



WORSHIP: Season of Creation

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Progressive In Approach: Christlike In Action!

September 27, 2020

RIVER SUNDAY

RIVER of LIFE

Pastor **Dawn Hutchings** Musician: **Marney Curran**

Worship Team: Marney Curran, Eric Shultz, Joshua Schultz,
Andrew Slonetsky, Petra Vollmerhausen, Jane Winstanley

Welcome:

Prelude:

Study in E Flat Major by M. Moszkowski
Video: Joshua Schultz

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Invocation:

The grace of the Cosmic CHRIST
the LOVE which IS our CREATOR
and the WISDOM of the SPIRIT
is with you all.
Thanks be to ALL that IS HOLY!

Music:

Song Over the Waters by Marty Haugen *verses 1 & 2*
Video: Lake Superior by Petra Vollmerhausen

Refrain

God, you have moved up - on the wa - ters, you have sung in the
rush of wind and flame; and in your love you have called us sons and
daugh-ters, make us peo - ple of the wa - ter and your name.

A

1	Come fill our	wait-ing hearts	with the spir - it of
2	Give us a	thirst for love,	give us a hun - ger for
3	You are the	breath of life,	you are the hope of the
4	Come, o - pen	ev - 'ry heart,	come now and wake us to

Refrain

Je - sus, let us shine with your light and peace.
jus - tice, make us one with the mind of Christ.
hope-less, come and fill us with light and peace.
won - der, make us ves - sels of light and peace.

B Leader All

Wa - ters of the sea,	wa - ters of the earth:	
Riv - ers of the earth,	gen - tle flow - ing streams:	Re - new us!
Wa - ters of the clouds,	wa - ters of the wind:	
Might-y blow-ing storms,	gen - tle fall - ing rains:	

Leader All *repeat as needed, then to refrain*

Wa - ters of the skies,	wa - ters of our birth:	
Spir - it of our hopes,	spir - it of our dreams:	Re - new us!
Wa - ters that will be,	wa - ters that have been:	
Wa - ter for the vine,	wa - ter for the grain:	

Prayer of the Day:

Gathered in the midst of the **SOURCE** of **ALL BEING**, let us open ourselves to the **MYSTERY** who lives and breathes in, with, through, and beyond us. Breathing deeply of the **SPIRIT**, let our lives be opened to the beauty and wonders which surround us. Together, let us have the courage to drink from the **LIVING** waters offered by Jesus, so that together we can become all that we were created to be. Together, let us embody the **LOVE** who, is, was and ever more shall be our **CREATOR, CHRIST, and SPIRIT, ONE, now and forever. Amen.**

Contemporary Reading

God IS a RIVER by Peter Meyer

Reader: Andrew Slonetsky; Video by Joshua Schultz

In the ever-shifting water of the river of this life
I was swimming, seeking comfort; I was wrestling waves to find
A boulder I could cling to, a stone to hold me fast
Where I might let the fretful water of this river round me pass
And so I found an anchor, a blessed resting place
A trusty rock I called my savior, for there I would be safe
From the river and its dangers, and I proclaimed my rock divine
And I prayed to it protect me and the rock replied
God is a river, not just a stone
God is a wild, raging rapids
And a slow, meandering flow
God is a deep and narrow passage
And a peaceful, sandy shoal
God is the river, swimmer
So let go
Still I clung to my rock tightly with conviction in my arms
Never looking at the stream to keep my mind from thoughts of harm
But the river kept on coming, kept on tugging at my legs
Till at last my fingers faltered, and I was swept away
So I m going with the flow now, these relentless twists and bends
Acclimating to the motion, and a sense of being led
And this river s like my body now, it carries me along
Through the ever-changing scenes and by the rocks that sing this song
God is a river, not just a stone
God is a wild, raging rapids
And a slow, meandering flow
God is a deep and narrow passage
And a peaceful, sandy shoal
God is the river, swimmer
So let go
God is the river, swimmer
So let go

Acclamation:

Beauty Before Me

Singers: Carol Wegford, Sylvia McCutcheon

Sharon Smyth, Barbara Batke, Conducted by Marney Curran

May be sung in canon.

