

WORSHIP:

20th Sunday after Pentecost

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

October 18, 2020

GOD's Backside Passes By Our COVID Regulated Wilderness

Pastor **Dawn Hutchings**, Musician: **Marney Curran**
Worship Team: **Marney Curran, Eric Schultz, Andrew Slonetsky, Petra Vollmerhausen, Jane Winstanley**



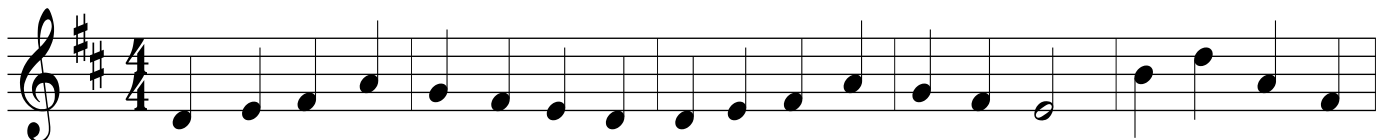
Welcome:

Prelude: Sarabande from Chello Suite in D major
J.S. Bach, arr, Borwick

Invocation: The Creator of all that is
and all that ever shall be,
Christ the compassionate,
and the Spirit of all LOVE
is with you all.
Thanks be to ALL that IS HOLY.

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Music: ***From the Silence God Created***
Text: W.L. Lawrence



1. From the si - lence God cre - a - ted, mat - ter, move - ment depth and height, All the op - po -
2. From our si - lence comes the birth - ing gift - ing hi - ber - nat - ed dreams, Till our sleep be -
3. In the rap - ture of this new - ness art - ists ride the break - ing wave, Lin - ing out with
4. Aft - er draft - ing comes the tem - plate turn - ing parts in - to a whole, Craft - ing, chang - ing
5. God cre - a - ting, God e - volv - ing ev - ery pro - cess, ev - ery part, We give thanks for



sites e - volv - ing, spread - ing dark - ness, gift - ing light.
comes a - wak - ing filled with life's cre - a - tive streams.
pen and pap - er all that mem - 'ry can - not save.
re - ar - rang - ing to at - tain the fin - al goal.
each out - pour - ing found with - in all forms of art.

Prayer of the Day:

Longing to know who, what, and why we are, we stand awestruck at the splendor of reality, seeking the revelation of the ONE who IS our CREATOR, NOURISHER, and SUSTAINER. Let the majestic wonders of the Cosmos speak now and reveal to us the intimate presence of our God, who is beyond our ability to name, and yet we dare to call our LOVER, BELOVED, and LOVE ITSELF. Amen.

Contemporary Reading: **What the Universe Reveals When God Is Elusive** by William Cleary

Your existence, Holy Intelligence,
Our Evolutionary God,
is suggested to us in many basic observable facts:
for instance, that something exists rather than nothing, or that the elements keep
their inner order
despite chaotic forces around them,
or that magnetism affects absolutely everything
including speeding light.
Holy Mystery,
in everything awesome and elegant and true.
LOVE exists, and attraction and beauty, and desire,
Great invisible forces that permeate our milieu.
You must exist, Source of Everything,
and we rejoice in the ultimate challenge
of that MYSTERY. Amen.

Music: **Relativity** by Neil Bartram Recorded: Feb. 19, 2017
Singers: **Linda Condry, Rachel Miller, Amelia DePiero, Kyle Merrithew, and Gary Curran**
accompanied by **Marney Curran**

I stand on a marble that hurtles through space, my orbit and path are unique.
Around me the planets, they swirl and they race,
while I watch here humble and meek.
I'm held to the earth by a force I can't see,
but I strive every day to take flight;
I am energy, I am mass, I am light.
So this is my journey, my time on this rock, I'll chart out a course while I'm here.
With my modest resources and my eye on the clock,
my perspective unjaded and clear.
I study the vectors, with quantum techniques,
and I pray my equations are right;
I am energy, I am mass, I am light as it speeds,
light as it shimmers, light as it pierces the sky.
Something awakes, it trembles and simmers, a force that is yearning to fly.
But the terrain is unpredictable,
complex mysteries appear, there are paradoxes here to undo.
And now relatively speaking, something's relatively near,
and I'm relatively certain it's a clue.
And it's you on this marble, hurtling through space
with a path just as thoughtful and wise.

