

Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost, October 4 2026
Childcare is available in the nursery for children under the age of 5.
† Please rise in body or in spirit.

Gathering

Congregational Introit.....Rev. Jen Mihok

Come into God's presence singing alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

WelcomeRev. Jen Mihok

†**Hymn**..... "As the Deer"TFWS 2025

As the deer pants for the water, So my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield; To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship you.

Time for All God's ChildrenRev. Jen Mihok

Communion

From a Speech by Chief Seattle in 1854

This we know, the earth does not belong to us:
We belong to the earth.

This we know, all things are connected:
Like the blood that unites one family.

For we did not weave the web of life:
We are merely a strand of it.

Whatever we do to the web,
We do to ourselves.

The Great Thanksgiving

[...] **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. ...Amen.**

The 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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Music "The Lone, Wild Bird"TFWS 2052

Blessing of the Animals

Prayer

Blessed are you, living, loving God.
All creation praises you, yet you have given the earth into our hands.
You made the animals as our companions,
that in caring for them we might learn to live and care for all your creatures,
and find in them a sign of your grace.
As we fulfill this calling may we draw close to you,
the giver of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for our Animal Companions Who Have Died

Blessing of the Animals Present

God, we ask your blessing upon _____. By the power of your love, enable them to live according to your plan.

Blessing of the Animals at Home & Prayers for All God's Creatures

Going Forth

Gratitude Moment

†Prayer of Dedication

O Lord, thank you for animals, whose abundant affection, companionship, whimsy, and character are gifts to us all. Enlarge our respect for these your creatures. Bless these gifts we offer now, and give us a sense of responsibility and reverence towards all creation.
Amen.

Announcements

†Hymn "Let All Things Now Living" FWS, 2008

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
God's banners fly o'er us; God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished, and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.
2. The law God enforces, the stars in their courses,
and sun in its orbit, obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim the Divine.
We, too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

†Unison Benediction (Prayer of St. Francis)

Gracious God, make us instruments of
your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to
eternal life.
Amen.

Postlude Helena Veranian

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

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, 10/11, families/individuals with last names beginning **A-B** will be responsible for 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.

Our Staff

Minister.....	Rev. Jennifer Mihok
Music Director.....	James Gutierrez
Organist/Pianist.....	Helena Veranian
Sexton/Custodian.....	Jose Deleon
Nursery Manager.....	Cindy Slack
Treasurer.....	Doug Marmon
IT Director.....	Robert McAlpine
Church Administrator	Stacey Hilliard

The church office is open Monday through Thursday, from 9 to 3, and at other times by appointment. Voice mail (781-729-5056) & email (office@crawfordumc.org) are checked daily.

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