

Cross Lanes United Methodist Church

2nd Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026



Gathering and Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

Walk By Faith

Verse 1
Will I believe You when You say Your hand will guide my ev'ry way Will I receive the words You say Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day
Chorus
Well I will walk by faith Well even when I cannot see Because this broken road Prepares Your will for me
Verse 2
Help me to rid my endless fears You've been so faithful for all my years With one breath You made me new Your grace covers all I do Yeah yeah yeah Yeah yeah yeah
Bridge
Well I'm broken But I still see Your face Well You've spoken Pouring Your words of grace
Ending
Well hallelujah hallelu Well hallelujah hallelu

Call to Worship

Leader: In this Lenten season, we come with questions, hopes, and uncertainties.

People: Teach us to walk by faith, even when we cannot see the way.

Leader: Christ goes before us, steadying our steps.

People: Strengthen our hearts to trust Your promises.

Leader: Let us worship the God who leads us through every valley and every dawn.

People: We lift our voices, choosing faith over fear.

Hymn

Blessed Assurance

Verse 1	Chorus
Blessed assurance Jesus is mine O what a foretaste of glory divine Heir of salvation purchase of God Born of His Spirit washed in His blood	This is my story this is my song Praising my Savior all the day long This is my story this is my song Praising my Savior all the day long
Verse 2	
Perfect submission perfect delight Visions of rapture now burst on my sight Angels descending bring from above Echoes of mercy whispers of love	
Verse 3	
Perfect submission all is at rest I in my Savior am happy and blest Watching and waiting looking above Filled with His goodness lost in His love	

Word for Children

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

NRSV

17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty;^[a] walk before me, and be blameless. **2** And I will make my covenant between me and you and will make you exceedingly numerous.” **3** Then Abram fell on his face, and God said to him, **4** “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. **5** No longer shall your name be Abram,^[b] but your name shall be Abraham,^[c] for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. **6** I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. **7** I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

15 God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. **16** I will bless her and also give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Anthem

El Shaddai

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

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed,^[a] who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already^[b] as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³ Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe^[c] in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Message

“Promises, Callings, Thoughts”

Rev. Brandon Moll

Service of Communion

INVITATION

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.

Leader to people:

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!

People to leader:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Leader and people:

Glory to God. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

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, 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,
now and forever. 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.**

Recessional Hymn

Freely, Freely

Verse 1

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name I've been born again in Jesus' name And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to

Chorus

He said freely freely You have received Freely freely give Go in My name
And because you believe Others will know that I live

Verse 2

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name And in Jesus' name I come to you To
share His pow'r as He told me to

Dismissal with Blessing

Scriptures for Study:	This Week at CLUMC
Exodus 20:1-17	Monday 3/2: Senior Exercise 9am, FH Nitro Youth BB 6-8
Psalm 19	Tuesday 3/3 Back Pack Volunteers 10a Lent Bible Study noon (hybrid) Prayer Shawl 1p Nitro Youth BB 6-8 Choir 7p/Band Prac 7:30p
1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Wednesday 3/4 Senior Exercise 9a, FH God's Kidz 6p Lent Bible Study 6p (hybrid) Nitro Youth BB 6-8
John 2:13-22	Thursday 3/5 Basket Weavers 5p Online Lent Bible Study (Zoom Only) 8p Public Pickleball 6-8 NA Meeting 7p
	Friday 3/6 Senior Exercise 9a FH
	Sunday 3/8 Cantata Practice @ 11:30