worship Videos will be posted by 10:45am each Sunday and can be viewed anytime after 10:45  
on our website: [www.holycrosslutheran.ca](http://www.holycrosslutheran.ca)

Videos and Transcripts of just the Sermon are available on Pastor Dawn's Blog  
[www.pastordawn.com](http://www.pastordawn.com)

## **HC2021 & BEYOND TEAM**

**If you are interested in helping to shape  
Holy Cross' future,  
then this is the team for you!!!**

HC2021 & BEYOND has a broad mandate which includes exploring our possible return to in-person worship, deepening the connections and between members, friends and viewers, expanding programming which will better serve our members, friends, and viewers and exploring ways to ensure that Holy Cross' continues to be Progressive in Approach: Christlike in Action for many years to come.



## Holy Cross Finances as of JULY 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 meet our expenses. As a result of reduced services our expenses are running well below Budget. As many of you know, the budget does not reflect the annual expenses which are paid in the first half of the year.

### Financial Report - General Fund Jan-July 31, 2020

INCOME	Jan-July BUDGET	Jan-July ACTUAL	Variance
Regular Sunday Offerings		\$57,861.28	
BLOG Participants		\$3,500	
<b>Total OFFERINGS</b>	<b>\$75,737.17</b>	<b>\$61,361.28</b>	<b>-\$14,375.89</b>
Solar Panel Income	\$5,250.00	\$2,695.52	-\$2,554.48
Fundraising	\$1,166.65	\$0.00	-\$1,166.65
Gifts	\$291.65	\$0.00	-\$291.65
Interest	\$0.00	\$34.38	\$34.38
Non-Budgeted Expenses	\$583.35	\$0.00	-\$583.35
Budgeted Expense		1857.40	\$1,857.40
Budgeted Exp. Government Subsidy		\$7,226.00	\$7,226.00
<b>Total Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>\$583.35</b>	<b>\$9,083.40</b>	<b>\$8,500.05</b>
Rentals: Church Facility	\$875.00	\$540.00	-\$335.00
Rental: Armitage Daycare	\$7,525.00	\$7,525.00	\$0.00
Movie Nights/Matinees	\$1,750.00	\$608.81	-\$1,141.19
Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Sub-Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$93,762.17</b>	<b>\$81,848.39</b>	<b>-\$11,913.78</b>
<b>2019 Surpluss Carried forward</b>	<b>\$578.95</b>	<b>\$578.95</b>	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$94,341.12</b>	<b>\$82,427.34</b>	<b>-\$11,913.78</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES to July 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$94,341.02</b>	<b>\$80,891.40</b>	<b>-\$13,449.62</b>
<b>NET INCOME as of July 31, 2020</b>		<b>\$1,535.84</b>	

# 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/dn/36983>

# E-transfer

**You can now transfer funds via email to:**  
**[holy.cross.donations@rogers.com](mailto: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.**