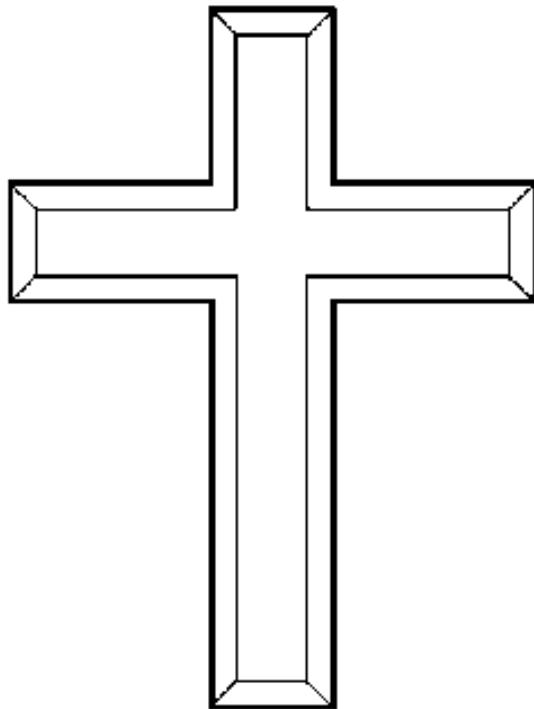


# Church of the Holy Cross



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Holy Communion

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# Gathering of the People

## Prelude

### Opening Hymn H 525 (v. 1-3) *The Church's one foundation*



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"



1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900). Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876).

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### Hymn of Praise LEVAS 76 (vs 2 & 4) *Jesus in the morning*



1. Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus in the morn - ing  
 2. Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him in the morn - ing  
 3. Love Him, Love Him, Love Him in the morn - ing  
 4. Serve Him, Serve Him, Serve Him, in the morn - ing



1. Je - sus in the noon - time; Je - sus,  
 2. Praise Him in the noon - time; Praise Him,  
 3. Love Him in the noon - time; Love Him,  
 4. Serve Him in the noon - time; Serve Him,



1. Je - sus, Je - sus when the sun goes down!  
 2. Praise Him, Praise Him when the sun goes down!  
 3. Love Him, Love Him when the sun goes down!  
 4. Serve Him, Serve Him when the sun goes down!

Words: Traditional. Music: Negro Spiritual.

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* God be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

## Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

A Reading from Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel  
I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14

*Recited responsively by whole verse. The reader leads off, and congregation responds with the bold verses.*

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, \*  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 **To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \***  
**and of your faithfulness in the night season;**
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  
and to the melody of the harp.

- 4 **For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- 12 **Those who are planted in the house of the LORD \*  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**
- 13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
they shall be green and succulent;
- 14 **That they may show how upright the LORD is, \*  
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.**

**New Testament Reading**

2 Corinthians 5:6-10,[11-13],14-17

*Reader* A reading from Second Corinthians.

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Sequence Hymn H 707 (vs 1 before the gospel, vs 2 after) Take my life, and let it be**

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.



Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

## Holy Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

The Rev Ian Reed Twiss

### Nicene Creed

*Please stand as you are able.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People** (Form IV)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*Please type in the Chat, or share aloud, any requests or thanksgivings you would like to offer in prayer.*

*Celebrant* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*God's Peace is exchanged with one another.*

## **Liturgy of the Table**

### **Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory Music** Choir *Sanctus*

*The Offertory is performed while the Celebrant sets the table.*

## Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* God be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, for you made us, and before you made us, you made the world we inhabit, and before the world, you made the eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place.

All that is spectacular, all that is plain have their origin in you; all that is lovely, all who are loving point to you as their fulfillment.

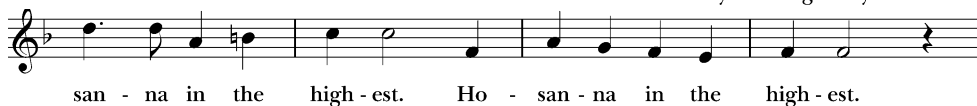
And grateful as we are for the world we know and the universe beyond our understanding, we particularly praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus.

For his life which informs our living, for his compassion which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness, we praise you and worship him.

Here too our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now, confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your goodness.

Therefore, we gladly join our voices to the song of the Church on earth and in heaven:

**Sanctus** S 125 *Holy, holy, holy Lord*



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What we do here, we do in imitation of what Christ first did. To his followers in every age, Jesus gave an example and command rooted in the experiences he shared with his disciples in an upstairs room in Jerusalem.

On the night on which he was betrayed, as they were sitting at a meal, Jesus took bread, blessed it, and broke it. He gave it to the disciples saying, "This is my body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Later, after they had eaten, he took a cup of wine, blessed it, and gave it to the disciples saying, "This cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Drink this all of you, for the remembrance me."