I stand here beside you and I look in your face, and I see myself in your eyes.
Now look all around us, more travelers, more eyes,
with passions they long to pursue.
And there's you, and there's you, and there's you;
And we're all on this marble that hurtles through space,
our orbits and paths are unique.
But with someone beside me to measure my pace,
somehow I'm not quite so meek.
So I learn what's important, I evolve and I grow,
I reach for your hand and hold tight.
We are energy, we are mass, we are light!

Gospel: Exodus 33:12-23

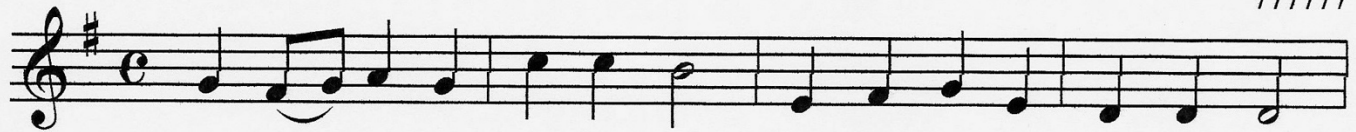
Moses said to YAHWEH, "Look, you have told me to lead this people, but you have never told me who you will send with me.
You have said to me, 'I know you by name,' and 'You have found favour with me.'
So if I have found favour with you, teach me your ways so that I might truly know you and that I might find favour in your eyes.
Remember that these people are the nation you have chosen as your own."
YAHWEH replied, "My Presence will go with you. Let this set your mind at ease."
Moses continued, "If your Presence does not come with us, do not send us from this place.
How can it ever be known that we have found favour in your eyes—I, and your people—if you do not accompany us?
It is your Presence alone that will mark us—I, and your people on the earth."
And YAHWEH said to Moses, "As you have asked, I will do, for you have found favour in my eyes, and I have known you by name."
Then Moses said, "Please, show me your glory!"
YAHWEH said, "I will make all of my goodness pass before your eyes, and I will pronounce my Name, I AM, in your presence: I will show my grace to whom I will show my compassion.
But you cannot see my face," God continued.
"No human can see my face and live."
Then YAHWEH said, "Look—here is a place beside me, where you can stand on a rock.
When my glory passes you, I will place you in a cleft in the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by.
When I remove my hand you will see my back; but my face, you must not see."

Reflection: GOD's Backside Passes By Our COVID Regulated Wilderness

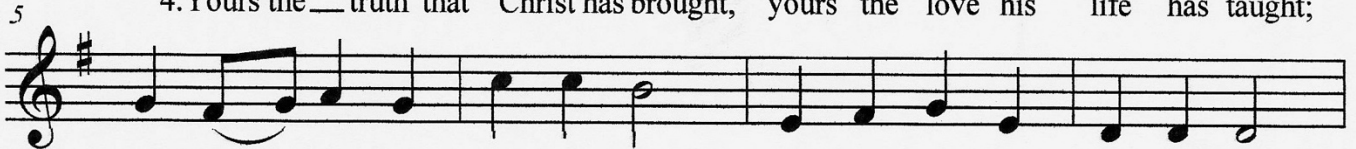


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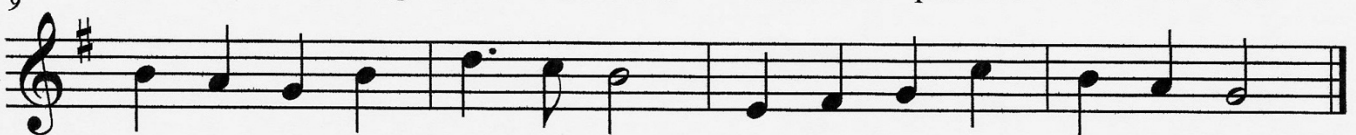
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1. God with - in our deep - est thought, come where hu - man words fall short,
 2. From the __earth, our voi - ces rise: bat - tle cries and lul - la - bies,
 3. Give us __hon - es - ty and grace each with - in our list - ening place,
 4. Yours the __truth that Christ has brought, yours the love his life has taught;



