



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

**Online Worship: September 6, 2020**

**Forest Sunday**

**Season of Creation**

**Pastor Dawn Hutchings**

**Musician: Marney Curran**

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**Welcome:**

In the presence of the DIVINE SOURCE, the fountain of life,  
CHRIST, the pulse of life,  
and the SPIRIT, the breath of Life.  
Earth, especially the forests are filled with the  
PRESENCE OF THE DIVINE MYSTERY, which is the LOVE we call GOD.  
Thanks be to ALL that is HOLY!

**Prelude:               *Siciliano, from Sonata No. 2 in E flat Major* by J.S. Bach**

**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:     *How Happy the People Where Daily You Dwell***

How happy the people where daily you dwell,  
in glad affirmation your own.  
Come, Jesus, among us, our doubts to dispel.  
Give us faith in the LOVE you have shown.  
Give us faith, give us LOVE, give us faith, give us love.  
Give us faith in the LOVE you have shown.

As stewards of Earth and all creatures on Earth,  
the falcon, the fish and the bee,  
come, settle among us, to signal their worth.  
Show and tell what by faith we can be.  
Give us faith, give us hope, give us faith, give us hope.  
Show and tell what by faith we can be.

By faith we'll keep climbing from height up to height,  
and daily we'll give you our praise.  
Be now our companion, O great living LOVE,  
as we broadcast your wonderful ways.  
Give us faith, give us hope, give us faith, give us hope,  
as we broadcast your wonderful ways.

**Brian Wren**

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TUNE: VILLE DU HAVRE (When Peace Like A River)

## **Prayer of the Day:**

Let us open ourselves to the SPIRIT who breathes in, with, through, and beyond us.  
Let us close our eyes and trust the ONE who breathes through us to summon up images of the splendors of Creation.  
Let our minds wander through the forests, rejoicing in the diversity of the trees, the ferns, the babbling brooks, flowing rivers, dark cathedrals opening into vast meadows, beauty beyond measure.  
Let the air which is refreshed by the trees of the forests open our lungs and our minds to the possibilities of new birth.  
Let our hearts be overwhelmed by the sheer magnificence of the ONE who is the SOURCE of such beauty.  
Let our spirits be enlivened as we offer our thanks and praise in the midst of the ONE who IS, BEYOND, the BEYOND, and BEYOND that also, our LOVER, BELOVED, and LOVE ITSELF!  
Amen.

**Song of Praise**

**Earth Our Original Cathedral**

video produced by The Work of the People

Gospel:

John: 3:1-16

A Certain Pharisee named Nicodemus, a member of the Sanhedrin, came to Jesus at night. "Rabbi," he said, "we know you're a teacher come from God, for no one can perform the signs and wonders you do, unless by the power of God."

Jesus gave Nicodemus this answer: "The truth of the matter is, unless one is born from above, one cannot see the kingdom of God."

Nicodemus said, "How can an adult be born a second time?

I can't go back into my mother's womb to be born again!"

Jesus replied:

"The truth of the matter is, no one can enter God's kingdom without being born of water and the Spirit.

What is born of the flesh is flesh; what is born of the Spirit is Spirit.

So don't be surprised when I tell you that you must be born from above.

The wind blows where it will.

You hear the sound it makes, but you don't know where it comes or where it goes.

So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

"How can this be possible? Asked Nicodemus.

Jesus replied, "You're a teacher of Israel, and you still don't understand these matters?

The truth of the matter is, we're talking about what we know; we're testifying about what we've seen—yet you don't accept our testimony.

If you don't believe when I tell you about earthly things, how will you believe when I tell you about heavenly things?

No one has gone up to heaven except the ONE who came down from heaven—the Chosen ONE.

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so the CHOSEN ONE must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in the CHOSEN ONE might have eternal life.

Yes, God so loved the world as to give the ONLY BEGOTTEN ONE, that whoever believes may not die, but have eternal life.

