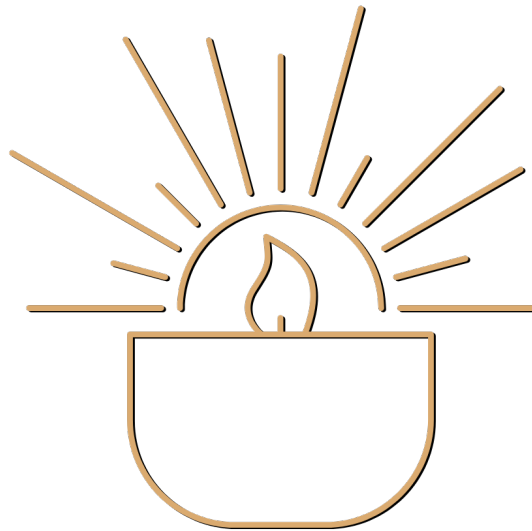


Cross Lanes United Methodist Church

12th Day of Christmas Epiphany Celebration

Sunday, January 5, 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 Blessed be your Name TFWS 2034**

***Call to Worship**

Let us go, in heart and mind,
to see what has come to pass.

Let us go with the shepherds:
Let us go to find the Savior!

Let us go with the wise ones:
Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!

Let us go with the poor and humble:

Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.

Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations.

Come, let us worship; come, let us adore him:

Christ the Lord!

***Hymn We Three Kings UMH 254**

Word for Children

First Lesson Matthew 2:1-15, 16-18 CEB

Anthem Cry of a Tiny Baby

Second Lesson John 1:1--18 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 Blessed Assurance

***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 Walter Brueggemann

On Epiphany day,
we are still the people walking.
We are still people in the dark,
and the darkness looms large around us,
beset as we are by fear,
anxiety, brutality,

violence, loss —
a dozen alienations that we cannot manage.

We are - we could be - people of your light.
So we pray for the light of your glorious presence
as we wait for your appearing;
we pray for the light of your wondrous grace
as we exhaust our coping capacity;
we pray for your gift of newness that
will override our weariness;
we pray that we may see and know and hear and trust
in your good rule.

That we may have energy, courage, and freedom to enact
your rule through the demands of this day.
We submit our day to you and to your rule,
with deep joy and high hope.

Words of Assurance

The true light that enlightens all has come into the world. That light shines on in the darkness, and the darkness has never been able to put it out. This is the good news: God has heard our confession. God has forgiven our sin.

Thanks be to God!

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 **The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy** **TFWS 2098**

*** 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**

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

We are so grateful that you joined us this morning for worship!
Learn more about Cross Lanes UMC online at: crosslanesumc.org.

If you have any additional questions,
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