Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church
Reformation Sunday, October 25, 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 ..... "Over My Head" ..... Chancel Choir

† Call to Worship ..... Catherine Carr

Friends, we know what God desires of us:
That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

We gather this morning to remind each other about that,
To remember that now is always the right time to do these things.

Even when distractions abound and destruction seems inevitable,
God calls to us as our refuge and strength.

So with hope, let us open our hearts to God.

† Hymn ..... Come and Find the Quiet Center ..... TFWS 2128

1. Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
   find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
   Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
   all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.
2. Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
   God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,
   making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
   raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.
3. In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
   let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
   there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
   in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!

Time for All God's Children ..... Rev. Jennifer Mihok

† Passing the Peace (with our nearest neighbors)

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Introduction .... Rev. Jennifer Mihok

Scripture Reading ..... Excerpts from Esther 2-10 ..... Catherine Carr & Jennifer Mihok

Response ..... "Nothing Can Trouble" ..... TFWS 2054

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. Those who seek God shall never go wanting
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. God alone fills us.

Sermon ..... For Such a Time: Esther, Mordecai and What Is and Isn't Said ..... Rev. Jennifer Mihok

Anthem ..... "A Place at the Table" ..... 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

Loving God, you call us not only to believe the gospel, but to live it. You test our hearts with daily invitations to serve, to love, and to speak out. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our willingness to embody the good news of Christ. Use what we offer to build a community where faith is lived with courage. Amen.

Announcements

† Hymn ..... "God of Grace and God of Glory" ..... *UMH* 577

1. God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
   crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.
   Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways.
   Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
   Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days.
3. Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
   shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
   Grant us wisdom, grant us courage lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
   let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
   Grant us wisdom, grant us courage serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

† 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.

Our call to worship is adapted from a call to worship (#74) written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What Is Good." Used with permission. This week's Prayer of Dedication is adapted from Discipleship Ministries.

All Saints Day

November 1 is All Saints Day. Next Sunday we will include in our worship time to give thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith. We will read the names of those faithful Crawford members who have died in the past year, as well as the names of your loved ones who have passed away since Nov. 1, 2025. To submit a name or names, follow the link in the Messenger, or email the church office at **office@crawfordumc.org.**

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
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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

TODAY ..... The Spirituals Concert (2pm)
November 1 ..... Church Conference at Wilmington UMC (1pm)
November 14 ..... Holiday Faire (8:30-2)
November 22 ..... Consecration (Stewardship) Sunday
November 29 ..... First Sunday in Advent

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: crawfordmethodist.org/subscribe

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