Welcome: Pride Sunday!

On June 28, 1970, just one year after the Stonewall Uprising, the Gay Liberation Front hosted the very first Pride Parade. Today, in the midst of a global pandemic and racial unrest, we pause for much needed sabbath rest; or as our gospel reading puts it: A cool glass of water. May our Pride celebration provide an opportunity for us all to breathe deeply of the SPIRIT in whom we live and move and have our being. As we reflect upon just how far we have come, we celebrate and give things for the beautiful diversity of human expression. May all that is HOLY rejoice in the sacredness of each and every beautiful body in which the SPIRIT breaths! HAPPY PRIDE!

PRELUDE: True Colours by Cindi Lauper

Invocation:

The LOVE which IS God, the peace of CHIRST, and the comfort of the SPIRIT is with you all. THANKS be to all that IS HOLY!
Music:

**Behold I Gather All To Me**

TEXT: David R. Weiss;
TUNE: Trad. El Condor Pasa (Flight of the Condor)

Verses: 1, 4, & 5 – refrain after verse 1 & 5

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1. Our song we sing in praise of God who swirled over chaos____, hov’ring Wisdom,____ birth-ing the world. Each
2. To slaves who cried to you from out their pain, God of freedom,____ God of justice,____ in pow’r you came. To
3. And when your people sought to shut the door ‘gainst the Gentiles,____ ‘gainst the eunuchs,____ a-gainst the poor, Then
4. In Christ your holy Wisdom dwelt on earth Preaching welcome,____ bringing whole-ness,____ and shar-ing mirth. Though claims us,____ God who names us,____ both straight and gay. And
5. Our song we sing in praise of God to-day; God who word you spoke was so and so was good. Now, O Wisdom,____ on your gifts of law and land you led the weak, Birthed a people,____ af-ter prophets spoke the pas-sion of your choice For the out-cast for the crucified, the res-rected One Sends the Spirit,____ to God’s each is safely kept be-nearth your wing: Loving ho-ly,____ liv-ing Sabbath,____ sing if you would — Be-hold, I gather all to me; those I your heart, who hear you speak. (to verse 3) voice-less,____ they raised your voice. (refrain) people:____ the song goes on. (to verse 5) fully,____ be-cause you sing. (refrain) gatherer,____ I set free. Be-hold in me all things are new: At first

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17. light, and then in Christ, and now in you.
Prayer of the Day:

Living in the midst of the ONE Who Is the Source of All Being, we rejoice in the possibilities of this new day. Our hearts are filled with longing for peace through justice for all our sisters and brothers.

We rejoice in the wonders of our bodies. The intricate design of our humanity is a miracle which enables joy, empowers LOVE, and provides life in a marvelous Creation which we are only just beginning to understand. Let us treasure the wonders of Creation and be tender with one another so that all may know the pleasures of passion, companionship, and community.

Our ancestors sought to live out the scripture’s call to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with our God. As we rejoice in the wonders of our own unique creation, let us live into the dream of justice, equality, freedom, and love that so that the dreams and visions of justice-seekers and peacemakers can be given life in all the world.

Let the SPIRIT of LOVE live, in, with, through, and beyond us so that all may know the LOVE which IS DIVINITY, now and forever, Amen.

Music:

Rainbow Colours

Text: Andrew Pratt; Tune: SERVANT SONG

1. Help us trace your rainbow colours through these days of change and choice,
2. In a world of contradictions let your justice change our ways,
3. Let us nurture fresh expressions, different ways of being church,
4. Let us go with common purpose, though distinctive from our birth;
5. Through diversity and difference, rainbow colours of our race,

hold firmly to your promise: all the world can praise, rejoice.
then with mercy, fire, compassion, let no bias mar our praise.
sharing love and understanding, join in people in their search.
welcome all to share our vision, go as one to all the earth.
let us share without distinction God’s demanding, loving grace.

Praise Song for a Pandemic: Video produced by The Work of the People
Music: LOVE, Again
Text: Greta Vosper, Tune: SHANTI by Marty Haugen

1. When LOVE first stretched a human heart, emerged from deep within, our
2. For quick as LOVE did fear arise and work to bring love down. Its
3. Before another moment wanes, may we our love renew, and
4. For only we can LOVE and care, commit to duty's call, re-
5. May LOVE emerge, forever strong; those bound in fear, released! And

lives were changed for ever more; that time must come again.____
shadows lurk in troubled eyes and peace is nowhere found.____
pledge to build up what remains of all that's good and true.____
member all that's right and fair, and vanquish fear for all.____
we inspired, shall end the wrongs, LOVE ever to increase.____

Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

Jesus said,
“Those who welcome you also welcome me, and those who welcome me welcome the ONE who
sent me. Those who welcome prophets just because they are prophets will receive the reward
reserved for the prophets themselves; those who welcome holy people just because they are holy
will receive the reward of the holy ones. The truth is, whoever gives a cup of cold water to one of
these lowly ones just for being a disciple will not lack a reward.”

