

Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost, September 6, 2026

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

† *Please rise in body or spirit.*

Prelude Sarah Lafontaine

Welcome Rev. Jen Mihok

Introit..... “Shall We Gather At the River” *arr. by Luigi Zaninelli*,.....Neil Cudmore

Call to Worship Steve Black-Schaffer

In the beginning, God created.

And God saw that it was good.

The light was called day and the dark was called night.

And God brought it into being.

God made the dome of the sky and separated the waters.

And God remarked again at its goodness.

The sun and moon and stars were set in the sky and their motion was begun

And God kept creating.

The creatures of the oceans and the plants and animals of the land were created

And God blessed them.

And then God called forth human life, in God’s own image.

And God took in all that God had created and saw that it was indeed very good.

Since we bear the image of God,

let us also live as God’s children, lives of love, justice, and peace.

† **Hymn**..... All Creatures of Our God and King62, v. 1-4

1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, O praise ye! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam!

Refrain

O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. O brother wind, air, clouds, and rain, by which all creatures ye sustain, O praise ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice! **Refrain**
3. O sister water, flowing clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother fire who lights the night, providing warmth, enhancing sight, **Refrain**
4. Dear mother earth, who day by day unfoldest blessings on our way, Alleluia! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, let them God's glory also show! **Refrain**

Time for All God’s Children Rev. Jen Mihok

Passing the Peace

† **Gospel Reading**John 1:1-5..... Steve Black-Schaffer

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

Sermon.....Creation as Revelation Rev. Jennifer Mihok

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*universal

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

The Creator is with you and all creation.

And also with you.

Open your hearts.

We open them to our Creator.

Let us give thanks to the Maker of Heaven and Earth.

It is right to join creation in thanking God.

...With past generations and future generations with all for whom Earth has been and will be our common home we say with deep gratitude and joy:

**Holy, holy, holy God of all life,
the land, the sea, the sky
are infused with your presence
and revere your name.**

...

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.

Giving the Bread and Cup

Music During Communion...Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ, *Fred Kaan*.....Neil Cudmore

Prayer After Receiving..... in unison

You, O God, looked at Creation and declared it good;

You, O God, looked at humanity and declared it good;

You, O God, feed us at this table, that our lives and loves may be good.

Send us out to serve the Common Good,

that justice will flow and Creation be made whole. Amen.

Hymn.....“God Says, ‘I Give My Earth to You’ Tune: “Gift of Love,” 408

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1. God says, “I give my earth to you; its future rests in what you do.”
But we, though born of God’s life-breath turn earth into the realm of death.
2. God says, “I give my law as trust. that you will choose what’s good and just.”
But we, who by God’s law are free, enslave ourselves to tyranny.
3. God says, “I give to you my Word: my Son, in whom my voice is heard.”
But we cry out with “Crucify!” demanding that God’s Son must die.
4. Christ says, “I rise again, and live, and my own death I now forgive.”
And we receive a choice to face: will we accept this gift of grace?

Announcements..... Rev. Jen Mihok

Benediction & Blessing Rev. Jen Mihok

Postlude Sarah Lafontaine

Centering Prayer (at welcome) written by Rev. Nicholas Perez

Call to Worship written by Laura Baumgartner

Great Thanksgiving adapted from the Methodist Church of New Zealand – Te Haabi Wetiaran O Autearoa. Prepared for the Season of Creation; 2024

Prayer After Receiving from the United Reformed Church

Coming Up at Crawford

September 13.....	Back to Church Sunday
October 4.....	Blessing of the Animals
October 8.....	Autumn Potluck (5pm)
October 25.....	The Spirituals Concert (2pm)
November 1.....	Church Conference at Wilmington UMC (1pm)
November 14	Holiday Faire (8:30-2)

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Options for Giving:

Friends & members are asked to prayerfully consider giving in support of Crawford's ministries & 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:

Next Sunday, September 13, worship moves back inside and we return to our alphabetical coffee hour schedule. Here are the assignments for the remainder of September:

Sept. 13 C-G

Sept. 20 H-LA

Sept. 27 LE-RI

If your name falls on a week that doesn't work for you, please try to switch with someone in another group. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Our Staff

Minister.....	Rev. Jennifer Mihok
Music Director.....	James Gutierrez
Organist/Pianist.....	Helena Veranian
Summer Pianist.....	Sarah Lafontaine
Custodian	Jose DeLeon
Nursery Manager.....	Cindy Slack
Treasurer.....	Doug Marmon
IT Director.....	Robert McAlpine
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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 (781-729-5056, office@crawfordumc.org).

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