

Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church

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Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost, September 28, 2025

† *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Prelude Helena Veranian

Welcome Rev. Anne Robertson

Introit..... Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him Handbell Choir

† **Call to Worship** Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 Joyce Cummings

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

For the Lord will deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence;

The Lord's pinions will cover you, and under God's wings you will find refuge; God's faithfulness is a shield and defense.

You will not fear the terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day

or the pestilence that stalks in darkness or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

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**..... Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 103

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Morning Prayer

God of power and justice,
like Jeremiah you weep over those
who wander from you,
turn aside to other gods,
and enter into chaos and destruction.
By your tears and through your mercy,
teach us your ways
and write them on our hearts
so that we may follow faithfully
the path you show us. Amen.

First Reading..... Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15Joyce Cummings

Second Reading..... Hebrews 11:8-10

† **Hymn**..... For the Beauty of the Earth92

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;

Refrain:

Lord of all to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light;

Refrain

3. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight;

Refrain

4. For the joy of human love,
brother sister parent child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild;

Refrain

5. For Thy church that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love;

Refrain

6. For thyself best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

SermonRev. Michael Reed

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

Passing the Peace

Joys and Concerns Rev. Anne Robertson

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.

Prayer Response..... Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 2193

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Benediction.....Rev. Michael Reed

† **Sung Benediction**.....Shalom to You..... 666

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Announcements	Rev. Anne Robertson
Postlude	Helena Veranian

Introducing Rev. Michael Reed

Rev. Michael Reed serves as Executive Director of Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light (MassIPL), leading statewide efforts to equip and mobilize faith communities for climate justice and environmental sustainability. An ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church, he holds graduate degrees from the University of Edinburgh (M.Th.) and Princeton Theological Seminary (M.Div.). Earlier in his ministry, he founded The Maker's Place, a United Methodist nonprofit in Trenton, NJ, that brought together hundreds of congregations to support families with young children in poverty. Recently named an Interfaith Innovation Fellow with Interfaith America, Michael is deeply committed to collaboration across religious traditions to bring about transformative social change. He lives in Andover, Massachusetts, with his wife and their two young children.

About Mass Interfaith Power & Light (MassIPL)

Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light is a statewide network of more than 200 houses of worship across Massachusetts. Our mission is to inspire and support people of faith and conscience to respond to climate change and care for the environment — by helping communities Pray in ways that ground climate action in faith and spiritual values, Act by stewarding their buildings and resources to cut emissions and strengthen community life, and Mobilize around climate as a matter of justice and morality. '

To learn more and get involved, visit www.massipl.org, or send a text message to Rev. Michael Reed at (617) 297-8501.

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

The fall is always a busy time at Crawford (and in most of our homes). Read your Messenger each week for more information about these events, and make sure they're on your calendar!

10/5 Blessing of the Animals	11/8 Holiday Faire
10/9 Church Potluck	11/22 Church Conference *
10/26 Liz Walker *	11/29 Hanging of the Greens

* More information about Liz Walker's appearance and the 2025 Church Conference coming soon.

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:

October 5	A-B
October 12	C-G
October 19	H-LA

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 Anne 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.