

Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church

Third Sunday of Lent, March 8, 2026

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 Chancel Choir

† Call to Worship Psalm 121:1-8 Catherine Carr

I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come?

My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord will not let your foot be moved; the One who keeps you will not slumber.

The Lord who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

† Hymn Gather Us In 2236

1. Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name

2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

† A New Creed (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.

Scripture Lesson James 2:1-18 Catherine Carr

Sermon.....Faith and Works..... Rev. Anne Robertson
Anthem Chancel Choir

Passing the Peace

† 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**

Joys and Concerns..... Rev. Anne Robertson

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer..... Rev. Anne Robertson

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.

Prayer Response..... Kyrie..... 2275

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

Benediction Rev. Anne Robertson

Sung Benediction Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing..... 671

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.
Thanks we give and adoration for thy gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound;
ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.

Announcements

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:

Next Sunday, March 15, families with last names beginning **LE-RI** 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
 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.

2026 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, March 15.

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 _____

Please return this form to Stacey in the church office with your payment so that we may include your dedication in our Easter bulletin. Make checks payable to Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church (memo: "Easter flowers") and place in the Sunday offering plate or mail to:

Crawford Memorial UMC, attn. Easter Flowers
34 Dix Street, Winchester, MA 01890.