



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

Online Worship: August 30, 2020

Exodus 3:1-15

**Awe Before the
SOURCE of ALL BEING**

Pastor Dawn Hutchings

Musician: Marney Curran

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Welcome:

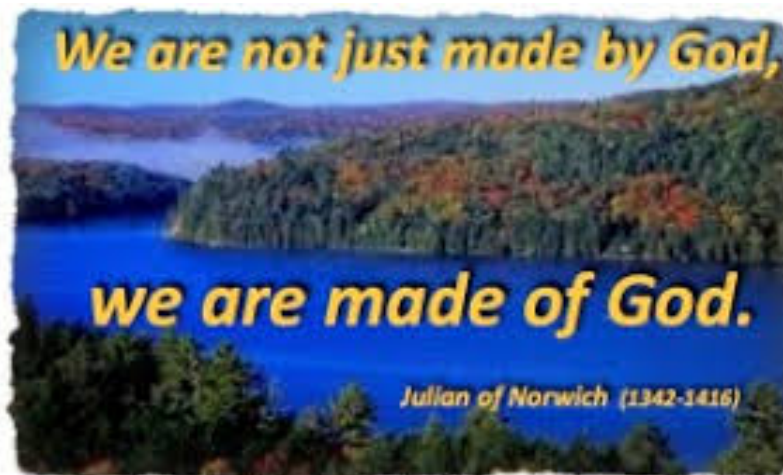
We worship as we live, in the midst of the LOVE
which IS the DIVINE MYSTERY we call God.
Our LOVER, BELOVED, and LOVE ITSELF. Amen.

Prelude:

***Remembrance Menuet in B Flat Major* by R. J.S. Bach**

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.



Music:

Canticle of the Sun by Marty Haugen

Refrain:

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and all creation is shouting for joy.
Come, dance in the forest come, play in the field,
and sing, sing to the glory of our God.

Sing to the sun, the bringer of day,
that carries the light of our God in bright rays;
the moon and the stars who light up the way unto LOVE's home.

Refrain:

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and all creation is shouting for joy.
Come, dance in the forest come, play in the field,
and sing, sing to the glory of our God.

Sing to the Earth that makes life to grow,
the creatures LOVE made to let LOVE's life show;
the flowers and trees that help us to know
the heart of LOVE.

Refrain:

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and all creation is shouting for joy.
Come, dance in the forest come, play in the field,
and sing, sing to the glory of our God.

Praise to our death that makes our life real,
the knowledge of loss that helps us to feel;
The gift of LOVE's SELF, LOVE'S presence revealed
to lead us home.

Refrain:

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and all creation is shouting for joy.
Come, dance in the forest come, play in the field,
and sing, sing to the glory of our God.
Sing, sing to the glory of our God!

Prayer of the Day:

We gather in the midst of the DIVINE MYSTERY which is the LOVE we call God to remember LOVE's power to astound us. Let us joyfully embrace the MYSTERY which finds expression in, with, through, and beyond CREATION. Let our gratitude for the gifts of CREATION inspire reverence in us for the intricate design and splendid symmetry of the cosmos. Let the delightful dances of our fellow creatures move us beyond our fear toward hope. Let us open ourselves to the wonder of all that is, trusting the ONE WHO IS, WAS and evermore shall be our LOVER, BELOVED, and LOVE ITSELF to live and breathe in, with, through, and beyond us. Amen.

Song of Praise

In You Alone

video produced by The Work of the People

Gospel:

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Almighty appeared to Moses in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Almighty saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." Then God said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." God said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Almighty said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" God said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt you shall worship God on this Mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'the God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is God's name? What shall I say to them?'"

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM."

God said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Almighty, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Reflection: **The DIVINE Expression of BEING ITSELF**

Song of the Day: **In Sacred Manner**

Music: Robert Buckley Farlee; Text: Susan Palo Cherwien

In sacred manner may we walk upon the fair and loving Earth,
in beauty move, in beauty love the living round that brought us birth.
We stand on holy ground. We stand on holy ground.

In sacred manner may we touch the suspirant and loving green,
give honour and give gratitude for shade, for bloom, for gift unseen.
The trees shall shout for joy. The trees shall shout for joy.

In sacred manner may we walk upon the fair and loving Earth,
in beauty move, in beauty love the living round that brought us birth.
We stand on holy ground. We stand on holy ground.

