

Cross Lanes United Methodist Church

Order of Worship

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 17, 2024



GATHERING

Prelude

Jon Thorne

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

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

***Call to Worship**

(Dr Lisa Hancock UMC Discipleship)

Lenten travelers, how long have you walked this road with your gaze pointed down at the dust and gravel?

**Sometimes it is easier to look at the road
than at the people who share the WAY with us.**

Lift up your heads! Look, listen, reach out a hand.
Who are your neighbors on this road?

**We lift our heads and look to our Savior who journeys with us and helps us notice our
neighbors all around us.**

This is what Lent is about - learning to love God
and one another, just as Jesus showed us.

The Lenten season teaches us that we find God as we follow Christ in our relationship and service to others.

Come, let us worship God who walks alongside us.

Come, let us worship!

***Hymn Blessed Assurance UMH 369**

Word for Children

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:12-20a

Anthem Shelter Me

Second Lesson Acts 9:1-20 CEB

Sermon Rev. Deborah Coble

Response To The Word St Patrick, 5th C

**Christ be with us, Christ before us, Christ behind us,
Christ in us, Christ beneath us, Christ above us,
Christ on our right, Christ on our left, Christ where we lie, Christ where we sit, Christ where
we arise,
Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of us,
Christ in every eye that sees us,
Christ in every ear that hears us.
Salvation is of the Lord,
Salvation is of the Christ,
May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us.**

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 Old Irish Blessing

***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 After Offering**

**Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift,
teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are, so that we may praise you, not
with our lips only,
but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a
living sacrifice to you;
through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*** Hymn I Have Decided To Follow Jesus TFWS 2129**

*** Going Forth**

As we prepare to leave worship know that God is always with you.
During the choral benediction you are invited to come forward for a time
of prayer at the altar rail. Pastor Deborah is available to pray with you.

***Choral Benediction Jesus Remember Me**

Postlude

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

We are so grateful that you have joined us this morning for worship!

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please call the church office: (304) 776-3081.

Feel free to contact Pastor Deborah: RevDeborahWV@gmail.com

Some thoughts to take with you this week (from The Third Day):

Saul was not a follower of Jesus. He was a Pharisee who opposed and persecuted Jesus' disciples. His encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus changed his life and his name. Paul became the key interpreter of the Resurrection to the early church whose insights transformed the Church.

Paul invites us to realize that God is for us. God has a remarkable redemptive capacity and can bring good out of bad situations when we turn to the Lord and become servants of God's will.

Paul's perspective also serves as a reminder that the trials and tribulations of this life are temporary and relatively minor compared to the promise of resurrection yet to come.

As people of the third day, we understand that we are not currently in the land of the living moving toward death. We are currently in the land of the dying moving toward life.

We WILL experience resurrection and new life in eternity. This is the promise of Christ that Paul articulated in his letters to the early church. It is our hope, and it is essential to our identity as Christians.

Prayer: *Redeeming God, thank you for loving us as we are and loving us too much to leave us there. We are grateful for the gift of the Holy Spirit and the ongoing work of transformation you are doing in each of us. Help us to cooperate with you as you guide us in the ways you would have each of us serve in this season, working with you to bring hope and healing in this broken world. May we "work for the good of all whenever we have an opportunity;" In Jesus' name. Amen.*