Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, November 15, 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 ..... "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," arr. Joel Raney ..... Handbell Choir and Helena Veranian
† Call to Worship ..... Stephen Black-Schaffer

God has created us with purpose.
We are God's handiwork.

God's grace is at work within us.
Shaping us into the likeness of Christ.

God calls us to lives of justice, mercy, and humility.
We come to worship and be transformed.

† Hymn ..... "Be Thou My Vision" ..... UMH 451

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

3. Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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

† Passing the Peace (with our nearest neighbors)

† Sung Response ..... "Let There be Peace on Earth" ..... UMH 431

1. 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.

2. 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.

Scripture Reading ..... Micah 6:6–8, Ephesians 2:8–10 ..... Stephen Black-Schaffer
Sermon ..... "Connected to Our Truest Selves: Created on Purpose" ... Rev. Jennifer Mihok

Anthem.....“Things That Never Die,”.....Chancel Choir

words by Charles Dickens, music by Lee Dengler

The pure, the bright, the beautiful
That stirred our hearts in youth,
The impulses to wordless prayer,
The streams of love and truth,
The longing after something lost,
The spirit's yearning cry.
The striving after better hopes;
These things can never die.

The timid hand stretched forth to aid
A sister in her need,
A kindly word in grief's dark hour
That proves a friend indeed;
The plea for mercy softly breathed,
When justice threatens high.
The sorrow of a contrite heart;
These things shall never die.

Let nothing pass, for every hand
Must find some work to do,
Lose not a chance to waken love;
Be firm and just and true.
So shall a light that cannot fade
Beam on thee from on high,
And angel voices say to thee,
These things can never die.

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.

Stewardship Testimony .....Adjoa Acquaah-Harrison

† 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

Transforming God, receive these gifts and use them for your purposes. Continue your work of grace within us so that our giving, serving, and living may reflect the love of Christ. Shape us into faithful disciples and use these offerings to bring hope and healing to the world. Amen.

Announcements

† Hymn ..... "Here I Am, Lord" ..... UMH 593

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
   All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.
   I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
   Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
   I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
   I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
   I will speak my word to them, Whom shall I send? ***Refrain***

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
   I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
   Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.
   I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? ***Refrain***

† 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.

Call to worship and prayer of dedication from "Connected" a Breakthrough Worship Series by United Methodists of Eastern Pennsylvania & Greater New Jersey.

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

November 22 ..... Thanksgiving & Consecration (Stewardship) Sunday

November 28, 10:00am – 12:00pm .....Hanging of the Greens

Join us on Saturday, November 28, at 10:00am as we prepare to welcome the Advent Season with the Hanging of the Greens. Help us prepare the sanctuary and beyond for this Advent and Christmas season.

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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2026 Poinsettia Order/Dedication Form



If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia to be placed in the chancel for Christmas, please fill out the form below and give it to Stacey, place it in the offering plate, or email it to Stacey in the church office (office@crawfordumc.org).

Plants are $14.00 each; please make checks payable to Crawford UMC. Orders must be received by **Sunday, November 29.** Questions? Contact Stacey by calling 781-729-5056, or by email (office@crawfordumc.org). You may pick up your plants after the Christmas Eve services or donate them to our visitation team who will bring them to friends of Crawford who were unable to attend either service.

Please write clearly so your dedication is accurate – thank you.
I/We would like to order/dedicate _____ plant(s).
(how many?)

Name or names of giver(s): _____

Given in memory of: _____

Given in celebration of: _____

Plants will be red poinsettias, in 6" pots, and are being ordered from Mahoney's Garden Center. If you have any questions, please contact Stacey.