Reflection:


**"The Turd Nearly Always comes Before the Birth"**



Song of the Day:

**O God of Stars and Sunlight**

Text: William L. Wallace



1.0 God of stars and sun - light, whose wind lifts up a bird, in

2.0 God of cloud and moun - tain, whose rain on rock is art, your

3.0 God of root and shad - ing, of boughs a - bove our head, we

march - ing wave and leaf - fall we hear your pat - ient word. The col - our of your plan and care and mean - ing re - new the head and heart. Your word and col - our breathe — in your spir - it, our spir - it — spir - it - ed. We walk be - neath your

sea - sons goes gold a - cross the land; by green up - on the tree - tops we spo - ken, your spring - time noons and show'rs by these and by your day - shine, we bless - ing, your sea - sons and our way, O God of stars and sun - light, O

know your — mov - ing hand. —

know the — world — is yours. —

God of — night — and day. —

**Blessing**

**Let us be born anew.**

**Let us remember that**

**we are made by God**

**and we are made of God,**

**Let the DIVINE ONE**

**emerge from deep within our very selves.**

**Let us be born anew.**

**Born of our CREATOR, CHRIST and SPIRIT, ONE,**

**to be a blessing to all the world. Amen.**

MUSIC:

**Many and Great, O God**

Wa - kan - tan - ka ta - ku ni - ta - wa tan - ka - ya  
1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works, mak - er of  
2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with you, O Star - a -

qa o - ta. Ma - hpi - ya kin e - ya - hna - ke ca,  
earth and sky. Your hands have set the heav'ns with stars;  
bid - ing One. Come un - to us and dwell with us;

ma - ka kin he du - o - wan - ca. Mni - o - wan  
your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your  
with you are found the gifts of . . . life. Bless us with

ca - šbe - ya - wan - ke cin, he - na o - ya - ki - hi.  
word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.  
life that has no . . . end, e - ter - nal life with you.

Announcements:

*see below for details*

Sending:

GO IN PEACE.

Be LOVE in the world.

Thanks be to all that is HOLY!

Postlude

**Rustique, from Villageoises** , by F. Poulenc



# HOMECOMING

Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup>

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



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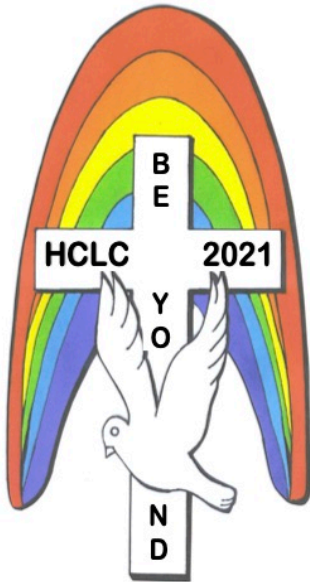
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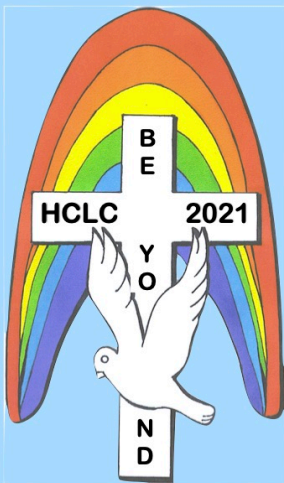
**Opening ourselves  
to the MYSTERY  
which is God  
who IS LOVE**

# 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 30<sup>th</sup> @ 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. 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](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.**



## 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	<b>\$61,361.28</b>	<b>-\$14,375.89</b>
Solar Panel Income	\$5,250.00	\$2,695.52	<b>-\$2,554.48</b>
Fundraising	\$1,166.65	\$0.00	<b>-\$1,166.65</b>
Gifts	\$291.65	\$0.00	<b>-\$291.65</b>
Interest	\$0.00	\$34.38	\$34.38
Non-Budgeted Expenses	\$583.35	\$0.00	<b>-\$583.35</b>
Budgeted Expense		1857.40	\$1,857.40
Budgeted Exp. Government Subsidy		\$7,226.00	\$7,226.00
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$583.35	<b>\$9,083.40</b>	\$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	<b>-\$1,141.19</b>
Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sub-Total General Fund	\$93,762.17	<b>\$81,848.39</b>	<b>-\$11,913.78</b>
2019 Surpluss Carried forward	\$578.95	\$578.95	
TOTAL INCOME	<b>\$94,341.12</b>	<b>\$82,427.34</b>	<b>-\$11,913.78</b>
TOTAL EXPENSES to July 31, 2020	<b>\$94,341.02</b>	<b>\$80,891.40</b>	-\$13,449.62
NET INCOME as of July 31, 2020		<b>\$1,535.84</b>	