

Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church  
Second Sunday of Lent, March 1, 2026

† *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

**Prelude** ..... Helena Veranian

**Welcome** ..... Rev. Anne Robertson

**Introit** ..... Praise to the Lord, The Almighty ..... Handbell Choir  
*by Lobe den Herren, Stralsund Gesangbuch; arr. by Martha Lynn Thompson*

† **Call to Communion** ..... Neil Cudmore

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news; Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**All: Glory to God. Amen.**

† **Hymn** ..... Blessed Assurance ..... 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**

**Scripture Lesson** ..... John 3:1-17 ..... Neil Cudmore

**Sermon:** ..... What Do You Believe? ..... Rev. Anne Robertson

**Anthem** ..... Abide With Me, *arr. Jack Schrader* ..... Chancel Choir

**Passing the Peace**

**Joys and Concerns**  
**Silent Prayer**  
**Pastoral Prayer**

† Hymn..... Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy..... 340

1. Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,  
weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
full of pity, love, and power.

**Refrain:**

I will rise and go to Jesus;  
he will embrace me with his arms;  
in the arms of my dear Savior,  
O there are then thousand charms.

2. Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome,  
God's free bounty glorify;  
true belief and true repentance,  
every grace that brings you nigh. **Refrain**
3. Come, ye weary, heavy laden,  
lost and ruined by the fall;  
if you tarry till you're better,  
you will never come at all. **Refrain**
4. Let not conscience make you linger,  
nor of fitness fondly dream;  
all the fitness he requireth  
is to feel your need of him. **Refrain**

**The Great Thanksgiving, Musical Setting A**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's acts of salvation and concludes:*

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Elise Eslinger  
(after NICAEA)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Elise Eslinger

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

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*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:*

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Elise Eslinger

A - men, a - men a - men.

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**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.**

**Giving the Bread and Cup**

**Music During Communion** ..... It Is Well ..... Chancel Choir

† **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 for the postlude, then join us in Gifford Hall for refreshments and 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](http://crawfordmethodist.org/give). You can also text CrawfordUMC to 44-321.

**Coffee Hour:**

Next Sunday, March 8, families with last names beginning **H-LA** will be responsible for Coffee Hour.

**Our Staff**

Minister..... Rev. Anne Robertson  
Music Director ..... James Gutierrez  
Organist/Pianist..... Helena Veranian  
Custodian ..... Jose Deleon  
Nursery Manager..... Cindy Slack  
Treasurer ..... Doug Marmon  
Technical Production and Streaming Manager ..... Robert McAlpine  
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*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.*