Vision of Crossway Multinational Church

At Crossway, we want to be a church that is <u>for</u>, <u>of</u>, <u>and by</u> peoples from many nations, languages, and cultures.

Our <u>first commitment</u> is to be a church *centered on and shaped by God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.* We want the wonder of God's perfect creation, the sad reality of human sin, the surprising goodness of God's gracious forgiveness through Jesus Christ, and the amazing hope of God's coming Kingdom to shape who we are and what we do.

Our <u>second commitment</u> is to become a church *without any ethnic or cultural priority*. Our commitment is to have people from multiple and diverse backgrounds help shape and lead our church, and that we would honor and fully welcome, and serve and be served by, people of many cultures. We want to be a foretaste of what the Apostle John envisioned:

A great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb...crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (Revelation 7:9-10)

So whatever your culture or nationality, we welcome you, we want to learn from you, and we hope that you will experience and grow in the love of God through Christ among us.

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Welcoming and transforming the peoples of all nations to be united in the praise of God in Christ

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

Romans 15:5-7 (NIV)

Order of Worship

August 13th, 2023

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

Psalm 103:8

He Came Down

He came down that we may have life!

May the Peoples Praise You

This our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name to every nation, tribe and tongue, Your church proclaims!

Welcome

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:9-11

Our God Reigns (How Lovely On the Mountains)

When we like sheep had gone astray, our Shepherd came and on His shoulders bore our shame.

The Lord's My Shepherd (Psalm 23)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me lie in pastures green. He leads me by the still, still waters. His goodness restores my soul.

The Path of Grace

Lord, You are my guide, the shepherd of my life. Through the hills and valleys, You're always by my side. Calling me by name, You've chosen me with love, blessing me abundantly, Your promise will never change.

Confession & Assurance

Isaiah 59:1-2; Romans 8:1-2

Jesus, Thank You

Your blood has washed away my sin, Jesus, thank You. The Father's wrath completely satisfied, Jesus, thank You. Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table, Jesus thank You.

Announcements & Greeting One Another

Children 3 years old to 5th grade are invited to Junior Church

A Compassionate Call

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Prayer of Intercession

Matthew 9:37-38

Lift High the Name of Jesus

He opens up our eyes to see the harvest He has grown. We labor in His fields of grace as He leads sinners home.

Benediction

Romans 15:13

Announcements

Upcoming Service Opportunities

August Snacks: tiny.cc/cmcsnacks-august

Crossway Multinational Fellowship

Several MSU students in Crossway are forming a Registered Student Organization at MSU as a way to make connections with more students. You will be hearing more soon, and we'll have a time to pray for them in an upcoming service. Please pray that God will bless these efforts and that the Good News reaches many college students! For more information, please contact Geunyoung Kim kimgeun@msu.edu

MSU Family Friendship Program

This is a program that connects families or individuals with International individuals, couples or families. It is a great way to befriend a student or visiting scholar and show them the love of Christ.. You would need to fill out an application and then attend the orientation meeting in early October. The commitment is to meet monthly for the school year, and hopefully beyond that! Contact Lori Leu for questions or an application. leulori@gmail.com

Administrative Assistant Transition

We are thrilled that Hannah Reyes has accepted a new teaching position for this fall! Yet this means that she will not be able to continue in her position as Administrative Assistant for Crossway. Please contact Pastor John johnbell@crosswaymchurch.org if you are interested in volunteering in an administrative capacity. Please continue to use admin@crosswaymchurch.org related to any administrative tasks.

Medilodge Service - *TODAY* August 13

Join us in worship, devotions, and sharing God's word with our neighbors at Medilodge from 1:30-2pm. Please contact Jean or Jim Eddy

Prayer Lunch: Life Groups, August 20

Life Groups are small groups of people who meet (usually once a week) for fellowship, learning from the Bible, growing in our vision, and serving beyond ourselves. We want to be sure that everyone has the opportunity to be a part of a Life Group. On August 20, right after the worship service, we are going to have a prayer time (over a light lunch, finishing by 1:30) for our Life Group ministry. Please join us for conversation and prayer! Contact Pastor John for more information

Crossway Foundations Class: Beginning August 27

Crossway Foundations is an opportunity to learn more about Crossway's vision and values, and to grow deeper in them. Everyone is welcome. We plan to meet immediately after the worship service, with a light lunch, on August 27, October 8 and 22, and November 5 and 12.