So now we do as Jesus did.

**We take this bread and this wine,  
the gift of the earth and fruit of human labor.  
In these Jesus has promised to be present;  
through these, Christ can make us whole.**

Merciful God, send now, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. And let that same Spirit rest on us, converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.

All this we pray, O Lord, through the same Jesus Christ who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns for ever, eternal Godhead, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

As Jesus taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### Breaking of the Bread *(Celebrant takes and breaks the bread.)*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Gifts for Holy People.

### Fraction Anthem S171 *Be known to us Lord Jesus*



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]



*Cantor*

2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,  
for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

Music: Mode 6 melody; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991). Copyright © 1971 Mason Martens.

## The Communion of the People

*No one who comes to the bread and wine seeking Christ is turned away. The words of distribution are:*  
The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. *Amen.*  
The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. *Amen.*

*Please join the choir in singing the Communion Music.*

## Communion Music WLP 761 *All who hunger gather gladly*

1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na  
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a  
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is

is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.  
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.  
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.

Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for  
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were  
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who

days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.  
from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.

Taste and see that God is good.  
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Taste and see that God is good.

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993). Music: *Holy Manna*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; alt. harm., *Columbian Harmony*, 1825.

## Announcements & Blessings of Life Events

### Father's Day Blessing

## Post Communion Prayer

**Eternal God, heavenly One, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Blessing

May the God who dances in creation, who embraces us with human love, who shakes our lives like thunder, drive us out with power to fill the world with God's love. And may the blessing of God the Holy Trinity be with you and those you love and pray for this day and always. **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn H 558 Faith of our fathers



1 Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
2 Faith of our fa - thers! faith and prayer shall win all na - tions  
3 Faith of our fa - thers! we will love both friend and foe in  
fire and sword: O how our hearts beat high with joy,  
un - to thee; and through the truth that comes from God,  
all our strife: and preach thee, too, as love knows how,  
*Refrain*  
when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word:  
man - kind shall then in - deed be free. Faith of our fa - thers,  
by kind - ly deeds and vir - tuous life.  
ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt. Music: *St. Catherine*, Henri Frédéric Hemy (1818-1888); adapt. and arr. James G. Walton (1821-1905).

## Going into the World

**Deacon** Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, ALLELUIA!**

## Postlude

*This brings the worship to a close.  
All are invited for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the service.*

### Ministers of Today's Service

Reader 1: Ed Happ  
Reader 2: Larry Jansen  
Prayer: **Volunteer needed**  
Greeter/Usher: John Janson  
Zoom Host: Shirley Chen  
Counters: Pam Hinkle & Kip Voss

### Altar Guild

**Joanne Quinlan**, Carole Abshier, Gael Grossman, Anne Hamilton, Katherine Housman, Cathi Peterson, Edith Saywayne

### Clergy

Bishop of Michigan: The Rt. Rev. Bonnie Perry  
Rector: The Rev. Ian Reed Twiss  
Deacon: The Rev. Dcn. Cleda Smartt

### Staff

Administrator: Teri Landreth  
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**IN-PERSON SERVICES**  
**Sunday 8am & 10am**  
WEEKLY ZOOM SERVICES  
**Sunday Service**  
 @ 10 AM  
**Wednesday Night Compline**  
 @ 7:45pm  
 Information and Zoom links  
 at [www.holycrossnovi.org](http://www.holycrossnovi.org)

**OFFICE SCHEDULE**


<b>Ian's Hours</b>	<b>Teri's Hours</b>
Tues & Thurs 9am-5pm Fri 9am-3pm	Tues & Thurs 9am-3pm <i>(In-person)</i>
<i>(Ian works from home and in the community, please contact him to meet.)</i>	Wed 11am-5pm <i>(Remote - call/email)</i>

**TOBY DARRAH ORDINATION!**  
**Saturday, June 29 - 4 pm at St. Clare's, Ann Arbor**  
 Yes, it's true. The day has finally arrived, and our own Toby Darrah will be ordained to the priesthood. More as we know it.

**GRADUATION SUNDAY**  
**Sunday, June 30th**, in conjunction with our Kids Lead Worship service, we will celebrate and bless anyone in the community who has graduated: *GED, High School, College, Certificate program, etc.* Please send the graduate's name and degree to Teri for inclusion by June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**YOUTH VOLUNTEERS**  
**Sunday, June 30th @ 10am Service** - This is our first "Kids Lead Worship" which will be held on 5th Sundays. We are looking for youth of **all ages** to participate in worship on the 5th Sunday of the month. *Readers, Prayer Leader, Greeters/Ushers, Zoom Host.* Please direct interest to Teri.  
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**12+ Youth** - We are looking for youth volunteers to help in the Sunday School room. Can you commit to just ONE hour - ONE Sunday each month?  
**Come play, interact and be a helper**

**SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY**  
**Next meeting: July TBA @ 6:30 p.m.** Join us on Zoom via the link on our Holy Cross website Ministries webpage.  
**All are welcome to attend!**  
*Thank you to everyone who contributed, our total collection for SPLC was \$205.*  
**SOCIAL JUSTICE OUTREACH JAR**  
 is designated for  
**Episcopal Relief and Development Climate Fund**  
 Your gift will enable vulnerable communities to build resilience in a changing climate by providing tools, seeds, and training in climate-smart agriculture, building economic stability, and ensuring access to clean water to prevent the spread of disease.  
 For more information contact Silvia Huth [silviahuth@yahoo.com](mailto:silviahuth@yahoo.com)

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**  
 The next prayer shawl meeting will be **July 5<sup>th</sup>** in the Sanctuary   
 If you would like to request a blessed prayer shawl for someone dealing with a physical or mental hardship, or celebrating one of life's blessings, let Isabel or Tryn know.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**  
 Sunday School **at 10am**. Children under age 12 are invited to meet in the Preschool Room (*down the hall from the Sanctuary*).

**Please pray for:** Sally, Wanda, Tasha, Rhondda, Ronald, Kathy, Pam H, Tryn, Malcolm, Bill R, Greg, Marlene, Lori, Francis, Shirley, Bruce, Paul & Ann W, Jeri, Georgine, Al, Devin, the Rosa family, Christine, Gloria, Eddie, Jerry, Elisabeth, Sarah, Isabel, Colleen  
*Do you have something or someone you would like us to pray for? Contact the church office or fill out the prayer request form on our Ministries page at [www.holycrossnovi.org](http://www.holycrossnovi.org).*

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### **EVERYDAY AWE**

By Chris Jamieson

It's obvious that God's sense of fun was very much to the fore in creating animals, (not overlooking evolution). Thankfully the monster (dinosaur) phase was over before we showed up except for the odd saber-toothed tiger, here and there. They entertain us too. Look at a giraffe – that neck, and the elephant – those ears and trunk, the anteater, the duck-billed platypus, the sloth. I have a soft spot for the latter who has a starring role in Zootopia as a postal clerk! God was eager for us to help in creation for example with dogs. We came up with such diverse mutts from a moving log or Dachshund, through a mass of curls, the poodle to the giant Great Dane. Why not Great Swede or Norwegian, I wonder? Also, these animals are useful as guard or guide dogs, hunters, companions and so on. Then in a further burst of creativity we were given animals to provide us with food, clothing, building materials, and tools: goats, cows, pigs, and the most versatile creature of all, the sheep. But that's for another time.

### **IAN's BLOG - IAN is back in the States!**

He is in the USA, but you can still share in his AWESOME stories & photos from a month in New Zealand at:

<https://aweinaotearoa.blogspot.com>

### **SOCIAL TIME**

**Coffee Hour** following the 8am & 10am Sunday services. Sign-up in the Parish Hall to host or bring goodies.

**Ladies Lunch** the 1st Thurs of each month ~~Wednesday~~ Wednesday July 3<sup>rd</sup> at The Brentwood Grille @ 12 noon. Next Lunch: - **RSVP** to Laura Jansen

**Men's Breakfast** the 1st Saturday of every month at Moe's on 10 mile, at 9:00am. Next Breakfast: July 6<sup>th</sup> - **RSVP** to Larry Jansen

Next **Vestry** meeting:

**June 19<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm** in person at church

Meeting minutes on our resource page at [www.holycrossnovi.org](http://www.holycrossnovi.org) Financials are always available on request from the church office.

### **VESTRY OUTREACH**

We continue to support **Hospitality House Food Pantry** with personal care products in 2024: Deodorant, Shampoo, Shower & Hand Soap, Toothpaste and Sanitary Products.

*Collection chest in the Narthex.*



Make a joyful noise  
unto the Lord  
with the **Holy Cross Choir!**  
No experience necessary.  
**Sundays 11:30 - 12:15.**  
All voices welcome!

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Without volunteers, the church does not function well.** We encourage everyone to get involved in whatever way God calls them, and understand God takes us through different seasons. 'Tis the season for volunteer musical chairs as many of us feel called to new places. Please consider joining one of these volunteer ministries, just one Sunday/month:

- We would still like ONE MORE person to train as a **zoom host**, *for fill in as a sub or for the occasional 5th Sunday.*
- **MORE monthly counters.** We count in teams of two and are in need of at least one more person who is comfortable training on a data entry program; and we have a couple of openings for non-computer-literate folks as well. Counting takes place after the 10am service.
- **Readers & Prayer Leaders** - We always like to hear new voices! Are there any 8amers who would like to join the rotation? 10amers ... we need you the most!

Happy  
Father's  
Day!