



## WORSHIP: Second Sunday of Easter

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

April 24 2022

# Resurrection in Us!

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

### WELCOME:

CHRIST is risen!  
CHRIST is risen in us! Alleluia!

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### PRELUDE:

***Rise Up My LOVE***  
by Healey Willan

### GREETING:

LOVE is Risen! LOVE is Risen in us! Alleluia!  
The grace of our Risen Christ,  
the LOVE that is GOD,  
and the power of the Spirit is with you all.  
Thanks be to ALL that IS HOLY!

### MUSIC:

***CHRIST Is Alive! Let Christians Sing***

WORDS: Brian A. Wren; MUSIC: T. Williams

CHRIST is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
LOVE, drowned in death, shall never die.

CHRIST is alive! No Longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saying, healing here and now,  
and touching ev'ry place and time.

CHRIST is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and ev'ry age,  
till Earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

We worship in the presence of the RISEN ONE who is LOVE. Let us open ourselves to the power of resurrection to move us out of our empty tombs, beyond our isolation into visions of wholeness. Let us summon up the SPIRIT who breathes in, with, through, and beyond us to empower us with the courage to be all that we are created to be, even in these troubled times. Let our worship move us beyond our fear. Like the disciples of old, may we receive the gift of CHRIST's peace.

We pray as we live, trusting the power of our LOVER, BELOVED and BREATH of LOVE. Amen.

## **SONG OF PRAISE**

### **Touching Jesus**

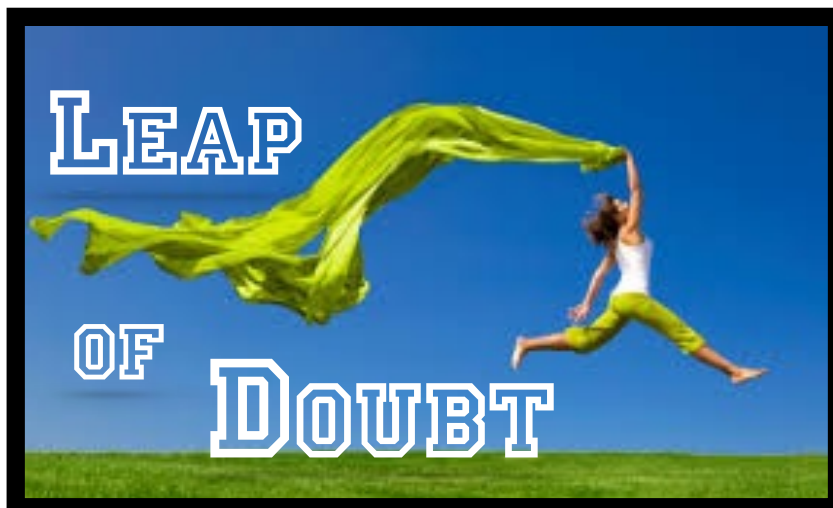
WORDS: David R. Weisse;

MUSIC: Thomas A. Dorsey, PRECIOUS LORD

**Easter morn, through my tears, call my name, bring me near,  
And I hear, and I look, and I hope.  
Over cross, over death, bringing life, drawing breath;  
Precious LOVE, once again, you are whole!**

**Easter Eve, I'm away; you were there, but I say,---  
Let me see, let me touch, let me know.---  
Once again, there you are; finger tips, touch your scars;  
In my heart, Precious LOVE, now I know.**

**Precious LOVE, still your hands, bear your wounds, many lands:  
Some are lost, some are least, some are hurt, ---  
Let me touch you in deed, as I touch those in need;  
Use my hands, Precious LOVE, make them whole!**



## READING

## John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Judeans, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

Having said this, Jesus showed them his hands and side.

Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

Having said this, Jesus breathed on them and said to them, "**Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.**"

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord."

But Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in Jesus hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in Jesus' side, I will not believe."

