

**Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church  
Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 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** ..... I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing (UMH 333).....Chancel Choir

† **Call to Worship** ..... Proverbs 4:5-10..... Catherine Carr

Get wisdom; get insight: do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.

**Do not forsake her, and she will keep you; love her, and she will guard you.**

The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever else you get, get insight.

**Prize her highly, and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her.**

She will place on your head a fair garland; she will bestow on you a beautiful crown.

**Hear, my child, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many.**

† **Hymn**..... O Spirit of the Living God..... 539

1. O Spirit of the living God,  
thou light and fire divine,  
descend upon thy church once more,  
and make it truly thine.  
Fill it with love and joy and power,  
with righteousness and peace;  
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,  
and sin and sorrow cease.

2. Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow  
until our minds are free  
from mists of error, clouds of doubt,  
which blind our eyes to thee.  
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips  
with flaming love and zeal,  
to preach to all thy great good news,  
God's glorious commonweal.

3. Teach us to utter living words  
of truth which all may hear,  
the language all may understand  
when love speaks loud and clear;  
till every age and race and clime  
shall blend their creeds in one,  
and earth shall form one family  
by whom thy will is done.

4. So shall we know the power of Christ  
who came this world to save;  
so shall we rise with him to life  
which soars beyond the grave;  
and earth shall win true holiness,  
which makes thy children whole;  
till, perfected by thee, we reach  
creation's glorious goal!

**Morning Prayer** “An Invitation to the Holy Spirit” Eric Milner-White Read in Unison

**O God, the Holy Spirit, come to us, and among us; come as the wind, and cleanse us,  
come as the fire and burn, come as the dew and refresh; convict, convert, and consecrate  
many hearts and lives to our great good and to thy greater glory; and this we ask for Jesus  
Christ's sake. Amen.**

† **Gospel Lesson** ..... John 20:19-23..... Catherine Carr

**Sermon** ..... I Believe in the Holy Spirit .....Rev. Anne Robertson

**Anthem**..... Love Has Broken Down the Wall, *Mark Miller*.....Chancel Choir

**Passing the Peace**

† Hymn..... Spirit of God .....2117

1. Spirit of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life begin,  
blow as you always do; create us anew.  
Give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing,  
held in your hands, born on your wings.  
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! (2 times)
2. Spirit of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace and love,  
healing upon your wings for all living things.  
For when we live your peace, captives will find release,  
held in your hands, born on your wings.  
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! (2 times)
3. Spirit of God, bright Hands, even in far off lands  
you hold all the human race in one warm embrace.  
No matter where we go, you hold us together so,  
held in your hands, born on your wings.  
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! (2 times)
4. Spirit of God, bright Flame, send us in your holy name,  
the power to heal, to share your love everywhere.  
We cannot fail or fall, or know defeat at all,  
held in your hands, born on your wings.  
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! (2 times)
5. Spirit of God, in all, we gladly hear your call,  
the life in our hands that sings, the power of your wings.  
Born of your grace we rise, love shining in our eyes,  
held in your hands, born on your wings.  
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come!

**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** ..... Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying.....2193

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace.

**Benediction** ..... Rev. Anne Robertson

† **Sung Benediction**.....May You Run and Not Be Weary .....2281

May you run and not be weary, may your heart be filled with song.  
And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong.  
And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with joy!  
And may the road you travel always lead you home.

**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](http://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, 5/31, families with last names beginning **LE-RI** will be responsible for Coffee Hour.

**Church Office Hours**

The church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 25, for the Memorial Day holiday..

**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.

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