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Reformation Sunday
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WORSHIP: Reformation 2020

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

October 25, 2020

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

Welcome:

Prelude:

Wenn wir in hochsten Noten Sein (When we are in Greatest Need)
 J.S. Bach, arrangement: D. Salmon

Invocation:

The grace of CHRIST,
 who rises in every act of loving-kindness.
 The LOVE that IS
 the SOURCE of ALL BEING,
 and the power of the SPIRIT,
 is with you all!
 Thanks be to ALL that IS HOLY.

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Music:

Great God, We Lift Our Hearts

TUNE: EIN FESTE BURG;

Words: Miriam Therese Putzer Words © 1986 The Hymn Society

Great GOD, we lift our hearts in praise
 for blessings without measure.
 We give you thanks for length of days,
 and hold your time as treasure.
 In years that still remain
 make subject to your reign
 each passing day and hour.
 Sustain us in your power,
 for you are GOD eternal!

Though endless ages in your sight
 are moments quickly fading,
 your care surrounds each day and night
 all time and space pervading.
 The past your mercy holds.
 Your LOVE this day unfolds,
 and for each future care
 your wisdom will be there,
 for you are GOD eternal!

O EVER-ANCIENT, EVER-NEW,
 creation chants your story.
 Unfolding worlds return to you
 their hymn of praise and glory.
 So may our lives proclaim
 the glory of your name,
 as human plans unfold
 within your plan of old,
 for you are GOD eternal!

Prayer of the Day:

We stand in midst of MYSTERY, trusting that MYSTERY will touch us, move us,
 and empower us. Rejoicing in the beauty that surrounds us, we look to our
 CREATOR to caress us. Freed by CHRIST to move beyond our fear, we look to
 you the Holy One to enlighten us with knowledge beyond our grasp.
 Enlivened by the SPIRIT we seek the courage to open ourselves to life.
 In the midst of MYSTERY we live and breathe and have our being in the ONE who
 is CREATOR, CHRIST, and SPIRIT, ONE. Amen.

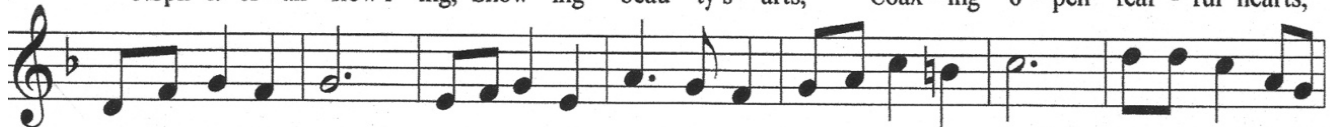
Music:

