

Cross Lanes United Methodist Church

Order of Worship

Sunday, September 1, 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 God of Wonders Worship and Song 3034

*Call to Worship

O God from whom every gift derives,
we gather to worship You this day.

**You are an awesome God,
greater than our comprehension or our imagination.**
You are beyond any word we could ever use to describe You.
And yet, through Jesus, we know the intimacy of Your vast love.

We have come to You in thanksgiving and praise,
to know that You are God
and to place our lives anew into Your perspective.

Enlarge our vision this hour with Your Word.
Instill in us, again,

**Your hope in place of our despair,
Your peace where our hatred threatens,
Your joy amidst our depression,
Your love overwhelming our apathy.**

May Your Holy Spirit surround and indwell this congregation now, and forevermore.

In Jesus we pray. Amen.

***Hymn Spirit Song**

Word for Children

First Lesson

Psalm 15

CEB

Who can live in your tent, Lord?

Who can dwell on your holy mountain?

² The person who

lives free of blame,

does what is right,

and speaks the truth sincerely;

³ who does no damage with their talk,

does no harm to a friend,

doesn't insult a neighbor;

⁴ someone who despises

those who act wickedly,

but who honors those

who honor the Lord;

someone who keeps their promise even when it hurts;

⁵ someone who doesn't lend money with interest,

who won't accept a bribe against any innocent person.

Whoever does these things will never stumble.

Anthem

Three Little Birds

Second Lesson

James 1:17-27

CEB

¹⁷ Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father, the creator of the heavenly lights, in whose character there is no change at all. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth by his true word, and here is the result: we are like the first crop from the harvest of everything he created.

¹⁹ Know this, my dear brothers and sisters: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to grow angry. ²⁰ This is because an angry person doesn't produce God's righteousness. ²¹ Therefore, with humility, set aside all moral filth

and the growth of wickedness, and welcome the word planted deep inside you—the very word that is able to save you.

²² You must be doers of the word and not only hearers who mislead themselves. ²³ Those who hear but don't do the word are like those who look at their faces in a mirror. ²⁴ They look at themselves, walk away, and immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But there are those who study the perfect law, the law of freedom, and continue to do it. They don't listen and then forget, but they put it into practice in their lives. They will be blessed in whatever they do.

²⁶ If those who claim devotion to God don't control what they say, they mislead themselves. Their devotion is worthless. ²⁷ True devotion, the kind that is pure and faultless before God the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their difficulties and to keep the world from contaminating us.

Message for the Lord's Day

Rev. Deborah Coble

***Response To The Word**

Gloria Patri

UMH 70

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Amen.

Prayers Of The People *After each prayer, the leader will conclude:*

Lord, in your mercy, *and all may respond:* **Hear our prayer.**

Together, let us pray

for the people of this congregation...

for those who suffer and those in trouble...

for the concerns of this local community...

for the world, its peoples, and its leaders...

for the earth you have given to our care...

for the Church universal; its leaders, its members, and its mission - in communion with the saints...

Mission And Ministry Moment

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***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

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

UMH 12

