

# Cross Lanes United Methodist Church

## Order of Worship

Sunday, September 15, 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

Loving God,  
you call us to turn away from our own selfish interests,  
to take up our cross, and to follow you.

**To find our lives,  
may we live them in service of your mission.**

As we come before you this morning,  
give us open hearts and open hands.

**Make us eager to hear your voice  
and seek your guidance.**

Open our minds to your ever-present spirit  
that is always moving within and around us

**Open our spirits to your nudging  
and open our lives to your love.**

**\*Hymn                      Be Thou My Vision                      UMH 451**

#### Word for Children

**First Lesson                      James 3:1-12                      CEB**

My brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers, because we know that we teachers will be judged more strictly.<sup>2</sup> We all make mistakes often, but those who don't make mistakes with their words have reached full maturity. Like a bridled horse, they can control themselves entirely.<sup>3</sup> When we bridle horses and put bits in their mouths to lead them wherever we want, we can control their whole bodies.

<sup>4</sup> Consider ships: They are so large that strong winds are needed to drive them. But pilots direct their ships wherever they want with a little rudder.<sup>5</sup> In the same way, even though the tongue is a small part of the body, it boasts wildly.

Think about this: A small flame can set a whole forest on fire. <sup>6</sup> The tongue is a small flame of fire, a world of evil at work in us. It contaminates our entire lives. Because of it, the circle of life is set on fire. The tongue itself is set on fire by the flames of hell.

<sup>7</sup> People can tame and already have tamed every kind of animal, bird, reptile, and fish. <sup>8</sup> No one can tame the tongue, though. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> With it we both bless the Lord and Father and curse human beings made in God's likeness. <sup>10</sup> Blessing and cursing come from the same mouth. My brothers and sisters, it just shouldn't be this way!

<sup>11</sup> Both fresh water and salt water don't come from the same spring, do they? <sup>12</sup> My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree produce olives? Can a grapevine produce figs? Of course not, and fresh water doesn't flow from a saltwater spring either.

### **Anthem**

#### **Gospel Lesson**

**Mark 8:27-38**

**CEB**

<sup>27</sup> Jesus and his disciples went into the villages near Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

<sup>28</sup> They told him, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others one of the prophets."

<sup>29</sup> He asked them, "And what about you? Who do you say that I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Christ." <sup>30</sup> Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: "The Human One<sup>[a]</sup> must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and the legal experts, and be killed, and then, after three days, rise from the dead." <sup>32</sup> He said this plainly. But Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him. <sup>33</sup> Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, then sternly corrected Peter: "Get behind me, Satan. You are not thinking God's thoughts but human thoughts."

<sup>34</sup> After calling the crowd together with his disciples, Jesus said to them, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. <sup>35</sup> All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me and because of the good news will save them. <sup>36</sup> Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? <sup>37</sup> What will people give in exchange for their lives? <sup>38</sup> Whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this unfaithful and sinful generation, the Human One will be ashamed of that person when he comes in the Father's glory with the holy angels."

#### **Message for the Lord's Day**

**Rev. Deborah Coble**

#### **\*Response To The Word**

**The Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;\***

**the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. 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 on 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**

Give, and it will be given to you. A good portion—packed down, firmly shaken, and overflowing—will fall into your lap. The portion you give will determine the portion you receive in return.

The Gospel of Luke 6:38

#### **Offertory            I Will Sing Praise**

**\*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**

#### **Offertory Prayer**

**Gracious God, we rejoice in your goodness! You sent your Son Jesus to be the  
Messiah, the Savior of the world. He reveals your way of self-giving love. Help us to  
set our minds on divine things. May our lives contribute to the spread of your good  
news, which is of ultimate importance. We ask this for the sake of Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.**

**\* Hymn            Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee            UMH 89**

#### **\* Benediction**

**Life is short and we have too little time  
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.**

**So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind,  
and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now  
and always. Amen.**

**\*Choral Benediction      Now Thank We All Our God    UMH 102**

**Postlude**

*\* Please stand as you are able*

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

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(304) 776-3081.

**Cross Lanes United Methodist Church Vision:**

Cross Lanes United Methodist Church seeks to be  
*people devoted to God, active in service, generous in spirit, and continually learning how to  
grow in grace as we make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*