



WORSHIP: Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Progressive In Approach: Christlike In Action!
October 4, 2020 Season of Creation

BEING LOVE in Toxic Soup!

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

Welcome:

Prelude:

Prayer for Gentleness to All Creatures by Donald Ford
Video: Scenes from Keith Island by Andrew Slonetsky

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!

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Music:

All Creatures
Video: Pond Life by Dawn Hutchings

**Come join the cosmic family,
Come praise Creation's DEITY,
O praise God, Alleluia!
Dear Brother sun with golden beam,
And Sister moon with softer gleam:
O praise God, O praise God,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And dearest sister, Mother Earth,
The source of nurture and each birth,
O praise God Alleluia!
The flowers and the fruits that on you grow,
Let them God's glory also show:
O praise God, O praise God,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Prayer of the Day:

Prayer of St. Francis

Video by Cassandra & Joshua Schultz

Contemporary Reading

Our Need for THEE by St. Francis

Reader and video by: Jane Winstanley

In our ever present need for thee: Beloved, let us know your peace.
Let us be your instruments that break every shackle,
for do not the caged ones weep?

And give us our inheritance of divine love so that we can forgive
like you. And let us be wise, so that we do not wed another's
madness and then make them in debt to us for the deep gash their
helpless raging lance will cause.

Darkness is an unlit wick; it just needs your touch, Beloved, to
become a sacred flame. And what sadness in this world could
endure if it looked into your eyes?

God is like a honeybee, God doesn't mind me calling God that; for
when you are kind--sweet--God nears, and can draw you into
Godself.

What is there to understand of each other: if a wand turned the
sun into a moon would not the moon mourn the ecstatic
effulgence it once was. We are all in mourning for the experience
of our essence we knew and now miss. Light is the cure,
all else a placebo.

Yes, I will console any creature before me that is not laughing or
full of passion for their art or life; for laughing and passion--
beauty and joy--is our heart's truth, all else is labour and foreign to
the soul.

I have stood in God's rain and now fill granaries as do the fertile
plains: giving is as natural to love as sound from the mouth.
There is a courageous dying, it is called effacement. That holy
death unfurls our spirit's wings and allows us to embrace God even
as we stand on the earth.

IN A VISION

I asked for the most intimate experience with the Christ.
No one would believe what happened in a vision more true than this world:
the
sacred chord
pulsated light throughout the universe
as I nursed my own
Christ at my
breasts.

Acclamation:

My Spirit Rests in You Alone

Singers: Carol Wegford, Sylvia McCutcheon

Sharon Smyth, Barbara Batke, Conducted by Marney Curran

May be sung in canon.

Kristopher E. Lindquist



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Gospel:

Matthew 6:25-29

Reader and video by: Andrew Slonetsky

That is why I tell you not to worry about your livelihood, what you are to eat or drink or use for clothing. Isn't life more than just food?
Isn't the body more than just clothes?
Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet our God in heaven feeds them. Aren't you more important than they?
Which of you by worrying can add a moment to your lifespan?
And why be anxious about clothing?
Learn a lesson from the way the wildflowers grow.
They don't work; they don't spin.
Yet I tell you not even Solomon in full splendor was arrayed like one of these.
If God can clothe in such splendor the grasses of the field, which bloom today and are thrown on the fire tomorrow, won't God do so much more for you—you who have so little faith?

Reflection:

Being LOVE in Toxic Soup

IN ALL THINGS

It was easy to love God in all that
was beautiful.

The lessons of deeper knowledge, though,
instructed me
to embrace God
in all things.

St. Francis



1. We can - not own the sun - lit sky, the moon, the wild - flow'rs
 2. When bod - ies shiv - er in the night and wea - ry, wait for
 3. God calls hu - man - i - ty to join as part - ners in cre -



