

Welcome

**We are thrilled
you've joined us today.**

**May God's word today
give you peace,
strengthen your faith,
and motivate your
service to others.**

**Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church
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Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany, January 28, 2024

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. Anne Robertson

Introit..... Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light, *J.S. Bach* Chancel Choir

† Call to Worship Psalm 111:1-3..... read responsively

Praise the Lord!

**I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.

**Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever**

† Hymn For the Healing of the Nations..... #428

1. For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word,
help us rise and pledge our word.
2. Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase,
fear will die and hope increase
3. All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span,
may we hallow life's brief span.
4. You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find,
Earth its destiny may find

Morning Affirmation, A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada..... see insert

Scripture Lesson..... 1 Kings 12:1-19..... Catherine Carr

Morning Affirmation:

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

read in unison

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

† HymnMake Me a Channel of Your Peace #2171

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| 1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you. | 3. Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul. |
| 2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy. | 4. Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life. |

Sermon.....The Torn Fabric..... Rev. Anne Robertson

Anthem As the Deer, *arr. by Douglas Wagner* Chancel Choir

Passing the Peace

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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 BenedictionPraise God From Whom All Blessings Flow #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Announcements

† Benediction..... Rev. Anne Robertson

Postlude Helena Veranian

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

Introit: Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light, v. 2

J.S. Bach

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light,
to herald our salvation.
He stoops to earth, the God of might,
our hope and expectation.
He comes in human flesh to dwell,
our God with us, Immanuel,
the night of darkness ending,
our fallen race befriending.

Anthem: As the Deer

arr. by Douglas Wagner

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee
You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee
You're my friend
And You are my brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything.

Coming Up at Crawford

Saturday, February 3, Chili Cook Off

Crawford's Chili Cook-Off will be held on Saturday, February 3rd from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. This annual event raises funds to support New England Justice For Our Neighbors, which provides low cost or pro-bono legal services to refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants as they seek legal residency. Sign up today to enter your chili in this friendly competition and/or to help setting up, cleaning up, and providing the extras (salad, cornbread, desserts, beverages, chili toppers). Sign-ups are available on our website (<https://crawfordmethodist.org/serve/get-involved/>) and on the bulletin board in the lobby area outside of Gifford Hall.

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. You can also text CrawfordUMC to 44-321.

Our Staff

Minister*	Rev. Anne Robertson
Children and Youth Minister	Jessica Rubenstein
Music Director	James Gutierrez
Organist/Pianist	Helena Veranian
Sexton	Jose Deleon
Treasurer	Sherry Miller
Church Administrator**	Stacey Hilliard

*Pastor Robertson is available Tuesday through Sunday by appointment,
or at any time in the event of an emergency.

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