Welcome:

Prelude: *Opus 22, No. 13*, by Alexander Scriabin

Invocation: The MYSTERY which IS the LOVE we call, “GOD. Is with you All. Thanks be to ALL that IS HOLY!

Music: *God in Everything*

Text: Joyce Marshall; Music: DUNDEE

Verses 1, 2, 3, & 5

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Prayer of the Day:
We pause ... and in the silence and stillness tune our awareness to the sacredness of time and space, activity and rest, self and other, within and beyond. May Love’s persistence continue to move us to faithfully expand our senses to experience God in the ordinary and extraordinary that our worship and work be the expression of life, love and liberty. Amen.

Contemporary Reading   from: Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul
by John Philip Newell

. . . Sacred is the right word to convey this Celtic way of seeing, because it is a word that is not bound by religion. Inside the walls of religious practice, we speak of sacred scripture or sacred music, for instance, but way beyond those walls we also speak of the sacred universe or sacred moments. The word points with reverence to the divine essence of life and the true nature of relationship. When we speak of something as sacred, we are offering it ultimate respect. We are honouring it. We also invoke something of the power and authority of this word when we use the related term sacrilege to speak of the wrongs that are being done to the earth, to the creatures, and to other human beings. Etymologically, sacrilege means to try to take possession of the sacred, to use it for one’s own ends rather than to reverence it. In Celtic wisdom the sacred is as present on earth as it is in heaven, as immanent as it is transcendent, as human as it is divine, as physical as it is spiritual. The sacred can be breathed in, tasted, touched, heard, and seen as much in the body of the earth and the body of another living being as in the body of religion. It is the true essence of all life.

Acclamation:   Open My Eyes that I May See
Kristopher E. Lindquist

Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with the disciples and a large crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus ben-Timaeus, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, “Heir of David Jesus, have pity on me!” Many people scolded him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the louder, “Heir of David, have pity on me!” Jesus stopped and said, “Call him here.”

So they called the blind man. “Don’t be afraid,” they said. “Get up; Jesus is calling you.”

So throwing off his cloak, Bartimaeus jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus said, “What do you want me to do for you?” “Rabbuni,” the blind man said, “I want to see.” Jesus replied, “Go, your faith has saved you.”

And immediately Bartimaeus received the gift of sight and began to follow Jesus along the road.

Reflection: The SACRED in Me Greets the SACRED in You

A Benediction from the Jewish Prayer Book:

Days pass, and the years vanish, and we walk sightless among miracles.
Fill our eyes with seeing and our minds with knowing.
Let there be moments when your PRESENCE, like lightning, illumines the darkness in which we walk.
Help us to see, wherever we gaze, that the bush burns, unconsumed.
And we, clay touched by God, will reach out for holiness and exclaim in wonder,
“How filled with awe is this place....”
Song of the Day:  

**God of My Childhood**  
*By Miriam Therese Winter*

1. God of my childhood and my call,  
   make me a window, not a wall.

2. Come, O my Maker, make of me  
   a mirror, so that all may see

3. Creator, recreate us all.  
   Come, lift us up before we fall.

4. God of our future, help us see  
   a vision of the yet-to-be:

5. God of all gods, to You we sing  
   a song of Your imagination:

So like an icon, may I be  
   a sign of love's transparency, and
with in them selves, Your saving grace,  
   reflection of Your Holy Face, an
You are the Wisdom and the Way,  
   the Dawn ing of Un ending Day, the
in You is freedom from our fears,  
   a silent strength and no more tears; in
a liberating melody, to set our shackled spirits free, to

through the love that lives in me,  
   proclaim Your lasting love for all.
image of Your warm embrace and nurturing reality.

Word we sometimes fail to say with in our canon of recall.
You dispensation disappears into a global harmony.
tell us that Your canopy of care is all encompassing.
Prayers of the People

Sharon Willan

Namaste - I bow to the Holy in you, in each of you. This Sanskrit word is a common greeting among Hindus and Buddhists in Subcontinental India.

HOLY MYSTERY, we have so much to learn from each other.

We rush about our lives, asking “how are you?” but we don't wait for a reply, which is usually - fine…and you?

HOLY ONE, You are present everywhere because every place, every person, and every creation is SACRED. How can it not be sacred, holy?

Imagine taking the time to slow down long enough to see through the veils that cover us and all that is around us, perhaps even armour us against taking a long loving gaze at all that surrounds us.

That gaze opens us to wonder, sometimes stops us in our tracks and disarms us, softens us, creating a deep desire to see.

Like Bartimaeus in today’s scripture, we cry out, “I want to see”.

The other morning a Pileated Woodpecker came to the feeder.

This beautiful red-headed bird, as large as a crow clung to the feeder and I was overcome with awe. I stood transfixed and then bowed - Namaste.

A doorway to the SACRED opened in that moment.

How many doorways, moments in our days do we miss because we don't look around us?

May we begin today to gaze deeply at the changing colours of leaves, the scurrying of squirrels and chipmunks, the flight and sound of wild geese, the neighbour walking their children to school or daycare, the Seniors walking with canes and walkers to gather at Tim Hortons.

