

Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost, September 13, 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. Jennifer Mihok

Introit “Sing to the Lord” Chancel Choir

† **Call to Worship** Joyce Cummings

Creator God, you instill in us the need and desire for belonging and community.

Open our hearts to each other, O Creator.

Redeemer God, you have shown us how to practice agape love, to accept and include especially those we have marginalized.

Open our hearts to each other, O Redeemer.

Sustainer God, you surround us as we go about the hard work of living and working to ensure that everyone can flourish.

Open our hearts to you, O Sustainer.

† **Hymn** “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” *UMH 334, x2*

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt, we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

Time for All God's Children Rev. Jennifer Mihok

† **Passing the Peace** (with our nearest neighbors)

† **Sung Response** “I Come With Joy” *UMH 617, v. 1 & 3*

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me,
his life laid down for me.
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

Scripture Reading Acts 2:1-21 Joyce Cummings

Sermon The Vision of Beloved Community Rev. Jennifer Mihok

Anthem “How Sweet the Sound,” *Mark Hayes* Chancel Choir

Sharing our Prayers Rev. Jennifer Mihok

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Jennifer Mihok

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.

Gratitude Moment

† **Doxology** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” *UMH 94*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

† Prayer of Dedication

Holy Spirit, just as you filled the first believers with boldness and joy, we too are filled with gratitude for your blessings. All that we have comes from your hand. Receive these gifts as a sign of our gratitude. Bless them and bless us as we spread hope, bring people together and share your love in ways that speak to every heart. Amen!

Announcements

† **Hymn**..... “Oh Spirit of the Living God” *UMH 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!

† **Benediction & Blessing** Rev. Jennifer Mihok

Postlude Helena Veranian

*Please remain seated during the postlude, then proceed directly to Gifford Hall
for a blessing of the space and celebratory coffee hour.*

Coming Up at Crawford

September 27	Sunday School Showcase (during Coffee Hour)
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)

See upcoming issues of the Messenger for more information about these and other happenings at Crawford! Not receiving the Messenger? Contact the church office or subscribe here:

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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, 9/20, families/individuals with last names beginning **H-LA** will be responsible for Coffee Hour.

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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