1 Beau - ty be - fore me, 2 Beau - ty be - hind me,

3 Beau - ty a - bove and be - low 4 and all a - round.

Gospel:

John 4:5-15

Reader: Petra Vollmerhausen

Jesus stopped at Sychar, a town in Samaria, near the tract of land Jacob had given to his son Joseph, and Jacob's Well was there. Jesus, weary from the journey, came and sat by the well. It was around noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

The disciples had gone off to the town to buy provisions. The Samaritan woman replied, "You're a Jew. How can you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?"—since Jews had nothing to do with Samaritans.

Jesus answered, "If only you recognized God's gift, and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would have asked him for a drink instead, and he would have given you living water."

"If you please," she challenged Jesus, "you don't have a bucket and this well is deep. Where do you expect to get this 'living water'? Surely you don't pretend to be greater than our ancestors Leah and Rachel and Jacob, who gave us this well and drank from it with their descendants and flocks?"

Jesus replied, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give them will never be thirsty; no, the water I give will become fountains within them, springing up to provide eternal life."

The woman said to Jesus, "Give me this water, so that I won't grow thirsty and have to keep coming all the way here to draw water."

Reflection:

The River of Life

Song of the Day:

My Life Flows on in Endless Song by Robert Lowry **verses 1,2,& 4**

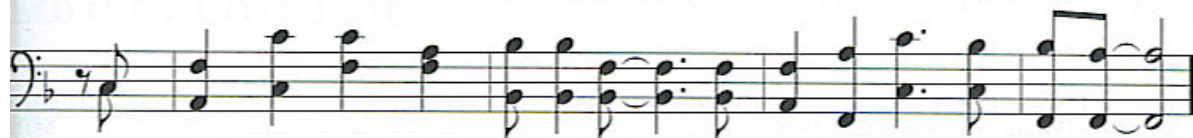
Video: Holland River by Petra Vollmerhausen



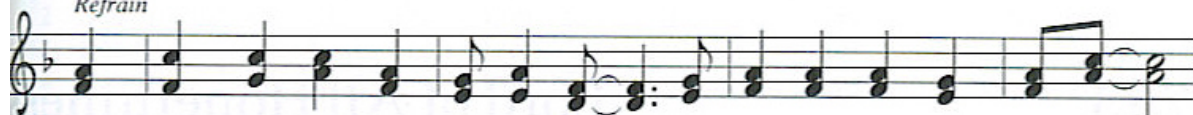
1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?



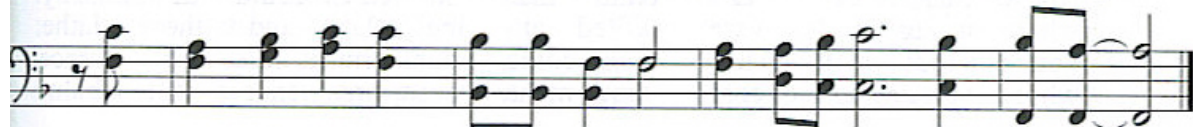
Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?



