

Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church

First Sunday of Lent, Sunday, March 9, 2025

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..... Lamb of God, *by Twila Paris* Chancel Choir

† Call to Worship Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16..... Catherine Carr

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

**You will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.'**

Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling-place,

**no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.**

For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

**On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

**Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.**

When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.

**With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

† Hymn.....Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days #269

1. Lord, who through-out these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.
2. As thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.
3. As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst, so teach us gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.
4. And through these days of penitence, and through thy passion tide,
yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.

5. Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering overpast,
an Easter of un-ending joy we may attain at last.

† **Morning Prayer** by Howard Thurmanread in unison

Open unto me—light for my darkness.
Open unto me—courage for my fear.
Open unto me—hope for my despair.
Open unto me—peace for my turmoil.
Open unto me—joy for my sorrow.
Open unto me—strength for my weakness.
Open unto me—wisdom for my confusion.
Open unto me—forgiveness for my sins.
Open unto me—tenderness for my toughness.
Open unto me—love for my hates.
Open unto me—Thy Self for my self.
Lord, Lord, open unto me!

† **Gospel Lesson**.....Luke 4:1-13Catherine Carr

† **Hymn**.....Jesus, Tempted in the Desert #2105

1. Jesus, tempted in the desert, lonely, hungry, filled with dread:
“Use your power,” the tempter tells him; “turn these barren rocks to bread!”
“Not alone by bread,” he answers, “can the human heart be filled.
Only by the Word that calls us Is our deepest hunger stilled!”
2. Jesus, tempted at the temple, high above its ancient wall:
“Throw yourself from lofty turret; angels wait to break your fall!”
Jesus shuns such empty marvels, feats that fickle crowds request:
“God, whose grace protects, preserves us, we must never vainly test.”
3. Jesus, tempted on the mountain by the lure of vast domain:
“Fall before me! Be my servant! Glory, fame, you’re sure to gain!”
Jesus sees the dazzling vision, turns his eyes another way:
“God alone deserves our homage! God alone will I obey!”
4. When we face temptation’s power, lonely, struggling, filled with dread,
Christ, who knew the tempter’s hour, come and be our living bread.
By your grace, protect, preserve us lest we fall your trust betray.
Yours, above all other voices, be the Word we hear, obey.”

SermonFruit in the Wilderness..... Rev. Anne Robertson

Anthem.....Morning Trumpet, by *Benjamin Franklin White*..... Chancel Choir
featuring Bryan Hilliard on trumpet

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 Benediction**..... Kyrie #2275

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.
Christe, Christe eleison. Christe, Christe eleison.
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison, eleison.**

Announcements Rev. Anne Robertson

Benediction..... Rev. Anne Robertson

Postlude Helena Veranian

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

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.

Coffee Hour:

For planning purposes, here is the Coffee Hour schedule for the next few weeks:

- March 16..... RO-Z
- March 23..... A-B
- March 30..... C-G

INTROIT: LAMB OF GOD (TWILA PARIS)

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.
Your gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as he died;
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.
Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God,
I love the Holy Lamb of God.
Oh wash me in His precious Blood,
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

**ANTHEM: MORNING TRUMPET (BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WHITE)
FEAT. BRYAN HILLIARD**

Oh, when shall I see Jesus and reign with Him above
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning
And from the flowing fountain drink everlasting love
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning
“Glory, glory” I shall shout, for I will mount above the skies
When I hear the trumpet sound in that morning

When shall I be delivered from this fearsome world of sin
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning; (In that morning)
And join with my blessed Jesus, drink endless pleasures in
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning; (in that morning)
But now I am a soldier like captains gone before
I shall the trumpet sound in that morning
He has given me my orders and He bids me ne'er give o'er
And I hear the trumpet sound in that morning

Our Staff

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