

Worship – 8-31-25

Cross Lanes UMC

**Brunch / Gathering / Prelude**

**Greeting and Announcements**

Heather Noble

This morning we have the opportunity to share in the consecration of a piano given to the church. If those helping with the consecration would come at this time.

**AN ORDER FOR THE CONSECRATION OF A PIANO**

*Rev. Moll: We take time today in this worship service on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2025, to give God thanks for the life of Berma Perfater, and celebrate her love of music and the gift of this piano.*

JF and Lin: We present this piano to be consecrated to the glory of almighty God and for service here at Cross Lanes United Methodist Church in loving memory of Berma Perfater.

**Response**

*Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the Lord*

**People: to sing praises to your name, O Most High**

*Pastor: to declare your steadfast love in the morning*

**People: and your faithfulness at night**

*Pastor: to the music of the lute and the harp*

**People: to the melody of the lyre**

*Pastor: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work*

**People: at the works of your hands I sing for joy**

Consecration Song

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Cindy Harvey

*Rev. Moll: Let us pray*

*Eternal God, whom the generations have worshiped through the gift of music, accept our praise to you in the sound of this instrument, which we consecrate in your name and to your glory. Grant that its music may be a blessing to all who worship here, and that they may be consecrated to you, whose sound has gone out through all the earth and whose words to the end of the world.*

*Let our music be so joined to your holy Word that your glory may surround us and empower us for the service to which you call us in this world; Through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

## Praise and Worship

## Build Your Kingdom Here

<b>Verse 1</b>	<b>Chorus</b> 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
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	
<b>Verse 2</b>	
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	
<b>Verse 3</b>	
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	

## Call to Worship

Heather Noble

*Leader: Hey everyone—look around, look up. God is here, and the whole universe sings His name.*

**People: We're amazed by Your power, God—You made stars, oceans, and every heartbeat.**

*Leader: So let's ask boldly: bring Your kingdom to life right here, right now. Change us, shake us, send us.*

**People: Start with us, God! Light up our faith, stir up love, and make justice roll.**

*Leader: From the beauty of creation to the mess of our world, You're still working, still moving.*

**People: We worship You, awesome Creator. We welcome You, King of hope.**

## Scripture and Song

Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.  
<sup>2</sup> Out of the mouths of babes and infants

you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
 to silence the enemy and the avenger.  
<sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
 the moon and the stars that you have established;  
<sup>4</sup> what are humans that you are mindful of them,  
 mortals that you care for them?  
<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them a little lower than God  
 and crowned them with glory and honor.  
<sup>6</sup> You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
 you have put all things under their feet,  
<sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen,  
 and also the beasts of the field,  
<sup>8</sup> the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
 whatever passes along the paths of the seas.  
<sup>9</sup> O Lord, our Sovereign,  
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!

### **What's in the Box?**

<b>Anthem</b>	Look for the Good	Austin Francis
<b>Gospel Lesson</b>	Luke 14:1, 7-14	NRSV

On one occasion when Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

<b>Sermon</b>	<u>“Great (For God’s Glory) Expectations”</u>	<u>Rev. Moll</u>
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### **Response to the Word**

**Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer**

**Mission and Ministry Moment**

**Offering**

**Doxology**      God Be Praised

## **Invitation     A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

<b>Verse 1</b>	<b>Chorus</b>
A mighty fortress is our God A bulwark never failing Our helper He amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe His craft and power are great And armed with cruel hate On earth is not his equal	A mighty fortress A mighty fortress is our God A mighty fortress A mighty fortress is our God
<b>Verse 2</b>	
Did we in our own strength confide Our striving would be losing Were not the right man on our side The man of God's own choosing Dost ask who that may be Christ Jesus it is He Lord Sabaoth His name From age to age the same And He must win the battle	
<b>Verse 3</b>	
And though this world With devils filled Should threaten to undo us We will not fear For God hath willed His truth to triumph through us The prince of darkness grim We tremble not for him His rage we can endure For lo his doom is sure One little word shall fell him	
<b>Verse 4</b>	
That word above all earthly pow'rs No thanks to them abideth The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth Let goods and kindred go This mortal life also The body they may kill God's truth abideth still His kingdom is forever	

**Dismissal with Blessing**