come when hu - man eye and ear can - not get the mes - sage clear,
 bless - ings __met with blas - phem - ies, pic - tures that dis - tort and tease,
 each with __eye to what is true, find - ing treas - ures old and new,
 give us __in - sight to dis - cern, make us pas - sion - ate to learn



when the sig - nals we re - ceive tell no truths we can be - lieve.
 hu - man tri - umph, hu - man joy, hu - man play, in - hu - man ploy.
 wid - en - ing our view to see where a - noth - er's truth might be.
 lang - uage of the lov - ing Way new - trans - lat - ed for our day.

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.

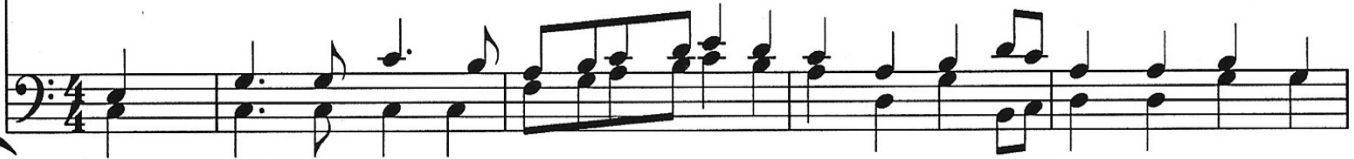
We do not pray to change the mind of a far off being but rather to open ourselves to the power of the ONE we call GOD who lives in us, with us, through us, and beyond us, so that we might be LOVE in the world.

Music:**When Masks of God Both Age and Die**

Words: William L. Wallace; MUSIC: MILETA



1. When masks of God both age and die, With in - ter - ven - ing de - i - ties, As
2. When thought a - ban - dons iv - 'ry tow'rs Be - liefs in du - al worlds de - part, When
3. When we em - brace as tru - ly ours All por - tions of the cos - mic tale Our
4. When e - co - worlds a - gain are seen As Spir - it's man - y sa - cred homes Our
5. As mys - t'ry, in and through - out all, Dis - solves our i - so - lat - ing ways Our



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doc - trines lose their rig - id hold And free - doms grow like for - est trees Be -
ab - stract laws no long - er shape Our mor - al codes or styles of art Be -
hu - man pride will then con - tract And deep hu - mil - i - ty pre - vail. Be -
wo - ven links will be af - firmed With a - toms and with chro - mo - somes. Be -
hearts will then be filled with love, Our spir - its be con - sumed with praise For



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yond shall then be - come the here And out - er worlds be found with - in.
yond shall then be - come the here And out - er worlds be found with - in.
yond shall then be - come the here And out - er worlds be found with - in.
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all be - yonds are al - ways here When out - er worlds are found with - in.



Blessing

Even in the midst of these challenging times,
if you open your eyes and look around, you'll catch a glimpse of the LOVE which is
YAHWEH;
whose backside is more beautiful than words can say.
Words may fail us, but we will keep trying to describe the wonder,
the beauty, the magnificence of YAHWEH's glory.
That's just the kind of creatures we are.
So, proclaim GOD's glory!
Delight in the knowledge that all our wonderings pale in comparison to YAHWEH's
splendor.
Trust the MYSTERY of the LOVE which we call GOD, who even now passes in, with,
through and amongst us giving us a glimpse of YAHWEH's ever so beautiful backside.
You are richly blessed by the ONE who IS, BEYOND the BEYOND, and BEYOND that
also!
Thanks be to our LOVER, BELOVED, and LOVE Itself!
AMEN.