Spirit of All Freedom WORDS: W.L. WALLACE

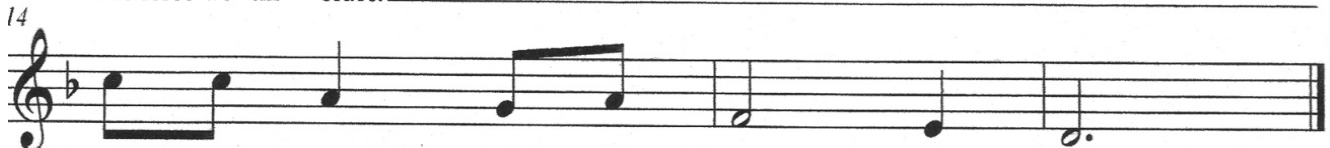
King's Weston



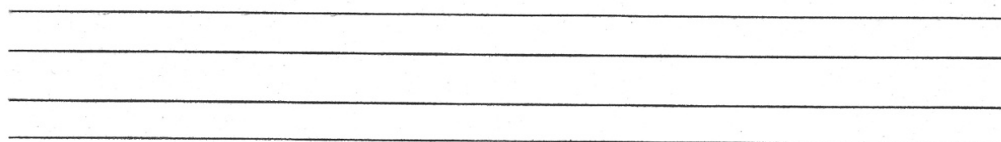
1. Spi - rit of all free - dom, Mys - t'ry un - con - fined, Break - ing bond - age, free - ing mind,
 2. Spir - it of all breath - ing, Air which we ex - change, Bring - ing vi - gor, Fir - ing change,
 3. Spir - it of all car - ing, Heal - ing wounds and tears, Nurs - ing bod - ies, Sooth - ing fears,
 4. Spir - it of all flow - ing, Cos - mic sap of Earth, Source of dy - ing, Source of birth,
 7 5. Spir - it of all flow'r - ing, Show - ing beau - ty's arts, Coax - ing o - pen fear - ful hearts,



Life-force we em - brace. Tide of ev - 'ry heart - beat, Pulse of time and space, You are God, the
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gift - ing one, source of ev - 'ry grace.



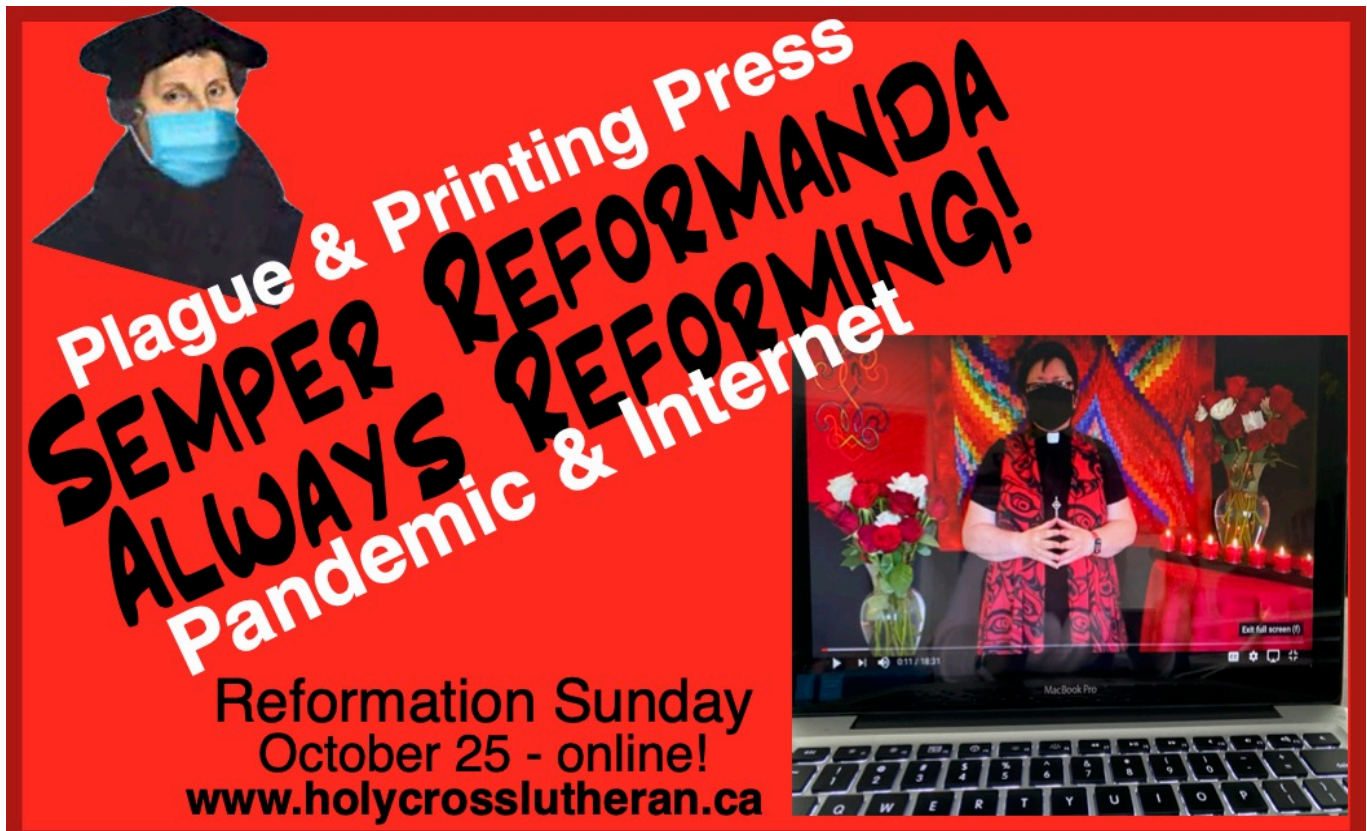
Gospel: John 8

Jesus said to the Judeans who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, "You will be made free"?"

