

**Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church**  
**Fifth Sunday After Epiphany, February 8, 2026**  
*Childcare is available in the nursery for children under the age of 5.*  
† Please rise in body or in spirit.

**Prelude** ..... Helena Veranian  
**Welcome** ..... Rev. Dr. Rand Peabody  
**Introit** ..... What Wondrous Love is This, arr. by Andrew Duncan ..... Handbell Choir  
**† Call to Worship** ..... based on John 1:1-5 ..... read responsively

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word WAS God.

**In Him was life, and that life was the light of all humanity.**

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

**We gather now to worship the Lord of brightness and love.**

**† Hymn** ..... O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee ..... 430

1. O Master, let me walk with thee  
in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret; help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.
2. Help me the slow of heart to move  
by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward way.
3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee  
in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong;
4. In hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broadening way,  
in peace that only thou canst give,  
with thee, O Master, let me live.

**Epistle Reading** ..... 1 John 4:16-19 ..... Pam Reeve  
**† Gospel Reading** ..... John 14:1-7 ..... Rev. Dr. Rand Peabody

**Sermon** ..... I, John, an Apostle of Christ ..... Rev. Dr. Rand Peabody  
(A Portrait in the First Person)

**Anthem** ..... Fill Your Jar at the Well, by Wes & Diane Hannibal ..... Chancel Choir  
**Passing the Peace**

**† Hymn** ..... Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine! ..... 369

1. 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.

**Refrain:**

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.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

**Joys and Concerns** ..... Pam Reeve

**Silent Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer** ..... Rev. Dr. Rand Peabody

**Lord's Prayer:**

Our Father (Maker), who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom (kin-dom) 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 (kin-dom), and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

† **Sung Benediction** ..... Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ..... 384, v.1

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of Heav'n to Earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation; enter ev'ry trembling heart.

**Announcements**

**Benediction** ..... Rev. Dr. Rand Peabody

**Postlude** ..... Helena Veranian

*Please remain seated during the postlude, then join us in Gifford Hall for fellowship during Coffee Hour.*

## **Welcome Back, Rand!**

Rev. Dr. Rand Peabody has served a total of fifteen Interim-Pastoral positions in the Maine and Massachusetts Conferences of the United Church of Christ. Between 1991 and 2009, he worked with local congregations navigating leadership transition in Norfolk, Weston, Arlington, Melrose, Southborough, Boxborough, Newton, Gardner, Lynnfield, Medford, and West Concord. His focus was on structural reform and systemic awareness, along with conflict resolution and spiritual re-energizing.

Rand received a Doctor-of-Ministry degree in Pastoral Counseling at Andover Newton Theological School in 1993. He and his wife, Sally, have been living happily at Brooksby Village in Peabody for the past four years.

## **Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light**

Last Sunday, we heard Rev. Michael Reed deliver a message about his work with Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light, a nonprofit organization that helps faith communities across Massachusetts respond to climate change and care for God's creation. Rev. Michael was deeply encouraged by his time with us and enjoyed connecting with several members of our congregation who wanted to learn more.

We invite you to learn more about Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light by

- visiting their website ([massipl.org](http://massipl.org))
- signing up for their email newsletter (<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/s1/orw4Km9/newsletter>), or
- making a donation (<https://www.massipl.org/donate>) in support of this important work.

Thank You!

## **Options for Giving**

Friends and members are asked to prayerfully consider giving in support of Crawford's ministries and operations. We invite you to bring your offerings with you to church. Or you can mail a check to 34 Dix St., Winchester, MA 01890. Mail is checked daily. We welcome online giving through our website at [crawfordmethodist.org/give](http://crawfordmethodist.org/give).

## **Our Staff**

Minister*	Rev. Anne Robertson
Music Director	James Gutierrez
Organist/Pianist	Helena Veranian
Sexton/Custodian	Jose Deleon
Nursery Manager	Cindy Slack
Treasurer	Sherry Miller
Technical Production and Streaming Manager	Robert McAlpine
Church Administrator**	Stacey Hilliard

\*While Pastor Robertson is on Sabbatical (December 25, 2025 through February 19, 2026) Rev. Dr. Rand Peabody will lead us in worship and provide pastoral care as needed. If you'd like to make an appointment to speak with him, please contact/leave a message in the church office (781-729-5056).

\*\*The church office is open Monday through Thursday, from 9 to 3, and at other times by appointment. Voice mail and email are checked daily.