May we see the HOLY in the homeless person holding out a cup or cap for change.

May we hear the cry of children who live in poverty and have no food.

May listen to the heart-wrenching stories of new immigrants recounting their narrow escape from death.

All is HOLY!

May all of these moments open doorways that move us to compassion so that we reach out to the HOLY.

May the LIGHT of LOVE’S ENERGY pierce our hearts so that we remember to be LOVE in this world, to take the time to bow and say, NAMASTE.

Andrew Slonetsky

May we become more and aware that it is possible to see with fuller perception.

With childlike eyes and wonder so as to see anew and be changed by it.

With an open heart, confident of God’s LOVE so that we are not longer afraid to openly embrace other’s journeys be it in sorrow or fears or joys.

With our wonderful minds may we continue to learn anew of how everything is more connected and complicated and exquisite than we ever thought it could be.

With our intuition, may we trust the sacred within us that can recognize the sacred in others and, in fact in everything.

May we open to the possibilities now before us, full of gratitude and hope.
My prayer begins with gratitude for the beginning of the return to this place. This building by itself is no more sacred than any other building, it takes on sacredness when it becomes a gathering place. I am grateful for the dedication of so many in this community, and province that have moved us forward, with cautiousness to this point where hope’s radiance shines through the cloud of fear and anxiety. May thanksgiving help turn the experiences of what we might accept as ordinary into seeing the sacredness therein.

In the last few days in this part of the world we have begun to experience the definite chill of Autumn. I pray for all with limited or no shelter from the cold. For LOVE that inspires, establishes and sustains programs for food and shelter.

Blessings on the providers and recipients, may they work together that shelters be sanctuary from more than just the weather, and be a beacon of hope for those who remain unsheltered by choice or by circumstance. May our seeing becoming knowing and knowing become acts of justice.

We are made of LOVE, for LOVE and by LOVE; the essence sacredness.

We struggle with the potential to be all that we can be within our own limitations. Physical impairments such as sight, hearing, speech and mobility; mental and intellectual attributes that present barriers; and social obstacles are part of the human existence.

May we strive to “see” with our hearts and know from the depths of our spirits that impairments, barriers and obstacles are also opportunities to experience LOVE in ways beyond the ordinary.

Our prayers are SACRED as we share them with awe and reverence for the DIVINE in us all.

Music:

Limitless LOVE

Text: Jocelyn Marshall; MUSIC: Daniel Charles Damon TWILIGHT

Verses: 1, 2, & 5
Blessing

The MYSTERY which is the LOVE we call, “GOD” IS with you all!
Thanks be to ALL that IS HOLY.
What form with your greeting take?
What SACRED revelations will you open yourself too?
How will you reverence the SACRED in EVERY ONE you meet?
What form with your Thanks be?
Go, now, your faith has saved you.
The gift of sight is yours to explore.
Follow Jesus along the road.
The MYSTERY which is the LOVE we call, GOD is with you all!
Thanks be to all that IS HOLY, that’s you, each and every one of you.
And so the GOD in me, the HOLY in me, the SACRED in me,
greets the GOD in you, the HOLY in you, the SACRED in you.
For we are in GOD and GOD IS in US.
THANKS BE to the ONE WHO IS,
BEYOND the BEYOND, and BEYOND that also,
our LOVER, BELOVED, and LOVE itself.
Amen.

Postlude

The Hills of Tomorrow
by Stephen Sondheim

Please visit our Website www.holycrosslutheran.ca

A video explaining the details of our return to in-person activities will be posted on Monday.

In-Person Sunday Gatherings begin
Sunday October 31st at 10:45am

ONLINE & IN-PERSON
SEMPER REFORMANDA
ALWAYS REFORMING!

ONLINE Worship Videos posted by 8am
IN-PERSON WORSHIP
join us at 10:45am inside our building!
See our website for details of our return to in-person gatherings or join us online.

Reformation Sunday
October 31 - online & in-person!
www.holycrosslutheran.ca
Sacred Earth Sacred Soul: Celtic Wisdom for Reawakening to What Our Souls Know and Healing the World

John Philip Newell is a gifted teacher and writer whose passion for Celtic Christianity opens readers to new ways of exploring ancient wisdom. Drawing on a rich tradition, Newell provides vital insights into the pressing problems of 21st century Christianity. By embracing the wisdom of Celtic Christianity, we can learn how to listen to the sacred in nature and within one another, which our culture - at the times even our faiths - have made us forget what each of us already know deep in our souls but have learned to suppress. Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul offers a new spiritual foundation for our lives.

the Zoom Link is posted on our website
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Christlike in Action!
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Season of Pentecost
Gather with us! ONLINE Sundays @ 10:45am
Online Worship Videos are posted
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Opening ourselves to the Mystery which is God which IS LOVE
Many thanks to ALL OUR GENEROUS givers!!!

Financial Report - General Fund January - AUGUST, 2021

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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.

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!
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and we will be sure to send you all our news!