Prayer **May Peace Become You by Kelly Ann Hall**
produced by The Work of the People

In the cross-fire,
In the cross-contamination,
At the cross-roads that call you forward but give no sign,

May peace become you.

In the seemingly impossible
In the human tragedy
In the unworkable situation of division and strife

May peace become you.

May peace become you, Beloved,
and courage carry you
when you cannot see your way forward
But, nevertheless, take one more step in the direction of LOVE.

Blessing

Tell us about God. We have almost forgotten.

Every bush is burning.

All ground is HOLY.

The DIVINE MYSTERY, which we long for, finds expression in, with, through, and beyond CREATION.

How awesome.

May the ONE who IS BEING ITSELF surprise you when you least expect it.

May you be awestruck.

And may you have the wisdom to respond with grace, the kind of grace which flows from LOVE.

Thanks BE to ALL that IS HOLY!

Thanks be to you, for you are and expression of the LOVE which IS,
BEYOND the BEYOND and BEYOND that also. Amen.

Announcements: *see below for details*

MUSIC:

God of the Sparrow

Text Jaroslav J. Vajda; Music: Carl F. Schalk

God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe How does the creature say Praise

God of the neighbour God of the foe God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages God of near at hand God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy How do your children say Home

Sending:

GO IN PEACE.

Be LOVE in the world.

Thanks be to all that is HOLY!

Postlude

Little Bird, Op 43, No. 4 , by E. Grieg





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!

A logo for Holy Cross Lutheran Church featuring a white cross with a rainbow arching over it and a white dove in flight at the base of the cross.

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

Join our Worship Planning Team – email dawnhutchings@me.com
for the Zoom Link for our meeting on Tuesday September 2 @ 7pm

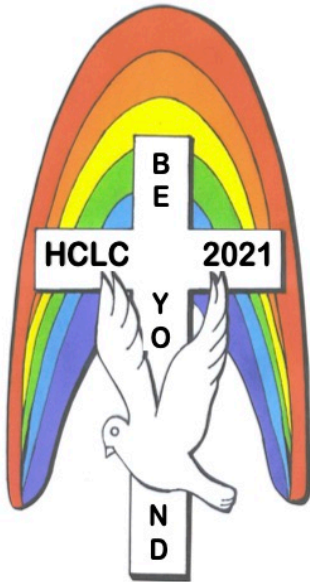
HOMECOMING

Sunday September 20th

Worship
ONLINE followed
by
a physically distant
Social Gathering
Bring your mask!
We have a lot of
catching up to do!

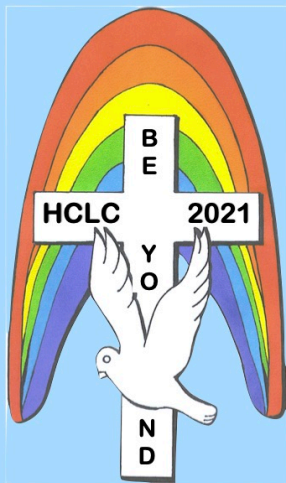


HC2021 & BEYOND TEAM



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 what worship might look like, 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.



Help us to shape the future of our congregation!

HC2021 & BEYOND TEAM

**First Zoom Meeting:
Wed. September 30th @ 7pm**

*What will a post-covid church look like?
Whether you've been a member for decades, a friend of the community, or an online viewer, we want to hear from you!*

**Please pre-register to join this meeting by
Wed. Sept. 23rd to pre-register go to:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ZUkfumrrjkuE9UdYkhKCnufnzPzKt1reQy->

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Registration link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkfumrrjkuE9UdYkhKCnufnzPzKt1reQy->

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

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.

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	
Total OFFERINGS	\$75,737.17	\$61,361.28	-\$14,375.89
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
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$583.35	\$9,083.40	\$8,500.05
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
Sub-Total General Fund	\$93,762.17	\$81,848.39	-\$11,913.78
2019 Surpluss Carried forward	\$578.95	\$578.95	
TOTAL INCOME	\$94,341.12	\$82,427.34	-\$11,913.78
TOTAL EXPENSES to July 31, 2020	\$94,341.02	\$80,891.40	-\$13,449.62
NET INCOME as of July 31, 2020		\$1,535.84	