A week later the disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

Then Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not be faithless but believe." Thomas answered, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Child of God, and that through believing

**REFLECTION: When It Comes to Resurrection,  
We Look For What We Have Been Conditioned to See!**



## Resurrection

**"Without equivocation or hesitation I fully and completely admit that I deny the resurrection of Christ. This is something that anyone who knows me could tell you, and I am not afraid to say it publicly, no matter what some people may think..."**

**I deny the resurrection of Christ every time I do not serve at the feet of the oppressed, each day that I turn my back on the poor; I deny the resurrection of Christ when I close my ears to the cries of the downtrodden and lend my support to an unjust and corrupt system.**

**However there are moments when I affirm that resurrection, few and far between as they are. I affirm it when I stand up for those who are forced to live on their knees, when I speak for those who have had their tongues torn out, when I cry for those who have no more tears left to shed."**

**— Peter Rollins**



## PRAYERS:

Andrew Slonetsky:

So, what exactly is to emerge?

Waiting for us to notice it?

To acknowledge it?

To appreciate it?

To comprehend it?

To liberate it?

May our hearts and eyes open so as to not miss this significant moment.

Jane Winstanley

Like Thomas I struggle with believing in the Resurrection of Jesus.

And yet I am so fortunate to live in the northern hemisphere, at this moment evidence of resurrection, new life, in many forms surrounds me.

I can smell the daphne as pink blooms emerge from dry sticks, I can see the colours of hyacinths, aconites, hellebores and crocus as their bulbs break through the tomb of winter. I can touch the seeds of the dead bulrushes - now providing soft linings for the bird's nests. I can feel the warmth of the sun, the spring raindrops and the southern breeze as it blows in warmer air. I can hear the bird songs and the chattering of the squirrels as they search for mates and defend their territory.

We witness fires and floods, bringing death and destruction - but also new life to burnt forests and barren ground.

My senses are refreshed and heightened – I come alive again!

I am a witness to new life formed from last year's growth and death.

So why should I not trust that our beings will be transformed after our death?

That nothing good of our lives be lost but be of benefit to the world.

We have seen the bombed streets of London, Coventry and Europe rebuilt and return to fullness of life.

We therefore can trust that Mariupol, Kharkov, Kyiv and the rest of Ukraine will once again team with life.

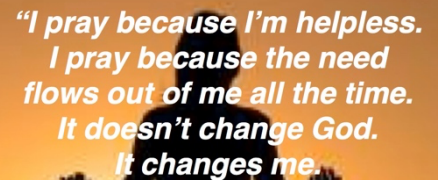
We are impatient, we hate waiting and watching as Mary must have suffered as she waited and watched Jesus die.

But we do not hold vigil without hope, but full of expectation that all will be transformed.

On Friday we witnessed the renewal of the Hudson Bay Co. building in Winnipeg, a symbol of colonialism, being gifted back to Indigenous people for housing and a cultural centre. WE give thanks for the wisdom and sensitivity of the CEO who made this possible.

What needs to be brought to new life within me? Where have I stopped loving? Where have I lost hope?

Renew my passion for all Your people and Your planet, let my prejudgements and criticisms die and be transformed by understanding and trust in the presence of Your SPIRIT of LOVE within all.



*"I pray because I'm helpless.  
I pray because the need  
flows out of me all the time.  
It doesn't change God.  
It changes me."*

*C.S. Lewis*

Sharon Willan

HOLY ONE, the lamentations of Friday linger in my whole being and I reluctantly come to the realization that crucifixion and resurrection are one. Now, I hold the suffering people of Ukraine, the groaning Earth and turn to Mother Earth for sustenance.

One flower would have been enough to instil amazement in us. One perfect, beautiful flower, stems and petals bending delicately in the breeze. One flower, one fragrance, one colour. But no, SACRED LIFE-GIVER you are filled with dazzling dynamism and zing! Millions of flowers, colours, hues, fragrances cover our earth in abundance. What can we say? How do we respond to such energy and abundance?

As if flowers were not enough, birds of all sizes, shapes, colours, and songs fill our skies. Hundreds of species of fish, reptiles, insects, animals swim, fly and roam streams, lands, and air. Each morning, all living creatures rise from sleep and witness another resurrection.