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

Reflection: **The Plague & the Printing Press to the Pandemic & the Internet:
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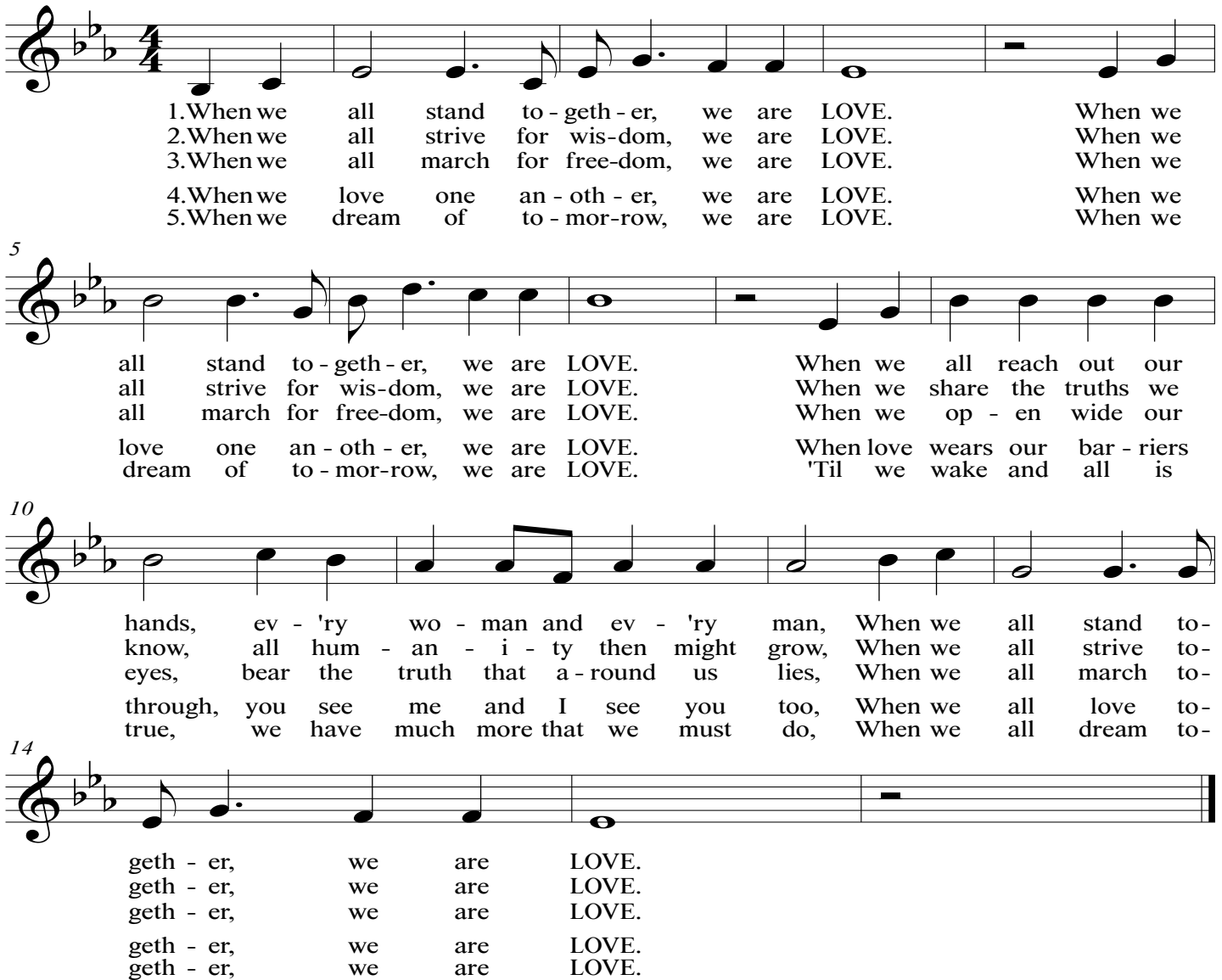


