

Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

Childcare is available in our nursery downstairs, for children under the age of 5.

† *Please rise in body or spirit.*

Prelude Brass

Welcome Rev. Anne Robertson

Introit Just a Closer Walk With Thee, *traditional* Brass

Call to Worship Adapted from Psalm 118 Kimberly Burke

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

Let Israel say, "God's love endures forever!" and all who fear God say, "God's love endures forever!"

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

With the Lord on our side, what can we fear? What can mortals do?

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

We shall triumph over those who surround us and stand in confidence in the Lord, our God!

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

The Lord is our strength and our might. The Lord has become our salvation!

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

† **Opening Hymn**..... Hosanna, Loud Hosanna #278

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang,
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
2. From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.
3. "Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

† **Morning Prayer**..... from prayerist.com..... read in unison

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you:

we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's,

that our faith is often more show than substance,

that our hearts are in need of cleansing.

Have mercy on us, son of David, Savior of our lives.

Help us to lay at your feet

all that we have and all that we are, trusting you

to forgive what is sinful,

to heal what is broken,

to welcome our praises,

and to receive us as your own.

† Gospel Lesson:..... Matthew 21:1-11 Kimberly Burke
Sermon Two Processions Rev. Anne Robertson

† Hymn All Glory, Laud, and Honor #280

Refrain: All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One. *Refrain*
2. The company of angels are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. *Refrain*
3. The people of the Hebrews with psalms before thee went;
our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present. *Refrain*

Passing the Peace

Anthem..... This Little Light of Mine Brass

Joys and Concerns

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..... 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 And the Glory of the Lord, from Messiah, *G. F. Handel*..... Chancel Choir
and Brass

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

Thanks

Special thanks to our guests for the music they provided during this morning's parade and service.

Jay Souweine, Trumpet	Zack Grass, Tuba
Mark Stanaford, Clarinet/Tenor Sax	Andrew Collins, Trombone
Charlie Kalajian, Snare Drum/Aux	Gabby Tober Bass Drum/Aux

Thanks, too, to James, Helena, and our choir for their consistently beautiful, inspiring, and uplifting musical offerings.

Still Ahead: Holy Week at Crawford

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: 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.

Easter Day, April 5: 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.

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.

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.