

**Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 22, 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** ..... When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, *arr. by Frances L. Callahan*..... Handbell Choir

† **Call to Worship** ..... Psalm 25:1-2; 4-5 ..... Catherine Carr

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust;**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation.**

† **Hymn**..... Be Thou My Vision ..... 451

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
3. Great God of heave, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**Morning Affirmation** ..... Psalm 23..... Read in Unison  
**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

† **Gospel Lesson**..... Matthew 16:13-26..... Catherine Carr

**Sermon**..... Who Do You Say That I Am? ..... Rev. Anne Robertson

**Anthem** ..... If I Take the Wings of Morning, by Marie Pooler ..... Chancel Choir

**Passing the Peace**

† **Hymn**..... Lord, Be Glorified ..... 2150

1. In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified  
In our lives, Lord, be glorified today
2. In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified  
In our homes, Lord, be glorified today
3. In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified  
In your church, Lord, be glorified today
4. In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified  
In your world, Lord, be glorified today

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. For thine is the kingdom (kin-dom), and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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, v. 1

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.

Announcements

Postlude..... Helena Veranian

*Please remain seated during the postlude, then join us in Gifford Hall for fellowship during Coffee Hour.*

**Help Us Prepare for Preparing the Way of the Lord, Thursday, March 26, 11am**

Before we can wave our palms on Palm Sunday, they need to be split from the buds they grow in. If you're available to help, please meet in Gifford Hall on Thursday, March 26 at 11am. As we learned last year, with 4 or 5 people the job doesn't take very long (30-40 min?).

**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 29 families with last names beginning **A-B** 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.*

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## **HOLY WEEK AT CRAWFORD**

### **Palm Sunday, March 29, 10am (9:15am for the parade)**

On Palm Sunday we'll again celebrate Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem with a New Orleans brass and percussion ensemble, starting with our annual parade around the neighborhood. (Gather between 9:00 and 9:15a.m. in front of the church to join us in the parade.) The musicians will stay for the service and join the choir in a selection from Handel's Messiah.

### **Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7pm**

During this somber service, we partake in Holy Communion as Jesus did with his disciples, and we remember Christ's betrayal, trial, and crucifixion through a series of scripture readings and hymns, while slowly extinguishing the light in our sanctuary. When we leave, in darkness, we do so with the hope for Christ's triumphant return on Easter morning.

### **Easter Day, April 5, 2 services**

#### **Sunrise Service at Sandy's Island, 6:30am**

Join us if you're able on Sandy's Island (behind the Winchester Public Library) where we will celebrate Christ's Resurrection with a service of Holy Communion and a few well-known hymns, followed by a light breakfast back at the church in Gifford Hall. **Volunteers needed... sign up via the link in Friday's Messenger.**

#### **At Crawford, 10am**

For Easter, a brass quartet will help us sound the Resurrection in collaboration with the Chancel Choir, including an open-sing of the Hallelujah Chorus! The service will be followed by either an egg hunt on the church lawn or Easter games and goodies in Gifford Hall, for all children in attendance. **Volunteers needed... please let Stacey know (781-729-5056 or office@crawfordumc.org) if you're willing and able to help.**