# Cross Lanes United Methodist Church

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

August 3, 2025

Gathering and Prelude

Opening Hymn

Build Your Kingdom Here



## Verse 1

Come set Your rule and reign In our hearts again Increase in us we pray Unveil why we're made Come set our hearts ablaze with hope Like wildfire in our very souls Holy Spirit come invade us now We are Your church We need Your pow'r in us

## Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first We hunger and we thirst Refuse to waste our lives For You're our joy and prize To see the captives' hearts released The hurt the sick the poor at peace We lay down our lives for heaven's cause We are Your church We pray revive this earth

## Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r Reaching the near and far No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts You made us for much more than this Awake the kingdom seed in us Fill us with the strength and love of Christ We are Your church We are the hope on earth

## Chorus

Build Your kingdom here Let the darkness fear Show Your mighty hand Heal our streets and land Set Your church on fire Win this nation back Change the atmosphere Build Your kingdom here we pray

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, people of God, come and worship the Living Lord.

People: We lift our voices to the One who gives life and breath.

Leader: Bring your joys, your burdens, your whole selves before Him.

People: We come with open hearts, ready to be renewed.

Leader: For this is the day the Lord has made.

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Word for Children

Hymn	Now Thank We All Our God	UMH 102
Verse 1	Verse 2	Verse 3
Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices Who wondrous things has done In whom his world rejoices Who from our mothers' arms Has blessed us on our way With countless gifts of love And still is ours today	O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us To keep us in his grace And guide us when perplexed And free us from all ills Of this world in the next	All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given The Son and Spirit blest Who reign in highest heaven The one eternal God Whom heaven and earth adore For thus it was is now And shall be evermore

Epistle Lesson Colossians 3:1-11 NRSV

3 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Anthem In The Secret

Gospel Lesson Luke 12: 13-21 NRSV

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Message "Look UP! Not DOWN!" Rev. Moll

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

**Joys and Concerns** 

**Pastoral Prayer** 

**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

## **Service of Communion**

**UMH 12 and Following** 

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

## Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING\*

The Lord be with you.

# And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

# We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets.

And so,

with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him

to preach good news to the poor,

to proclaim release to the captives

and recovering of sight to the blind,

to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

and to announce that the time had come

when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection

you gave birth to your Church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant

by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended,

he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so.

in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

# Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

now and forever. Amen.

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,
for ever and ever.

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.

# \* Closing Chorus

## **Close to Thee**

**UMH 407** 

## Verse 1

Thou my everlasting portion More than friend or life to me All along my pilgrim journey Savior let me walk with Thee

## Chorus 1

Close to Thee close to Thee All along my pilgrim journey

Savior let me walk so Close to Thee close to Thee

All along my pilgrim journey Savior let me walk with Thee

## Verse 2a

Not for ease or worldly pleasure Nor for fame my prayer shall be

Gladly will I toil and suffer Only let me walk with Thee

### Chorus 2a

Close to Thee close to Thee Gladly will I toil and suffer

Only let me walk so Close to Thee close to Thee

Gladly will I toil and suffer Only let me walk with Thee

# Verse 3a

Lead me through the vale of shadows Bear me o'er life's fitful sea

Then the gate of life eternal May I enter Lord with Thee

#### Chorus 3a

Close to Thee close to Thee Then the gate of life eternal

May I enter Lord so Close to Thee close to Thee

Then the gate of life eternal May I enter Lord with Thee

<sup>\*</sup> Dismissal with Blessing