# **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 20, 2023

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

#### He Has Made Us Glad

We will say this is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice for He has made us glad.

#### All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball, to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!

#### Welcome

### **Scripture Reading**

Joel 2:28-32

#### I Will Trust My Saviour Jesus

Oh, on that cross, how it was seen. I can go now, ever trusting in the one who died for me.

#### All Who are Thirsty

Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away in the waves of His mercy.

#### Uruwashiki Mina

And with all your heart praise forever, you who are redeemed by the grace of the Lord.

**Confession & Assurance** 

2 Corinthians 5:17–19 1 John 2:28–3:3

## **Abide With Me (Eventide)**

What, but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power? Who, like Thyself, my Guide and Stay can be?...O abide with me.

#### **Prayer of Intercession**

1 Corinthians 1:3

# **Announcements & Greeting One Another**

Children 3 years to 5th grade are invited to Kids Church

#### **Spirit Abundance**

Galatians 5:16-26

# **Holy Spirit**

Holy Spirit, ... show Your power once again on earth; cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.

**Benediction** Romans 15:13

#### **Announcements**

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August Snacks: tiny.cc/cmcsnacks-august
September Snacks: <a href="http://tiny.cc/cmcsnacks-sept">http://tiny.cc/cmcsnacks-sept</a>
September All-Church Meal: http://tiny.cc/cmcmea

#### **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. 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...

...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! Contact Lori Leu <a href="mailto:leulori@gmail.com">leulori@gmail.com</a>

#### **Administrative Assistant Transition**

Hannah Reyes has a new teaching job! Contact Jean Eddy at: <a href="mailto:admin@crosswayMchurch.org">admin@crosswayMchurch.org</a> There are opportunities in design and other projects. Contact <a href="mailto:johnbell@CrosswayMChurch.org">johnbell@CrosswayMChurch.org</a>.

## Prayer Lunch: Life Groups, TODAY, August 20, 12:00-1:30pm

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. Today, right after the worship service, we are going to have a prayer time (over a light lunch, finishing by 1:30 pm) for our Life Group ministry. Want to know more? join us for conversation and prayer!

#### Crossway Foundations Class 1: NEXT Sunday, 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 (12:00-1:30 pm) in the Red Room, with a light lunch, on August 27, October 8 and 22, and November 5 and 12.

## September Cooking Class - Saturday September 2, 1–3 pm

Amara Ezeamama Onye will be teaching us how to make akara, Nigerian fritters. Join us at the Onye home in Okemos, Saturday September 2, 1-3 pm. RSVP Keiko Nakamura.