Prayer of the People

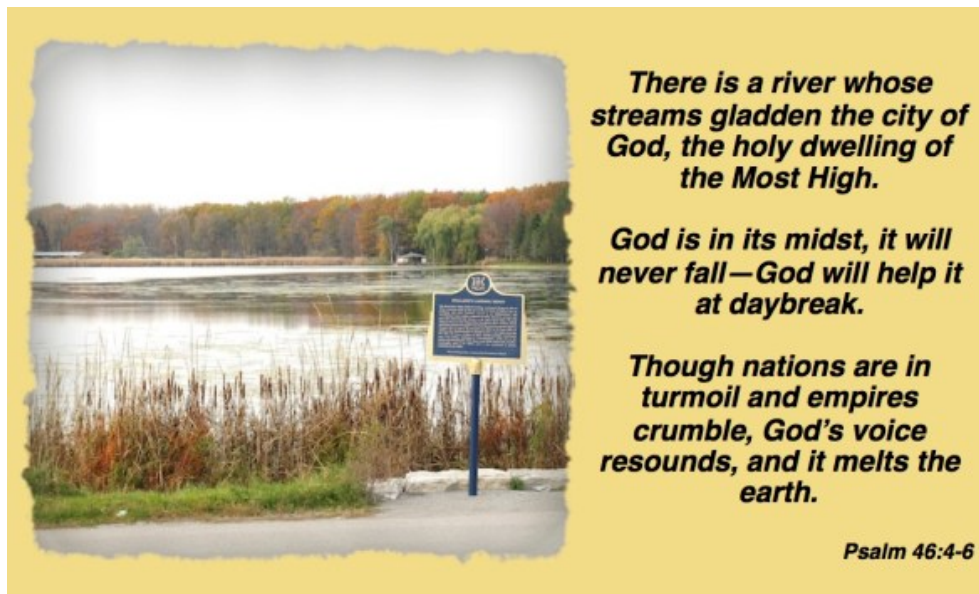
The MYSTERY that we call God is not some far off person in the sky. Our God is the Ground of our Being, the ONE in whom we live and move and have our being. God lives in, with, through, and beyond us. So, our prayers rise up among us so that we might become Christs to one another and move our prayers from words and worries into actions and change.

We will begin by offering prayers of gratitude, then our concerns for the Earth and the peoples of the world, and then our concerns for the people in our lives.

We do not pray to change the mind of a far off being but rather to open ourselves to the power of the ONE we call GOD who lives in us, with us, through us, and beyond us, so that we might be LOVE in the world.

Blessing

Life in the river is far more exciting and life-giving than any of the answers we might be able to capture.
So, splash about and play in the ONE who IS,
our LOVER, BELOVED, and LOVE ITSELF,
the ONE in, which, we, live, and move and have our being,
the ONE who lives and breathes in, with, through, and beyond us,
now and forever. Amen.



Music:

Let Streams of Living Justice Text: William Whitla; Music: Gustav Holst

Video: Joshua Schultz

1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;
give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.
The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights.
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun.
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams.
the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.
Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;
a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

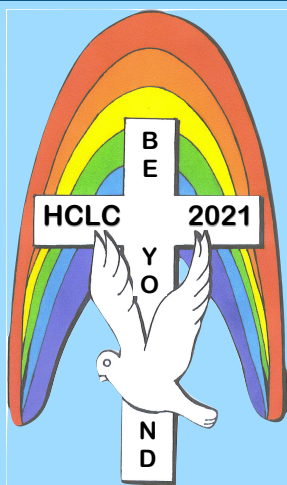
Announcements:

see below for details

Postlude

Shall We Gather at the River, adapted by A. Copland

Video: Lake Superior by Petra Vollmerhausen



Help us to shape
the future of our
congregation!

HC2021 & BEYOND TEAM

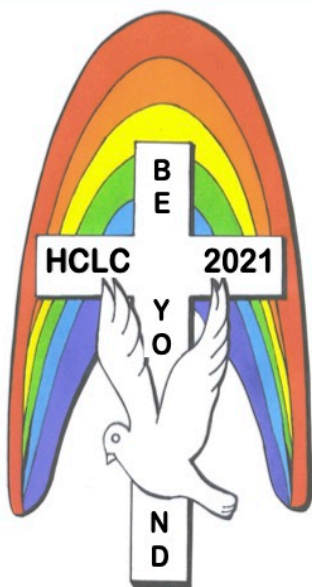
**First Zoom Meeting:
Wed. September 30th @ 7pm**

*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 send an email to
www.holycrosslutheran.ca
and we will send you the Zoom meeting link

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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.**

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.



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

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	