The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language:
“This is a large work I've called you into, but don't be overwhelmed by it. It's best to start small.
Give a cool cup of water to someone who is thirsty, for instance. The smallest act of giving or
receiving makes you a true apprentice. You won’t lose out on a thing.”

Reflection: 50 Years of Pride
Voice-over God, our Lover and Creator, 
whose Word transformed disorder into peace, 
who gave to all that is a name, a calling, 
by whom all human wisdom was released, 
God, give us confidence in living, loving, 
the mind, the mood to make this life a feast. 
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Companion-Christ, in human terms among us, 
let your redeeming, freeing presence teach 
and help us not to measure those around us 
by culture, race, by gender, creed or speech, 
to look for that which is of God within them, 
reach out, give thanks for what is good in each. 
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Ennobling Spirit, source of strength and passion,  
inspire our hearts to hear the voiceless cry,  
our will to break the shackles of injustice,  
take down the barriers that demean, divide;  
to give the hungry bread, the homeless shelter:  
life in all fullness, that will never die.  
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Interpretation of the Prayer Jesus taught...

LOVING PRESENCE, luminous in all creation, 
hallowed be your name. 
Thy Kin-dom come. 
May we reflect on earth the yielding perfection of the heavens. 
Help us to receive an illumined measure from the earth this day. 
Forgive us when we trespass against others, 
human and other-than-human, 
as we forgive others who trespass against us. 
Keep us on the path of wisdom 
when we are tempted to take the selfish path. 
May it be your rule we follow, your power we exercise, 
and your radiance that allures. 
May this be the truth that guides our lives, 
the ground from which our future will grow, 
until we meet again. Amen.
Praise the Source of All Creation
Music: Nettleton, J. Wyeth
Words: Jann Aldredge-Clanton (adapted)

Verses 1, 2, 3, & 5

Music:

1. Praise the Source of all creation, giving life throughout the Earth, blessing
gifts and many graces help us be all we can be. Partners on this path of
one will be included as we work to bring reforms. Let us end abuse and
firing every being, all created good and whole. Now, rejoice and sing
trees and laughing rivers join our call to liberty. Free at last to blossoms
colours, varied beauty everywhere, streams of goodness overflowing, wondrous
freedom, taking down each stifling wall, we will open doors of welcome, bringing
violence, bringing just ice everywhere, joining Holy Wisdom's mission, helping
gather, celebrating life and love; praise the great Creative Spirit, living
fully, flowering forth in beauty bright, we become a new creation, bursting

Blessing
Announcements
Postlude

Stand By Me
by Ben King

Our celebration continues on ZOOM
11:45am – bring your coffee & cake!
email holycrosslutheran@rogers.com for the Zoom Link
Please stay tuned to the end of the video for a special appeal from Council Member Andrew Slonetsky!

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:

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.
Attention Gardeners! Volunteers Needed!!!

As you can see Creation is in bloom at the church. In our absence: the tulips, daffodils, grass, and weeds, are flourishing. Our little garden could use a little tending. If you are able to lend a hand, please send Wayne Dawe an email wayne@wdawe.com and he will insure that physical distancing prevails. Happy Gardening!
Holy Cross Finances as of MAY 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 hold our deficit down to -1,172.53 compared to Budget. As many of you know, the budget does not reflect the annual expenses which are paid in the first half of the year. Our ongoing expenses are expected to continue well below budget for the remainder of this year. Below you will see a summary of our Income and Expenses.

**Financial Report - General Fund Jan-May 31, 2020**

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| Sub-Total General Fund   | $66,972.97       | $58,928.49      | -$8,044.48 |
| 2019 Surpluss Carried forward | $413.55       | $413.55         |            |
| **TOTAL INCOME**         | $67,386.52       | $59,342.04      | -$8,044.48 |

| **TOTAL EXPENSES** to May 31, 2020 | $67,386.38 | $60,514.43 | -$6,871.95 |

| **NET LOSS** as of May 31, 2020   | $1,172.53     |               |            |