

Cross Lanes United Methodist Church

Christ the King Sunday

November 23, 2025

Gathering and Prelude

Opening Hymn

God of Wonders

Verse 1
Lord of all creation Of water earth and sky The heavens are Your tabernacle Glory to the Lord on high
Chorus 1a
God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy holy The universe declares Your majesty You are holy holy Lord of heaven and earth Lord of heaven and earth
Verse 2
Early in the morning I will celebrate the light When I stumble in the darkness I will call Your name by night
Bridge
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) You are holy
Chorus 2
God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy holy Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me Father hold me hold me The universe declares Your majesty You are holy holy holy holy
Chorus 3
God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy holy Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me Father hold me hold me
Ending
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, people of God, rejoice in the reign of Christ!

People: He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

Leader: In Christ, all things hold together—he is Lord of heaven and earth.

People: We bow before the King of kings and lift our hearts in praise.

Leader: Let every tongue confess and every heart proclaim:

People: Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father!

Jesus name above all names

Beautiful Savior glorious Lord

Emmanuel God is with us

Blessed Redeemer living Word

Word for Children

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 23:1-6

NRSV

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ² Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Anthem

Infant Baptism

Arthus James Gouhin

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: Today I present Arthur James Gouhin for baptism.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH *(Pastor addresses parents)*

Pastor: On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

Parents: I do.

Pastor: Will you nurture Arthur James in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

Parents: I will.

(pastor addresses the congregation)

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

All: We do.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Arthur James, who is now before you, in your care?

All: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Arthur James with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his trust of God, and be found faithful in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Pastor: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare Christ's works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

(Pastor will stir the water)

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Pastor: Arthur James, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

(parents and family can join in laying on of hands)

Pastor: Arthur James, the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

(pastor will introduce Arthur to his new family)

Pastor: Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ.

All: Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and make to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With Joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
Lords 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,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory

Doxology of Praise

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Message

Christ the King

Rev. Moll

Recessional Hymn

Crown Him With Many Crowns

UMH

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne. Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
2. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save. His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.
4. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Dismissal with Blessing

Scriptures for Study: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 Psalms 100 Philippians 4:4-9 John 6: 25-35	This Week at CLUMC Today: Deadline for Shoebox Ministry; Hanging of the Greens (After service/pizza) Monday 11/24 Senior Exercise 9am, FH Nitro Youth Basketball 6-8 Church Council 6:30 p Tuesday 11/25 Bible Study noon Basket Weavers 5p Nitro Youth BB 6-8p Wednesday 11/26 Senior Exercise 9a, FH Nitro Youth Basketball 6-8 p Thursday 11/27 <i>Thanksgiving Day Office Closed</i> Friday 11/28 Office Closed Senior Exercise 9a, FH <i>Upcoming: November 30, Charge Conference, 6p</i>
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