



August 24, 2025
10:15 am
Family Contemporary Worship

**11th Sunday
After
Pentecost**



Come & See

WELCOME

Welcome to worship! We are so glad that you've chosen to worship here! Cross & Crown is a community of Christ-followers from all walks of life. We hope that you will feel a warm welcome from the congregation and will worship with us again!

ADDITIONAL SUNDAY INFORMATION

Sunday school classes are offered for adults located in the Multipurpose space. Our adult class, Books of Faith, meets in room 206.

Communion is offered each week. Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table!

Our church has something for everyone, and not just on Sundays. During the week, we have activities such as Bible studies and small groups. On Wednesday evenings we share a fellowship dinner at 6 pm. We hope you'll come try it out! See the back of the bulletin for more details about how to sign up.

Now that you know a little about us, help us get to know you better by completing the Connection Card handed to you by one of our greeters when you entered. You can hand it to one of the pastors or drop it in the offering plate.

PARENTS

We love the sound of kids in our service! Here are some ideas to keep them engaged.

Relax! It's ok to let kids be kids!

Sit close: Consider sitting up front where it's easier for kids to see and hear.

Explain: Kids are curious! Explain what's happening in the service.

Participate: Sing hymns loudly, pray, respond, etc. Children learn by following your lead.

Activities: If you would like a bag of quiet activities for your little ones, ask an usher and they will provide one for you.

Wander: It's ok to move around. Sometimes it's easier to let fidgety kids move a bit.

Need to Leave? No problem, but please come back! Sometimes kids just need a break. There are speakers in the narthex & lounge so you can hear. The narthex is a great place to get the wiggles out, and the lounge is nice if you need privacy.

Ask: Questions or just need help? Just ask one of our ushers.

Childcare: The nursery is down the hall in the Multipurpose Space for infants to age 4 and is available during both worship services. If you need assistance, an usher can help you. C&C Kids is offered to kids pre-K through 3rd grade. Kids depart the sanctuary during the Passing of the Peace and return to worship before communion.

Prelude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Carter

Worship Song

Set A Fire

Reagan

Verse

There's no place I would rather be
These's no place I would rather be
There's no place I would rather be
Than here in Your love
Here in Your love
(REPEAT)

Chorus

(So) set a fire down in my soul
That I can't contain and I can't control
I want more of You God
I want more of You God
(REPEAT)
I want more (x6)
So pour it out

Confession (*Stand as you are able*)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God, you free us to love others,

C: but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

P: You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

C: but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

P: You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,

C: but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Refrain

*God is so good. God is so good.
God is so good, God's so good to me.*

(Refrain)

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

God of All, Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. Guide us in your ways, empower us to reflect your life and your love of the world. We pray for the church to follow in your ways and that it may be a witness to your love for all people. Help us choose all that is life-giving

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. Bring your presence to the places of war, especially Israel, Palestine, Iran, Russia, and Ukraine.

(refrain)

Lord of Life, in the heat of the summer, we lift to you those that can not escape the heat of the day. We pray for individuals without a roof over their heads or those without adequate housing to find relief in the day.

Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear. Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. Embrace all who suffer in isolation: for those who are incarcerated or detained, those who are fleeing from unsafe environments, and those who are homebound. We lift up to you all on our congregational prayer list and all that we name aloud or in our hearts at this time...

(pause for congregation)

Reassure them of your care in all times and places.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. We sing our AMEN.

(Refrain)

(Children may head out for C&C Kids)



This Week's Story: Moses Parts the Red Sea
Icebreaker Question: Would you rather live
in a treehouse or a cave?

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Welcome Home and Announcements (*See back page for additional announcements.*)

THE WORD

Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰ Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water?" ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Matt Simpkins

THANKSGIVING

Anthem

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Nancy Hill Cobb

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me bless His name.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy,
For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy
To them that fear Him.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within in me bless His name.

Psalm 103: 1, 8, 11

(Please stand)

Offertory Response

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

Statement of Belief

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Come To The Table—Everyone's Invited!

Holy Communion is a celebration of Christ's love, shared through His body and blood. If you're hungry for His presence, this meal is for you! We commune by taking a piece of bread and dipping it into wine or grape juice. Need grape juice or gluten-free options? No problem—the Communion Assistant will gladly help you out. Kids are welcome, too! Just let the Communion Assistant know if your child will be receiving Communion or would prefer a special blessing. We're so glad you're here—let's share this joyful moment together!

Communion

Words of Institution

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

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 and ever.
Amen.

Our Father, who is of heaven,
Holy is your name
Your kingdom come
Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us today our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
OR As we forgive those who trespass
against us
And lead us not into temptation
and deliver us from evil
For yours is the kingdom
And the power, and the glory
now and forever, Amen.

Welcome to the Table

P: Come now and feast on the gifts of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Song

Come to the River

Brown, Barrett, Moore, Dalton

Verse

Come to the water all who are thirsty
Come and drink
Come to the table all who are hungry
Come and feast
Those who are weary those who are needy
Come receive
Come to the River come to the River
Taste and see

Pre-Chorus

Oh Oh my soul thirsts for You
And You alone

Chorus

I will taste and see that You are good
I will taste and see that You are good
I will taste and see that You are good
You're good to me

The Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Backpack Blessing

Sending Song

Open Up Our Eyes

Brown, Gatch, Brock, Garrard, Joye

Verse 1

Greater is the One who's in us
Greater is the One who calls our name
He will never fail
Stronger is the One within us
Stronger is the One who fights for us
He will never fail
You will never fail
Chorus
For Your love endures forever
Oh Your love endures forever

Open up our eyes surround us with Your light
Your love endures forever

Verse 2

Mighty is the One who's for us
Mighty is the One who's strong to save
He will make a way You will make a way
Bridge
Our God is fighting for us always
Our God is fighting for us all
Our God is fighting for us always
We are not alone we are not alone (yeah)

The Doxology (sung a capella)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Sending

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Week at a Glance

Monday, August 25th

7:30 pm- Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, August 26th

12 pm- Staff Meeting
1 pm- Congregational Care Team Mtg.
2 pm- Community Care Team Mtg.
6:30 pm- Council Mtg.
6:30 pm- Table Talk

Wednesday, August 27th

6:45 pm- Handbells
7:20 pm- Choir

Thursday, August 28th

7:45 am- Men's Bible Study

Friday, August 29th

9 am- Weight Watchers

Saturday, August 30th

8-10 am- Weight Watchers

Sunday, August 31st

8:15 am Worship
9 am Coffee Hour
9:15 am- Adult Sunday School
10:15 am- Worship

Serving in Worship Today

Assisting Minister:	Hugh Kluttz
Acolyte:	Rachel Phillips
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Usher:	Brian Deppe,
Communion Set-up:	Rita Deppe
Greeters:	Cathy Kozlinski
Nursery Assistant:	Ann Whitener
C&C Kids:	Nick & Allie Tischio
Contribution Counter:	Vivian Farland, Ayke Blackburn
Praying for Possibilities:	Kim Ferguson

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