

Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church

Third Sunday of Easter, April 19, 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

IntroitJesus Loves Me William B. Bradbury, arr. Doris Nelson..... Chancel Choir

† Call to WorshipPsalm 119:11-16.....Catherine Carr

I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.

With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.

I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

† Hymn..... At the Font We Start Our Journey 2114

- 1. At the font we start our journey, in the Easter faith baptized;
doubts and fears no longer blind us, by the light of Christ surprised.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Hope held out and realized.
- 2 At the pulpit we are fashioned by the Easter tale retold
into witnesses and prophets, by the power of Christ made bold.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Faith proclaimed, yet still untold.
- 3 At the altar we are nourished with the Easter gift of bread;
in our breaking it to pieces see the love of Christ out-spread.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Life embraced, yet freely shed.
- 4 At the door we are commissioned, now the Easter victory's won,
to restore a world divided to the peace of Christ as one.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter's work must still be done.

Morning Prayer Read in Unison

Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Deuteronomy 5:1-11 Catherine Carr

Sermon Pillars of Belief..... Rev. Anne Robertson

† Hymn..... In the Midst of New Dimensions 2238

- 1. In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?
Refrain: God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.
- 2. Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,
who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? **refrain**
- 3. As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,
grant that we, your global village might envision wider dreams. **refrain**

4. We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung. *refrain*
5. Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
may your blazing phoenix spirit, resurrect the church again. *refrain*

Anthem Handbell Choir

Passing the Peace

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..... Change My Heart, O God 2152

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
You are the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

Benediction Rev. Anne Robertson

† **Sung Benediction**..... Trees of the Field 2279 (2x)

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills; will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.

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.

Coffee Hour

Each week Coffee Hour is served by a team organized alphabetically by last name. Everyone is encouraged to join our Coffee Hour teams. Next week, 4/19, 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
Sexton/Custodian	Jose Deleon
Nursery Manager	Cindy Slack
Treasurer.....	Doug Marmon
Technical Production and Streaming Manager.....	Robert McAlpine
Church Administrator.....	Stacey Hilliard

Pastor Robertson 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.

Today is Native American Ministries Sunday

United Methodists are called to recognize and honor the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society and church. The United Methodist Church acknowledges a gap in understanding Native American life and culture, while affirming the sacredness of Indigenous peoples, their languages, their unique identities and their contributions to the church and the world.

Giving in The United Methodist Church is more than a financial act — it's a bold expression of faith. It fuels ministry across borders, languages, and cultures, and becomes a witness to God's expansive love. Our generosity supports Native American ministries and equips Native leaders — a powerful reminder that honoring one another strengthens the whole church. Together, we are united in impact.

Funds raised support these vital ministries through the Native American Ministries offering:

- Fifty percent of the funds collected on Native American Ministries Sunday stay within annual conferences to support Native American ministries. Each annual conference has a Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM) to develop these programs, advocate for ministry with Native Americans, and promote Native culture, history and traditions. CONAM also oversees the distribution of offerings, coordinates the promotion of Native American Ministries Sunday and monitors Native ministries in annual conferences.
- Twenty-five percent of donations fund scholarships for Native Americans pursuing ordained or licensed ministry at any approved theological school. These scholarships address the significant shortage of Native American pastors and trained professionals, supporting higher education recruitment, retention and development efforts.
- Twenty-five percent of donations collected are allocated to develop impactful programs. These funds enable the UMC to collaborate with established Native ministries to create new initiatives for Native American communities. Some of these efforts include mentoring programs, peer support systems, funding for economic development projects and the revitalization of traditional practices that cultivate new leaders.

Worldwide, we celebrate the voices and ministry of Native Americans together.

How to Give

Write a check to Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church and write "Native American Ministries Sunday offering" in the memo line. To give cash, use the special offering envelope included in today's bulletin.