

**Cross Lanes United Methodist Church
Order of Worship
Human Relations Sunday**

Sunday, January 14, 2024



GATHERING

Prelude:

Whether you are joining us in person or on-line, know that we are here to journey along with you as you grow in love of God and neighbor, and as a follower of Jesus Christ.

Opening Hymn: The Lord's Prayer

***Call to Worship:**

It is said that visions are not widespread. God is not well known. But here we are gathered with listening hearts.

Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening.

The world swirls with suffering. Many are spiritually parched, yearning to hear God call them by name.

Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening.

Shhhhhh . . .Pause . . .Listen . . .

God still speaks. Through relationships and
community building, joy bubbles up alongside pain.

**Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening
and ready to respond.**

***Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth UMH 92**

Word for Children

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

ANTHEM: We Shall Be Free

GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:43-51 Common English Bible

SERMON Rev. Deborah Coble

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**God, our guide and comforter, help us recognize your voice amid the many
noises that distract us. Please give us the wisdom to listen attentively to your
voice and respond to your call. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy
will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive
those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

MISSION AND MINISTRY MOMENT

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

As forgiven and reconciled people,
Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offertory: Let There Be Peace on Earth UMH 431

***Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of all wisdom, how often have we been deaf to your voice speaking to our hearts, especially when we move in a world that needs it so desperately? The reading from 1 Samuel brings us the phrase, “The word of the Lord was rare in those days,” which resonates with the relevance of the evening news.

As we bring our gifts to be dedicated this morning, we pray that you might open our ears, open our hearts to hear where you call us to respond with obedience, so that we might do what you need to begin healing our world. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

***Closing Chorus of Praise: Sanctuary**

*** GOING FORTH**

POSTLUDE

**** Please stand as you are able***

During the season of Epiphany (now through February 14) we are focusing on prayer and the many ways that Jesus taught us to pray.

You will notice a prayer wall that is a new addition to the sanctuary. This is a safe space to slip prayers into the nooks and crannies, to light a candle or to just spend some time at the altar rail in prayer.

The prayer wall will remain up through Easter and will help us remember that Jesus is our Rock and our Salvation as we center on prayer over the weeks ahead.

If you'd like to have a copy of Dynamite Prayer, please let us know, we have copies available today. Daily excerpts from the book will be shared on social media and the Daily Digest.

We are so glad to welcome you to worship with Cross Lanes United Methodist Church!

We celebrate the ways that God is working in your life. If you are curious about baptism or membership in The United Methodist Church, please reach out to Pastor Deborah to schedule a time for further conversation.

Learn more about Cross Lanes UMC online at: crosslanesumc.org

If you have any other questions, please call the church office:
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