

Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Sunday, March 30, 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.....Prelude, *by Randie Black-Schaffer*.....Bell Choir

† Call to WorshipPsalm 40:1-5.....Read Responsively

I waited patiently for the Lord;
who inclined to me and heard my cry.

**The Lord drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.**

The Lord put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.

**Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the Lord.**

Blessed are those who make
the Lord their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.

**You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us;
none can compare with you.**

† Hymn..... Hymn of Promise #707

1. In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

† Morning Prayerfrom StrengthenPrayer.com.....Read in Unison

Dear God,

As we stand on the precipice of life’s trials and tribulations, we implore You for strength and unwavering patience. Grant us the resilience to persevere through life’s challenges, knowing that with You by our side, all obstacles are surmountable. We thank You for being our source of unyielding strength and guidance.

Amen.

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a Neil Cudmore

† Hymn..... Be Still, My Soul #534

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

SermonI Can’t Wait!..... Rev. Anne Robertson

Anthem.....Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God, *by Carl F. Mueller*..... Chancel Choir

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence;
and take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;
and uphold me with thy free spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways;
and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.

- 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

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:

- April 6 H-LA
- April 13 LE-RI
- April 20 Easter. *no coffee hour*

Our Staff

- Minister..... Rev. Anne Robertson
- Music Director James Gutierrez
- Organist/Pianist..... Helena Veranian
- Custodian Jose Deleon
- Nursery Manager Cindy Slack
- Treasurer Sherry Miller
- Technical Production Manager..... Madeleine Derveloy
- 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 open Monday through Thursday, from 9 to 3, and at other times by appointment. Voice mail and email are checked daily.

Holy Week

As we turn our calendars from March to April, we look forward to Holy Week and hope you'll join us at these services along the way to Easter!

Palm Sunday Parade and Service, April 13, 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Gather in front of the church at 9:00am for our annual Palm Sunday parade around the neighborhood, led by the Occasional Brass. Bring your friends and family! Rhythm instruments and other noise makers will be available for the kids and the young at heart! We'll return to the church in plenty of time for our 10:00 service of worship.

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Anne, James, and the choir are preparing a musical extravaganza for this year's Maundy Thursday service on April 17 at 7:00 p.m. The story of Jesus's final hours, from the Last Supper to His passion on the cross, will be told in scripture and song, including a dozen musical pieces--from familiar hymns to beautiful choral anthems. Please join us for this service of music, contemplation, and the sharing of Holy Communion.

Easter Sunrise Service at Sandy's Island, April 20, 6:30 a.m.

All are invited to join us for our annual sunrise Easter service at Sandy's Island (behind the Winchester Public Library) and a light breakfast in Gifford Hall afterward.

Easter Service at Crawford, April 20, 10:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited to join us for our 10:00 a.m. celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. You won't want to miss the music our choir and the Occasional Brass Quintet have planned for us.

After the Service

There will be no coffee hour on Easter Sunday, but the service will be followed by Easter games and a few Easter goodies in Gifford Hall for all kids in attendance.

2025 Easter Flowers Order Form

Please help us adorn our sanctuary on Easter morning by purchasing a lily, tulip, or hyacinth in honor or in memory of a loved one. Plants may be taken home after the Easter Service.



Orders are due by Sunday, April 6.

Please write the # of each plant requested:

I (We) would like to order: *write in quantity and circle color choice(s)*

_____ Lilies (\$14)

_____ Tulips (\$10) Pink / Red / Yellow

_____ Hyacinths (\$10) Pink / Purple / White

Giver's Name(s): _____

Given: In memory of _____

In honor / celebration of _____

In thanksgiving for _____

Make checks payable to Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church (memo: "Easter flowers") and return both this form and your payment to the church by Sunday, April 6. You can do that by:

- placing them in the Sunday offering plate,
- mailing them to: Crawford Memorial UMC, 34 Dix Street, Winchester, MA 01890, or
- returning them to Stacey in the church office.