

Cross Lanes United Methodist Church

Season of Epiphany

Sunday, February 2, 2025



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 I'm Trading My Sorrows TFWS**

*Call to Worship

God alone is our refuge and hope, our shelter and protection.

**From our very first breath to our last,
God's love and compassion never fails.**

So come, lift your voices in praise to God.

**Bear witness to God's acts of mercy and love.
Proclaim God's glory to all who will listen.**

***Hymn The Gift of Love UMH 408**

Word for Children

First Lesson 1 Corinthians 13 CEB

Anthem Lead me to the Cross

Second Lesson Luke 4:31-44 CEB

Message 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

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 God be Praised

***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 Confession

God you have given each of us many gifts,
**but sometimes we cannot recognize
what gift we have to share, so we hide it under a bushel.**

God you remind us that all gifts are needed,
**but sometimes we let ourselves be convinced
that some gifts are more special than others.**

God you call us to work, to live, to love together
as parts of one body,
**but sometimes we decide that membership in the body
is limited by our understandings.**

God, for the times we have ignored or mislabeled Your gifts,
for those times we have cut another off from the body,

**We offer words of repentance,
we ask for forgiveness and grace.**

...time of silent prayer...

Words of Assurance/Forgiveness

God is the giver of MANY gifts.
God is the Creator of the ONE body.
God is slow to anger and quick to forgive.
God helps us to share and honour the gifts of all,
God helps us to heal the wounds and reunite the body.
We are forgiven, loved, and accepted.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen

Sacrament of Holy Communion

UMH 13

You will be invited by the ushers to move to one of the communion stations to receive a piece of bread which you will then dip in the cup and partake. The communion rail is open for prayer.

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.

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*** Hymn Lord of the Dance UMH 261**

*** 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.**

*** Sending Forth**