

Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost, September 27 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 Pam Reeve

Lord, our God, you invite us to practice both justice and mercy.

Move us toward what can be.

“Justice at its best is power correcting everything that stands against love.” [MLK, Jr.]

Move us toward what needs to be.

Lord, our God, you teach us that we embrace you as we embrace “the least of these.”

Move us toward what must be.

† Hymn..... “Cuando el Pobre” (“When the Poor Ones”)..... UMH 434

1. When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers
when the thirsty water give until us all,
when the crippled in their weakness strengthen others,

Refrain:

then we know that God still goes that road with us
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2. When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,
when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,
when we love though hate at times seems all around us, **refrain**

3. When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,
when our lips can speak no words other than true,
when we know that love for simple things is better, **refrain**

4. When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,
when we learn how to make peace instead of war,
when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor, **refrain**

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.

† Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-46..... Pam Reeve

Sermon The Mission of Beloved Community Rev. Jennifer Mihok

Anthem..... “Sing A New Church” 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. For thine is the kingdom (kin-dom), and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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**

Gracious and loving God, you tell us that when we care for those who are hungry, lonely or hurting, we are caring for you. As you bless us, help us to be a blessing to others. Receive these gifts, multiply them and use them to bring welcome and hope to our neighbors. May what we give today become love in action. Amen!.

Announcements

† **Hymn**..... "Sent Out in Jesus Name" FWS 2184

Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
to make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes.
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The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.
The task is ours to do, to set it really free.
O Help us to obey and carry out your will.

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

Postlude Helena Veranian

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

This worship series uses materials created by United Methodists of
Eastern Pennsylvania and Greater New Jersey (Breakthrough Worship Series).

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, 10/4, families/individuals with last names beginning **RO-Z** will be responsible for Coffee Hour.

Please join us in Gifford Hall after worship for Coffee Hour AND for an update on our Children's Sunday School that has been taking place for a month. We will have copies of the Mini Revolutions curriculum for review. And you won't want to miss our short video of the students in class as well as them giving a tour of our updated classroom.

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.

Rev. Jen Mihok can be reached at pastor@crawfordumc.org.

Coming Up at Crawford

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

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