

Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church
Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 15, 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 O Lord Throughout These 40 Days, *Robert J. Powell* Chancel Choir

† Call to Worship Ephesians 5:8-14 Kimberly Burke

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light
for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.

Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them.

For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly,
but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,

for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

† Hymn On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand 724

1. On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

Refrain: I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land;
oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land.

2. O'er all those wide extended plains shines one eternal day;
there God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away. **Refrain**

3. No chilling winds or poisonous breath, can reach that healthful shore;
sickness and sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more. **Refrain**

4. When I shall reach that happy place, I'll be forever blest,
for I shall see my Father's face, and in his bosom rest. **Refrain**

† Morning Prayer (Adapted from Crosswalk.com) Read in Unison

**Ever-present God, there are days on this earth that we yearn for Jesus come, now. The
compassion and grace of Christ's presence in our lives runs headlong into days when the
world is . . . well, the world . And in that struggle, we pray for Jesus to come soon.**

In those days, help us to remember that this world, too, is the home, you crafted in love for us.

**Help us to serve and protect the earthly home you have given us, to be the good stewards of
your vineyard until the time your banquet is ready. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson Amos 5:18-24 Kimberly Burke

New Testament Lesson Revelation 20:11-15; 21:1-8

Sermon Weal or Woe? The Second Coming Rev. Anne Robertson

Anthem I Believe, *Mark Miller* Chancel Choir

Passing the Peace

† Hymn O Holy City, Seen of John 728

1. O holy city, seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, does reign,
within whose foursquare walls shall come no night, nor need, nor pain,
And where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep again.

2. Hark, how from men whose lives are held more cheap than merchandise,
from women struggling sore for bread, from little children's cries,
there swells the sobbing human plaint that bids thy walls arise.
3. O shame to us who rest content while lust and greed for gain
in street and shop and tenement wring gold from human pain,
and bitter lips in blind despair cry, "Christ has died in vain!"
4. Give us, O God, the strength to build the city that hath stood
too long a dream, whose laws are love, whose crown is servanthood,
and where the sun that shineth is God's grace for human good.
5. Already in the mind of God that city riseth fair:
lo, how its splendor challenges the souls that greatly dare;
yea, bids us seize the whole of life and build its glory there.

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 22, families with last names beginning **RO-Z** 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.

Easter Flower Orders are Due Today (Sunday, March 15)

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.