

# Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025

10:15 am

Family Contemporary Worship





*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 & children located in the Multipurpose space. Our adult class, Books of Faith, meets in room 206. The "Purr-fect Praisers" Sunday school class for Pre-K through 1st meets in room 209, and "Catechism Crusaders" Sunday school class for 2nd through 5th grade meets in room 208.

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.

# GATHERING

## Prelude

HOLY X 3

Josh Carter

## Worship Song

Mighty to Save

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

Verse 1

Ev'ryone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Saviour  
The hope of nations

Chorus

Saviour He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

Verse 2

So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Ev'rything I believe in  
Now I surrender

Bridge

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King  
Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King

## Confession

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love. Compassionate One, you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In  $\dagger$  Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

C: Amen.

## Prayers of the Church

### *Refrain*



Ho ly Spir - it, You are



wel - come here; Come flood this place and fill the at - mos - phere; Your glo - ry, God, is what our



hearts long for, to be o - ver - come by Your Pres - ence, Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need, kneeling, sitting, or standing as you feel called.

Loving God, make your church a new creation in Christ. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden the church to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus.

As we journey through Lent, seek us out. Come to us so we may have a life changing encounter with Jesus. Claim us as your own. Then, empower us to respond by imagining how discipleship plays out in our lives knowing that discipleship is less about doing and more about belonging.

Unite the nations as fellow members of the human family. Speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance.

Give leaders the courage to put aside pride and ego, to cease squandering lives and time, and to work for the well-being of all.

Merciful God, we pray for our world that faces so much violence. We pray especially for the people suffering war conditions and the threat of war. May peace prevail which brings an end to war in Ukraine and Russia, Gaza, Israel and Palestine.

And we sing...

*(Refrain)*

God of boundless love, receive with open arms any in need of compassion. Restore those whose hope has been dampened through a health diagnosis, job or home loss, divorce, or

death. We especially pray for those on our prayer list and those that we name in our hearts or aloud at this time. *(We invite you to speak aloud the names of those for whom you are praying.)*

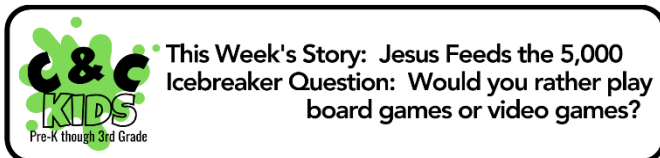
God of resurrection life, welcome home all who have died. We thank you for their lives and entrust them into your keeping, where true reconciliation and eternal peace are found.

Receive our prayers spoken on our lips or in our hearts, prayers known and unknown, prayers of all who reach out to you in need.

And we sing our AMEN.

*(Refrain)*

*(Children may head out for C&C Kids)*



### **Sharing of the Peace**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

### **Welcome Home and Announcements**

## **THE WORD**

### **John 4:7-15**

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

**Sermon**

Pastor Matt Simpkins

## **THANKSGIVING**

## Anthem

*(Please stand)*

### Offertory Response

#### Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

## 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.**

## Communion

### Words of Institution



## 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

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.

OR

## 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

From the Inside Out

Houston

### Verse 1

A thousand times I've failed  
Still Your mercy remains  
And should I stumble again  
Still I'm caught in Your grace  
Everlasting  
Your light will shine when all else fades  
Never-ending  
Your glory goes beyond all fame

### Verse 2

Your will above all else  
My purpose remains  
The art of losing myself  
In bringing You praise  
Everlasting  
Your light will shine when all else fades  
Never-ending  
Your glory goes beyond all fame

### Chorus 1

In my heart in my soul  
Lord I give You control  
Consume me from the inside out Lord  
Let justice and praise  
Become my embrace  
To love You from the inside out

### Chorus 2

Everlasting  
Your light will shine when all else fades  
Never-ending  
Your glory goes beyond all fame  
And the cry of my heart  
Is to bring You praise  
From the inside out  
Lord my soul cries out (Lord)

## The Blessing

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

## Quilt Blessing

### Benediction

P: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## Sending Song

One Thing Remains

Johnson, Riddle, Gifford

### Verse 1

Higher than the mountains that I face  
Stronger than the power of the grave  
Constant in the trial and the change  
One thing remains  
One thing remains  
Interlude  
Your love Your love Your love will never change  
Chorus

Your love never fails  
It never gives up  
Never runs out on me  
(REPEAT)  
Your love

### Verse 2

On and on and on and on it goes  
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul  
And I never ever have to be afraid  
One thing remains  
One thing remains  
Bridge  
In death in life I'm confident and  
Cover'd by the power of Your great love  
My debt is paid there's nothing that  
Can separate my heart from Your great love  
(REPEAT)  
Ending  
Your love



**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. Care for others as God cares for you.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

# Week at a Glance

## Monday, March 24

7:30 pm- Women's Bible Study via Zoom

## Tuesday, March 25

12pm- Staff Meeting

1 pm- Congregational Care Team Meeting

2 pm- Community Care Team Meeting

6:30 pm- Council Meeting

6:30 pm- Table Talk

7 pm- Boy Scouts

## Wednesday, March 26

6 pm- Wednesday Night Happenings

6:45 pm-Midweek Lenten Service

7:10 pm- Handbells

7:50 pm Choir

## Friday, March 28

9 am- Weight Watchers

4:25 pm- Walking Group

## Saturday, March 29

8-10 am- Weight Watchers

9 am- Communion Retreat for Kids!

## Sunday, March 30

8:15 am Worship

9 am Coffee Hour

9:15 am- Sunday School

10:15 am- Worship

11:30 am- FAMILY MEET UP @ SARIDS PARK!

## Looking Ahead

Details for each event are available in the Weekly Update email. Printed versions are available in the narthex.

## Coming to the Table

**COMMUNION RETREAT FOR KIDS!**

**March 29th  
9 am-Noon**

**Want to learn more about communion?  
For kids pre-k -4th grade who desire to  
receive their 1st Communion or those  
participating in communion come to  
this retreat on March 29!**

**The children will be recognized in  
worship on March 30 at both services.**



## Journeying Through Lent Together

**Midweek: Wed. March 26  
Sunday, March 30**

**Chapter 3: Trust  
Focus Verses: John 4:16-24**

**Wednesday  
Night  
Happenings**  
**3-26-25**  
**6 pm**  
Chicken Noodle Soup, Sandwiches,  
Fresh Garden Salad, Dinner Rolls  
& Dessert

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**Family Meet Up @ Sardis Park!**  
**Sunday, March 30th**  
11:30 am (following 2nd service)  
Bring your own lunches, picnic blankets, Frisbees,  
footballs, and anything else for a great time outdoors.  
This is a great chance to connect, relax, and build  
community with other families.

## Serving in Worship

Assisting Minister:

Acolyte:

Communion Assistants:

Usher:

Communion Set-up:

Greeters:

Nursery Assistant:

C&C Kids:

Contribution Counter:

Deanna Herlong

Rori White

Mike Meath, Susan Arcuri

Garry Rudolph, David Cox

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