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Song of the Day:

When We All Stand Together



1. When we all stand to - geth - er, we are LOVE. When we
 2. When we all strive for wis - dom, we are LOVE. When we
 3. When we all march for free - dom, we are LOVE. When we
 4. When we love one an - oth - er, we are LOVE. When we
 5. When we dream of to - mor - row, we are LOVE. When we

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 all stand to - geth - er, we are LOVE. When we all reach out our
 all strive for wis - dom, we are LOVE. When we share the truths we
 all march for free - dom, we are LOVE. When we op - en wide our
 love one an - oth - er, we are LOVE. When love wears our bar - riers
 dream of to - mor - row, we are LOVE. 'Til we wake and all is

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 hands, ev - 'ry wo - man and ev - 'ry man, When we all stand to -
 know, all hum - an - i - ty then might grow, When we all strive to -
 eyes, bear the truth that a - round us lies, When we all march to -
 through, you see me and I see you too, When we all love to -
 true, we have much more that we must do, When we all dream to -

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 geth - er, we are LOVE.
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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

Music:

The Freedom to Explore

by Monty Lynds



1. I__ thank you God for giv - ing me the__ free - dom to__ ex - plore, Un
2. Na - ture a - bounds, the pulse of life re - veals your pres - ence clear. A -
3. I__ dis - re - gard the words of some who claim the on - ly way. The
4. In LOVE we can dis - cern your joy, your vi - sion and your scheme, A__

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fet - tered by the words of some I'll__ learn to know you more. I__ see the sun, the
bove, be - low, with - in, with - out I__ touch, I see, I hear. Je - sus, the gate - way
prize is theirs and on - ly theirs' they hear the Bi - ble say. Oh God of Christ - ian,
love of life, a life of love be - comes our ho - ly dream. I__ thank you God for

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moon, the stars, The un - i - verse so grand. Ten bil - lion years or__ more of work all
of my soul I__ heed your songs of LOVE. Oh, Ho - ly Spir - it__ en - ter in, il -
Hin - du, Jain, Of Mus - lim, Sikh and Jew. Oh God of each and ev - ery way I__
giv - ing me the free - dom to ex - plore. Un - fet - tered by the words of some I've

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craft - ed by__ your hand.
lum - in - a - ting LOVE.
put my trust__ in you.
come to love__ you more.

Announcements: *see below for details*

Postlude **Song Without Words**
by Mendelssohn

**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!**

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**

All Saints' Sunday

November 1st



Sadly, this year we will be unable to gather together to honour the Saints in our lives. Our annual practice of lighting candles to honour those Saints will not be possible. This is made more regrettable by the reality that we have lost some Saints who are very dear to us.

In order to mark the passing of those Saints whom we have lost this year, Pastors Dawn and Eric will meet in the church sanctuary on Wednesday to light candles on behalf of our Holy Cross family. This ritual will be recorded and included in our All Saints' Worship Video.

If you would like to have a candle lit in memory of a Saint whom you have lost, please contact pastor dawn by Wednesday morning so that we can include your Saint.

There will also be an opportunity for you to participate by lighting a candle in your home. Simply have your candles on hand when you settle down to participate in the All Saints' Worship Video, and you will be guided through your own memorial.

**“A theology of unknowing is
necessary for a theology of knowing
because without it
God would not be worshipped
as infinite but rather as a creature,
and that would be idolatry.”**

Nicholas of Cusa (1401-1464)

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