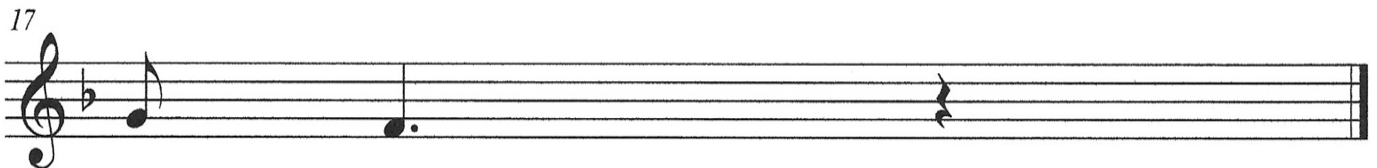
grow - ing, for we are part of all that is with - in life's ri - ver
 mor - ning, when chil - dren have no bread but tears, and war - horns sound their
 a - ting a fu - ture free from want or fear, life's good - ness cel - e



flow - ing. With o - pen hands re - ceive and share the gifts of God's cre -
 warn - ing, God calls hu - man - i - ty to wake, to join in com - mon
 13 bra - ting, that new world beck - ons from a far, in - vites our shared en -



a - tion, that all may have a - bun - dant life in ev - 'ry earth - ly
 la - bour, that all may have a - bun - dant life in one - ness with their
 deav - our, that all may have a - bun - dant life and peace en - dure for -



na - tion.
 neigh - bour.
 ev - er.

**Start by doing what's necessary,
 then what's possible,
 and suddenly you are doing the impossible.**

St. Francis

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

Blessed with Discomfort by St. Francis of Assisi
Video by the Work of the People

May God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships so that we may live from deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of God's creations so that we may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless us with just enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in the world so that we can do what others claim cannot be done:

To bring justice and kindness to all our children and all our neighbors who are poor.

Amen.

Music:

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Video: Work of the People

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system includes two verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system includes a 'fine' marking. The fourth system includes a '2.' marking and continues the lyrics. The score ends with a 'DC, al. fine.' marking.

1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace: where there is hat-red,
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace: where there's des-pair in

let me bring your love; where there is in- ju- ry, your heal-ing
life let me bring hope; where there is darkness, - - on- ly

pow'r, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
light, and where there's sad- ness, ev- er joy.

2. 3. O Spir-it, grant that I may nev-er seek so much

to be con- soled as to con- sole, to be un- der- stood

as to un- der- stand, to be loved as to love with

all my soul - -

4. Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Announcements:

see below for details

Postlude

Bless the Beasts and the Children, DeVorzin and Botkin
Video: The Work of the People



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



We cannot get together in person this THANKSGIVING.

**We can join together
THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION!**

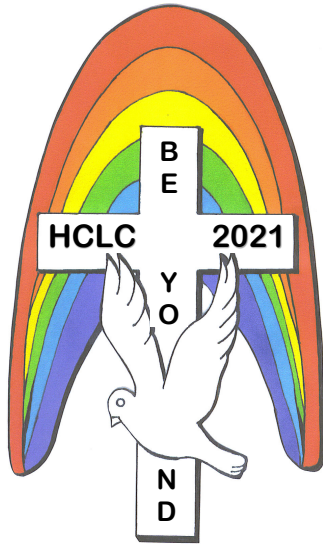
**Help us to make our
Thanksgiving Video Worship full of
THANKSGIVINGS!**

**Express Your Gratitude by creating your
video THANKSGIVINGS**

We asking YOU to make a short 1-2 minute video on your phone and send it to us via email or dropbox so that your THANKSGIVINGS can become of part of our THANKSGIVING WORSHIP. It is so easy to make videos on our phones. But if you need help simply send an email to holycrosslutheran@rogers.com and a member of our Worship Team will make arrangements to give you all the help you need! Please submit your videos by Friday Oct. 9 so that we can include them! You will receive an email with the dropbox link soon.

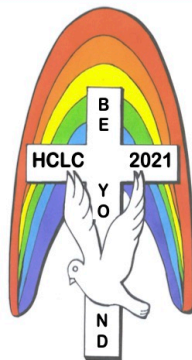


The Global Justice Team will meet over Zoom on Wednesday at 7pm – contact Cherilyn for the Zoom link or send an email to holycrosslutheran@rogers.com



HC2021 & BEYOND Team will meet over Zoom on Wednesday at 7pm – send an email to holycrosslutheran@rogers.com for the Zoom link.

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.

WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM WILL MEET OVER ZOOM on Wednesday at 3:30pm

CHURCH COUNCIL WILL MEET OVER ZOOM on Thursday at 5:00pm

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!

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.