We humans wake, greet the day in varying modes of muddled sleep. But if we are aware, we realize that we have experienced a resurrection - a new beginning, a rebirth, a renewal. If we are aware, we acknowledge this gift of life given on a daily basis. What can we say? How do we respond to such energy and abundance? If we are aware, in all humility, we can only say, WOW, THANK YOU.

Mary Oliver asked the question, "What do you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" We know we have a short lifespan - especially in comparison to the cosmos that is over 13 billion years, so this question is a challenge to how we are living and what we plan to do. Life is indeed wild and precious.

HOLY ONE, may we live in gratitude as unfinished people learning to become aware that all of Earth, all her peoples, all her creatures are sacred. May the diversity of our lives bring us together as one community, celebrating the magnitude of individual gifts offered to create a world where justice is lived and communion is our loving service to each other. May we learn to be midwives bringing resurrection and rebirth in the midst of our not yet wholeness into a relationship with all of Creation. May we awaken each morning to this awareness of our sacred lives. May we become love in this world.



**SONG:**

**Where the Light of Easter Day**

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray; MAC

Where the light of Easter Day shines through our life  
--then faith can say,  
CHRIST is living, CHRIST is moving,  
CHRIST is changing all – the world.  
Here is GOD's creation!

Where the yeast of LOVE will rise,  
bubbling with God's new enterprise,  
CHRIST is living, CHRIST is moving,  
CHRIST is working through the world.  
Here is GOD's creation!

Where a child can grow in trust, where there is joy  
that powers are just,  
CHRIST is living, CHRIST is moving,  
CHRIST will colour all the world.  
Here is GOD's creation!

Where the SPIRIT's flame burns bright,  
where there is health, and truth, and light,  
CHRIST is living, CHRIST is moving,  
CHRIST will resurrect the world.  
Here is GOD's creation!





**CHAT about faith  
in the here and now!  
RESUMES April 26**

**Tuesdays - 10am over Zoom**

**De/Re-Constructing RESURRECTION???**



**Opportunities to CHAT about  
the evolving dynamics of our faith**

visit [www.holycrosslutheran.ca](http://www.holycrosslutheran.ca)

**Progressive in Approach; CHRISTlike in Action!**



**Gather with us!  
In-Person & Online  
Sundays @ 10:45am**

at the Gathering Centre  
1035 Wayne Dr. Newmarket, On.

**Worship Videos will be posted  
Sunday afternoons by 4pm**

**Progressive in Approach: CHRISTlike in Action!  
Opening ourselves to the **M**YSTERY  
which is the **L**OVE that is **D**IVINITY**



## Financial Report - General Fund January - March 31, 2022

INCOME	Jan – Mar BUDGET	Jan – Mar ACTUAL
Online Donors	\$3,750.00	\$6,382.80
Registered Donors	\$26,526.22	\$11,750.01
Gifts	\$125.00	
<b>TOTAL OFFERINGS</b>	<b>\$30,401.22</b>	<b>\$18,132.81</b>
Solar Panel Income	\$2,250.00	\$642.07
Interest	\$0.00	\$7.43
Rental: Armitage Daycare	\$3,225.00	\$3,225.00
Online Program Fees	\$1,000.00	\$5,190.36
Income Budgeted Ex (SnowPlow):	\$250.00	\$2,813.19
Miscellaneous		\$7.43
<b>Sub-Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$37,126.22</b>	<b>\$30,018.29</b>
<b>2021 Surplus Carried forward</b>	<b>\$4,529.07</b>	<b>\$4,529.07</b>
<b>Bridge Loan Draw</b>	<b>\$1,250.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$42,905.29</b>	<b>\$34,547.36</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES to March 31, 2022</b>	<b>\$42,717.79</b>	<b>\$33,625.96</b>
<b>Net Surplus</b>		<b>\$921.40</b>

**Please note: Our 2022 Budget figures have not yet been finalized.** This will happen at our Annual General Meeting on May 15, 2022. At the moment, we are holding our own relative to actual expenses. Well done everyone!!!

# 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**

**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](mailto:holycrosslutheran@rogers.com)**

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

## **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.**