Announcements: *see below for details*

Postlude **Something told the Wild Geese** by Sherri Porterfield

**Make sure you are on our MAILING LIST
so that we can send you all the Zoom Links
We want to see your smiling face as often as possible!
Send an email to: holycrosslutheran@rogers.com
and we will be sure to send you all our news!**



Join us on Zoom as we express our
gratitude for the many blessings which
surround us and our concerns for
Creation, the peoples of the world and
the people in our lives.

**We do not pray to a far-away-
sky-god. We pray to the ONE
in whom we live and move
and have our being. This
MYSTERY which is the LOVE
that IS God, lives and moves
in, with, through, and beyond
us to transform our prayers
into the LOVE which the world
longs for.**

You are invited to pray with us!

Prayers of the People

Friday mornings at 10:00am on Zoom
send an email to holycrosslutheran@rogers.com for the link

Oktoberfest

2020 Style - on ZOOM of course!

Friday **October 30th** @ 7:00pm



**Bring your BEER & PRETZELS
along with a story to tell!**

You don't need to wear a mask!!!

**We will gather on Zoom to toast this
unusual October and share stories of
Octobers gone by: everyone will be invited
to share a story with an Oktoberfest twist!**

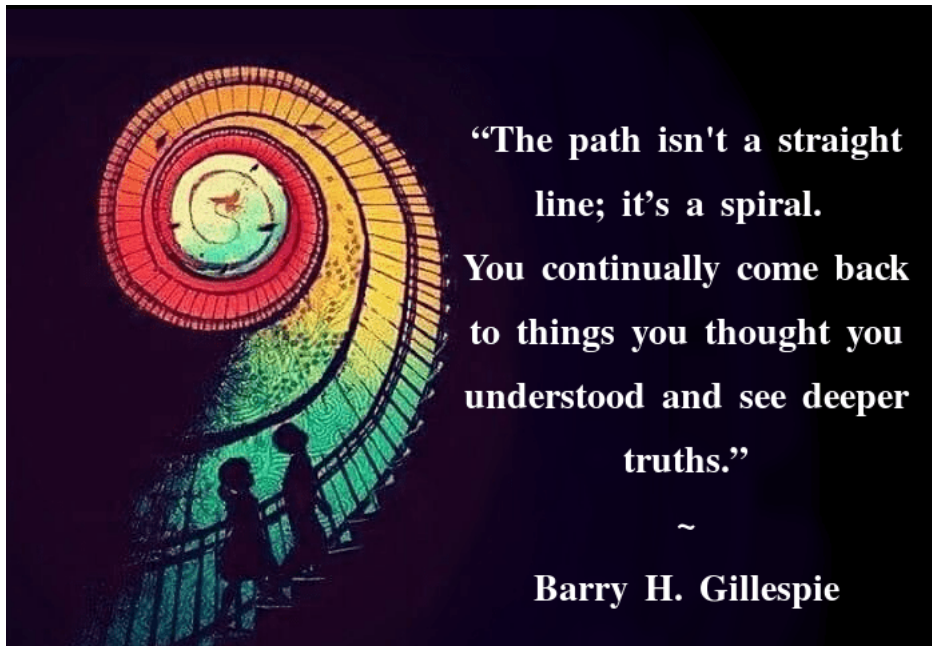
Ziggy, Ziggy, Zaggy! Oye! Oye! Oye!

Laderhosen optional!

Dancing at your own risk!

email us for the Zoom Link:

holycrosslutheran@rogers.com



**“The path isn't a straight
line; it's a spiral.**

**You continually come back
to things you thought you
understood and see deeper
truths.”**

~

Barry H. Gillespie

Walk 'n Talk in the Park



A gentle walk with opportunities to talk about the challenges we face in the midst of this pandemic. Conversations will take us beyond small-talk as we share our struggles, joys, and passions as we meet our various challenges. Possibility of a patio lunch on Main Street after our walk, for those who would like to keep the conversations going while supporting a local business.

