

Cross Lanes United Methodist Church

First Sunday in the Season of Lent

March 9, 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 Will Call Upon the Lord TFWS 2002**

*Call to Worship

As darkness gives way to light
and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,

We come today to be reminded of God's love for us.

Like the green shoots of renewed life, stirring beneath the soil,

We welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.

In this time of reflection and repentance,

**We affirm our identity, we claim our security,
as children of God.**

***Hymn**

Seek Ye First

UMH 405

Word for Children

First Lesson **Psalm 1** **CEB**

Anthem **Going Down to the River**

Second Lesson **Luke 6:17-26** **CEB**

Message **Rev. Deborah Coble**

***Response To The Word**

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...

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

Offertory **It is Well with My Soul**

***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**

Merciful God, who meets us in our brokenness and leads us toward wholeness, as we offer these gifts, we also offer our hearts, seeking renewal and transformation. During this sacred Lenten journey, cleanse us from all that separates us from you

and restore the joy of your salvation within us.

May these offerings bring hope and healing to others, just as you continually renew us with your grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*** Hymn God is So Good TFWS 2056**

*** 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**

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

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God, go and I will follow.
Because, truly, I cannot lead.
I cannot drag myself forward, chin up and eyes on the horizon,
when all I see is the mud caking around my feet.

God, go and grace will follow.
I've seen it all before.
How in the smallest moments,
the tiniest efforts multiply in your wake.

We've seen the sun rise over an empty tomb
and life spring up from nothing but dust,
so, all things considered,

I suppose I should finally believe
that you could do a lot with this day,
my life, and these weary limbs, and learn to follow
the God who goes first.

Kate Bowler God Lead Me, in
*Have a Beautiful, Terrible Day: Daily Meditations for the Ups,
Downs, and In-Betweens.*