



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

Online Worship: September 13, 2020

Land Sunday

Season of Creation

Pastor Dawn Hutchings

Musician: Marney Curran

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Welcome:

Prelude: ***Little Prelude #3*** by J.S. Bach

Invocation:

Music: ***All Present, All Visible, Source of All Life***

WORDS: Sara Kay & Brian McLaren; TUNE: John Roberts, ST DENNO

**All-present, all-visible, Source of all life,
Within and around us, through joy and through strife.
Most Sacred, Eternal, You move on the earth,
You beckon and call forth new life and new birth.**

**Enlivened, extravagant, Sower of seeds,
Abundant, abounding, Your mercy exceeds.
Unhindered, unbridled, you shine forth your grace,
That we may do likewise, revealing Your face.**

**Transcendent, uncharted, and still close at hand,
Encompassing people from near and far lands.
Within each new moment, throughout life and death,
Your praises are sung out from all that has breath!**



Prayer of the Day:

Standing in the midst of the ONE in which we live and move and have our BEING we cannot help but be astounded by the splendour of Creation.

Even as we absorb the beauty of the Land, we cannot help but hear the Earth groaning under the pressure of our presence.

Fires are raging as they scorch the Land.

Landscapes are being plundered.

Waterways once teeming with life are being poisoned.

And yet the Earth continues to harbour us.

May the beauty of the Earth, the fecundity of the Land, and the Wisdom of our CREATOR move us beyond self-centered visions and inspire in us a desire for harmony as we learn to walk tenderly upon the Earth.

We pray trusting the ONE who is LOVE to work in, with, through, and beyond us, to care for the Earth and all her Creatures, now and forever. Amen.

Praise

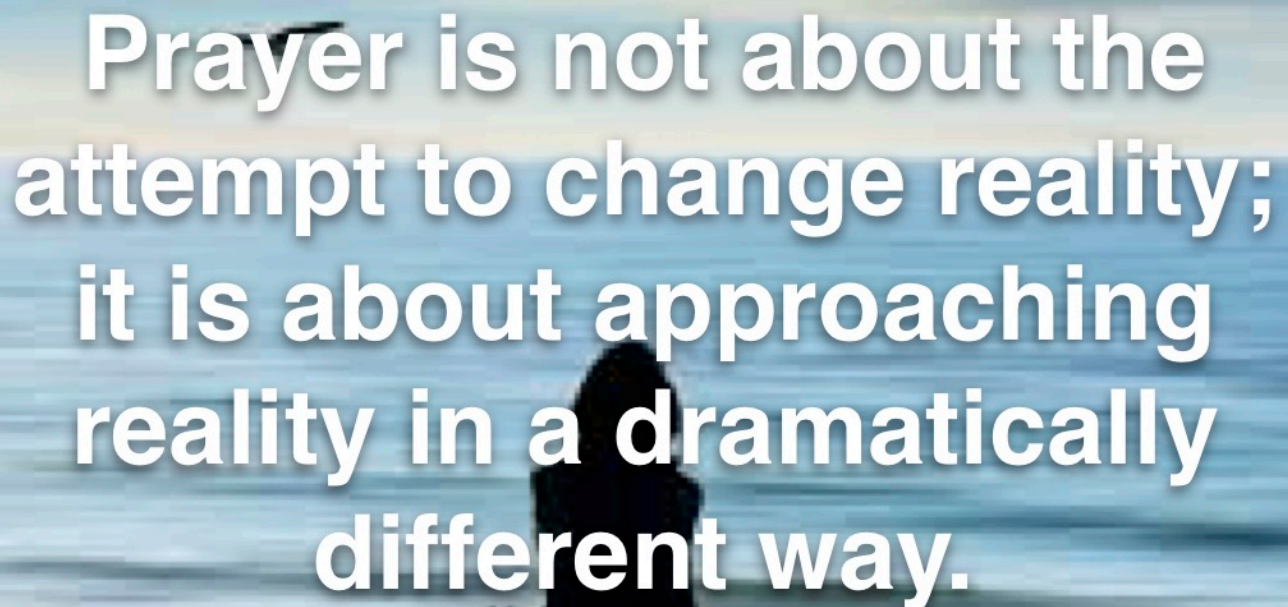
Earth the Original Liturgy

video produced by The Work of the People

Reflection:

Getting to the Root of Our “Dominion Over” the Earth

the Gospel text: **Genesis 1:27-28** is contained within the reflection

A person in silhouette is sitting on a rock by the ocean, looking out at the waves. The background is a soft-focus view of the sea and sky. Overlaid on this image is a large, white, bold quote.

**Prayer is not about the
attempt to change reality;
it is about approaching
reality in a dramatically
different way.**

Bishop John Shelby Spong

Song of the Day:

Sweet Grass and Candle

TEXT: John Wesley; Music: Rachel Landrecht;

Arranged by Neil Weisensel

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Sweet-grass and the Can - dle, the peace pipe and bi - ble, the
Join in the cir - cle that will have no end - ing, for

Frame Drum

sto - ries of eld - ers, and beat of the drum;
we are all e - qual and loved in God's sight.

these are the sym - bols of hope, faith and jus - tice. We
Praise the Great Spir - it! We gath - er as fam - ily to

gath - er in cir - cle, af - firm - ing we're one
sing of Love's free - dom and dance with de - light.

Wel - come the stran - ger for he is our bro - ther and

she is our sis - ter of Mo - ther Earth.