Wednesday Mornings at 11am

Meet at the Fairy Lake parking lot

Nov. 4 through Dec. 9

Topics:

- Nov. 4: **CONNECTIONS:** What are the vital connections in your Life?
What do you need to let go of?
The struggle to stay connected. What helps you? What doesn't help?
- Nov. 11: **FAITH:** How's your faith life?
What does it mean to have faith in these challenging times?
Opportunities/Challenges?
- Nov. 18: **BEING LOVE In the World:** What new opportunities has lock-down opened up for us to BE LOVE here and now?
What do you need to help you to BE LOVE to those around you?
- Nov. 25: **JUSTICE:** Where do you see hope and possibilities to bend the moral arch of the universe toward justice here and now?
- Dec. 2 **SPIRITUALITY:** what has been/is being revealed during this pandemic?
- Dec. 9 **CHRISTMAS:** Keeping it SACRED?

Participants will be encouraged to bring along short words of wisdom (either their own words or experts from a poem, story, or joke) which they feel enlightens the topic of the day. The hope is that these conversations will inspire further conversations during the week as we connect as individuals on our own time.

Holy Cross Finances as of September 30, 2020

THANK-YOU! Thanks to our generous members, friends, and viewers our General Fund is showing a surplus! These are challenging times and the combination of generous donors, reduced expenses and a Government Payroll Subsidy our General Fund is showing a Surplus of \$2,374.38. **Well Done EVERYONE!!!**

Below you will find a summary of our General Fund to the end of September.

Financial Report - General Fund January - September 30, 2020

INCOME	Jan-Sept BUDGET	Jan-Sept ACTUAL	Variance
Regular Sunday Offerings		\$68,298.72	
BLOG Participants		\$4,500	
Total OFFERINGS	\$97,376.37	\$72,798.72	-\$24,577.65
Solar Panel Income	\$6,750.00	\$5,678.16	-\$1,071.84
Fundraising	\$1,499.99	\$0.00	-\$1,499.99
Gifts	\$374.99	\$0.00	-\$374.99
Interest	\$0.00	\$42.75	\$42.75
Non-Budgeted Expenses	\$750.01	\$0.00	-\$750.01
Budgeted Expense	\$750.01	\$1,886.38	\$1,136.37
Budgeted Exp. Government Subsidy		\$11,823.84	\$11,823.84
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$583.35	\$13,710.22	\$13,126.87
Rentals: Church Facility	\$1,125.00	\$540.00	-\$585.00
Rental: Armitage Daycare	\$9,675.00	\$9,675.00	\$0.00
Movie Nights/Matinees	\$2,250.00	\$608.81	-\$1,641.19
Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sub-Total General Fund	\$120,384.71	\$103,053.66	-\$17,331.05
2019 Surpluss Carried forward	\$744.35	\$744.35	
TOTAL INCOME	\$121,129.06	\$103,798.01	-\$17,331.05
TOTAL EXPENSES to Sept.30, 2020	\$121,295.66	\$101,423.63	-\$19,872.03
NET INCOME as of Sept. 30, 2020		\$2,374.38	

Accessibility Fund: We continue to chip away at the loans we incurred to build our extension. A payment of \$12,500.00 is due by the end of this year. To date we have raised: \$8,200.00. **Which means we need to raise \$4,300.00** in order to make this payment. To those of you who have already donated your Accessibility Fund pledge, THANK-YOU! We look forward to receiving the remaining outstanding pledges. If you are able to make a further designated offering to the Accessibility Fund, it will help us to meet our commitment on time.

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.



God is the creating spirit
that calls order out of chaos.
God is the life force
that emerges first into consciousness,
then into self-consciousness,
and now into self-transcendence,
and ultimately into we know not what.
God is the love
that creates wholeness,
the Being at the depths of our being,
the Source from which all life comes.

John Shelby Spong