

*Revelation 4:1-11* John Crawford June 16, 2024

### The Heavenly Throne Room

- The one seated on the throne...
  - He is the sovereign king and ruler of the universe. (v. 2)
  - He is inexpressibly glorious. (v. 3)
- Around the throne...
  - The rainbow signifies God's covenant faithfulness to creation. (v. 3)
  - The twenty four elders represent the church for all time. (v. 4)
- From the throne...
  - Lightning and thunder accompany God's awesome presence and fearful judgment. (v. 5).
- Before the throne...
  - The seven torches and spirits of God represent the Holy Spirit. (v. 5)
  - The sea of glass represents the expanse between the one on the throne from everything else in creation. (v. 6)
- On each side of the throne...
  - The four living creatures are angelic beings (vv. 6-8)
  - The four living creatures represent all of God's creation. (v. 7)
  - The four living creatures never stop praising the one seated on the throne. (vv. 8-11)
    - They never stop praising him for his infinite holiness. (v. 8)
    - They never stop praising him for his absolute sovereignty. (v. 8)
    - They never stop praising him for his sovereign rule over all of history. (v. 8)
  - The twenty four elders never stop praising the one seated on the throne. (v. 9-11)
    - They never stop praising him for his eternal existence. (v. 9-10)
    - They never stop praising him for bringing everything into existence. (v. 11)

## The Implication of This Vision for Our Lives

- This vision enables us to endure suffering and tribulation in our lives.
- This vision compels us to worship the only one who is worthy of our worship.
- This vision empowers us to resist the sinful pleasures and temptation of this world.
- This vision motivates us to sing praises to the one who is seated on the throne.

# Welcome to Cross Fellowship Church!

We are grateful that you have come to worship with us today and pray you feel welcome. If you have any questions about our church, the service, the sermon, or anything else, we would love to talk to you! Stop by the Welcome Table in the lobby or talk to one of the elders. We also encourage you to complete a Visitor Information Card at the Welcome Table or online at crossfellowshipchurch.org/connect.

# **Order of Service**

Call to Worship: Isaiah 61:10-11

"Rejoice"

Corporate Scripture Reading: Psalm 32:1-5

"It Is Well With My Soul"

Prayer

Sermon: Revelation 4:1-11

"Revelation Song"

Partaking of the Lord's Supper

"Behold Our God"

"Holy Holy Holy"

**Prayer and Benediction** 

# Announcements

#### **Children's Choir**

#### Sundays, June 23 – July 14 / 9-10 a.m. / Room 202

All children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to be part of the children's choir. Please sign up at crossfellowshipchurch. churchcenter.com/people/forms/753184.

### **Church Picnic**

#### Thursday, July 4 / 5-8 p.m. / Franklin Park

Join us for our next church picnic! Please bring any lawn/outdoors games you would like to play. The church will provide the main dish and water. DC groups will be assigned sides, desserts, and drinks.

#### **Prayer Gathering**

#### Sunday, July 7 / 4-5:30 p.m. / New Haven

Join us for our church-wide Prayer Gathering. During our time together, we'll pray for one another and our church, and hear specific testimonies of how God is at work in the lives of some of our members.

#### **Exploring Membership Class**

#### Sundays, July 21 & 28 / 12:15-2:30 p.m. / Social Room (201)

Are you interested in membership at CFC, or would you simply like to learn about our church? Join us for this two-part class. Lunch will be provided. Sign up by July 14 at crossfellowshipchurch.org/membership.

#### Elders

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#### **Discipleship Communities**

DCs gather in homes on Wednesday evenings to provide leadership, community, encouragement, and accountability as we live as disciples. For more information or to join a DC, visit crossfellowshipchurch.org/dc.

#### **Nursing Mothers**

We offer a nursing mothers' room in the back left (as you face the stage) of the sanctuary.

#### **Children's Discipleship**

To walk alongside parents in teaching children about the good news of Jesus, we offer the following classes.

#### Sundays at 9 a.m.

Our K-6th grade classes will resume in the fall.

#### Sundays during the Worship Gathering

- Infants (ages 6-12 mo.)
- Toddlers (ages 1-2): rm. 206
- Pre-K (ages 3-4): rm. 202

Sundays at 6 p.m.

• Youth group: 7th-12th grade

#### Offering

Thank you for your generosity! There are a few ways you can give:

- In the offering box on Sundays
- Through the Church Center app (iPhone/Android)



 Online at crossfellowship church.org/give (scan the QR code)

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