Care for cre - a - tion for all life is sac - red and

we are u - nit - ed by vi - sion's re - birth



Prayers:

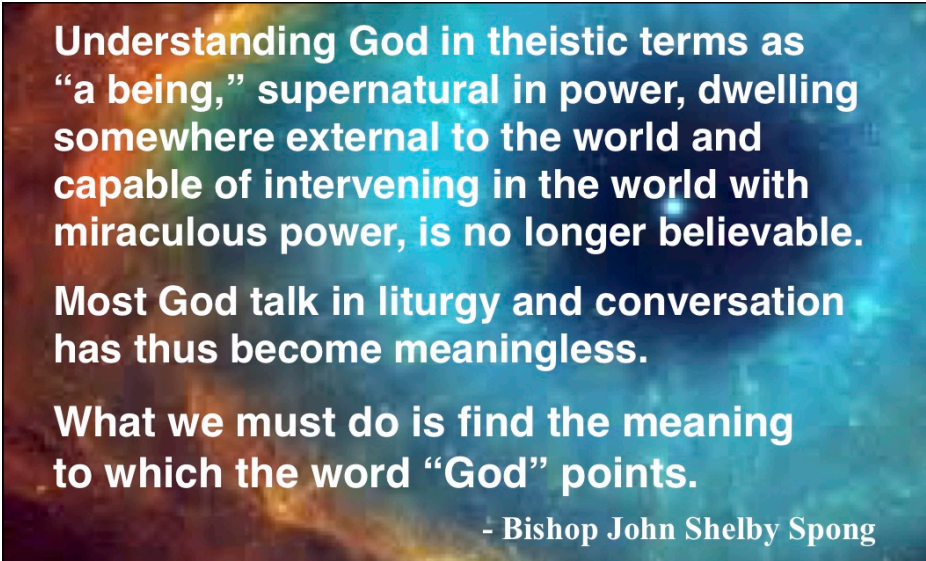
The MYSTERY that we call God is not some far off person in the sky. Our God is the Ground of our Being, the ONE in whom we live and move and have our being. God lives in, with, through, and beyond us. So, our prayers rise up among us so that we might become Christs to one another and move our prayers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

God is the source of life,
So let us worship God by living.
God is the source of LOVE,
So, worship God by loving.
God is the ground of being,
So, worship God by having the courage
to be more fully human;
the embodiment of the DIVINE.
May the ONE who IS our
Receive the blessings of our
LOVER, BELOVED, and LOVE Itself.
Amen.



Understanding God in theistic terms as
“a being,” supernatural in power, dwelling
somewhere external to the world and
capable of intervening in the world with
miraculous power, is no longer believable.

Most God talk in liturgy and conversation
has thus become meaningless.

What we must do is find the meaning
to which the word “God” points.

- Bishop John Shelby Spong

MUSIC:

You Are the Seed

1 You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you're a star that will
 2 You are the flame that will light - en the dark, so re - splen - dent with
 3 You are the life that will nur - ture the plant; you're the waves in a

shine in the night; you are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a
 hope, faith and love; you are the shep - herds to lead the whole world to
 tur - bu - lent sea; yes - ter - day's yeast is be - gin - ning to rise, a

bea - con to glow in the dark. You are the dawn that will
 wa - ters and pas - tures of peace. "You are the friends that I
 new loaf of bread it will yield. There is no place for a

bring a new day; you're the wheat that will bear gold - en grain;
 chose for my - self, you're the word that I want to pro - claim.
 cit - y to hide, there's no moun - tain can cov - er its might;

you are a sting and a soft, gen - tle touch, to wit - ness where
 You are the new reign of God built on rock, where jus - tice and
 let your light shine so that your lov - ing works give hon - or and

ev - er you go. Go, my friends, go to the world, pro -
 truth are at home." Be, my friends, a loy - al wit - ness,
 glo - ry to God. *Id, a - mi - gos, por el mun - do,*
Sed, a - mi - gos, mis tes - ti - gos

claim the great love of God; mes - sen - gers to tell the way of life,
 from the dead Christ a - rose; "Lo, I'll be with you for - ev - er - more,
a - nun - cian - do el a - mor, men - sa - je - ros de la vi - da,
de mi re - su - rrec - ción. Id lle - van - do mi pre - sen - cia;

peace and par - don for all. till the end of the world."
de la paz y el per - dón. con vo - so - tros es - toy.

Announcements: *see below for details*

Sending:

GO IN PEACE.
Be LOVE in the world.
Thanks be to all that is HOLY!

Postlude

Bist du bei mir, by J.S. Bach

HOMECOMING
Sunday September 20th

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

1:00pm

Outdoors



**season of
creation**



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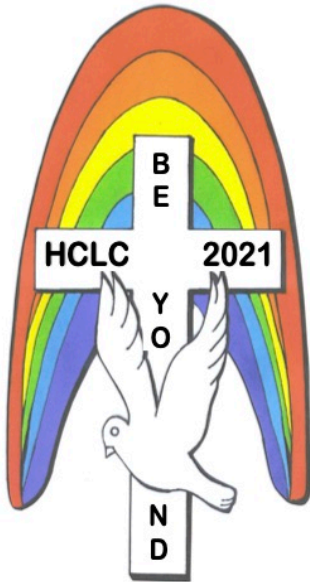
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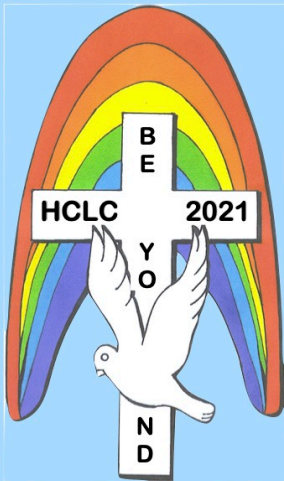
**Opening ourselves
to the MYSTERY
which is God
who IS LOVE**

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 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 pre-register to join this meeting by
Wed. Sept. 23rd 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

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	\$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	