

**Crawford Methodist Church**  
18 February 2026    Worship 6:30 p.m.  
Ash Wednesday

CALL TO WORSHIP

**P: We come, aware of our sin, of all the ways we miss the mark.**

L: God welcomes you with compassion.

**P: We come, longing for restoration, to be made new.**

L: God surrounds you with grace and forgiveness, reconciling you to God and one another.

**P: We come, thirsting for reconciliation, to draw close to God and one another.**

L: God embraces you with love, reuniting us with God and one another.

**ALL: Sustain in us, O God, a willing spirit to return to the joy of our salvation as we journey together through the season of Lent.**

OPENING PRAYER

O God,  
Maker of every thing and judge of all that you have made, from the dust of the earth you have formed us and from the dust of death you would raise us up. By the redemptive power of the cross, create in us clean hearts and put within us a new spirit, that we may repent of our sins and lead lives worthy of your calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\*Hymn                    "Take Time to Be Holy"                    **UMH 395 v. 1, 2, 4**

Scripture:    Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17 **OT 846-847** & Matthew 6:20    **NT 6**  
Rev. Kent Berry

Response to God's Word:

L: The Word of God, for the people of God.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Title:            "Meditation: Not for Sale"            Rev. Kent Berry

REFLECTION

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, so that we may remember that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

\*Hymn                    "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"                    **UMH 402 v. 1, 2, 4**

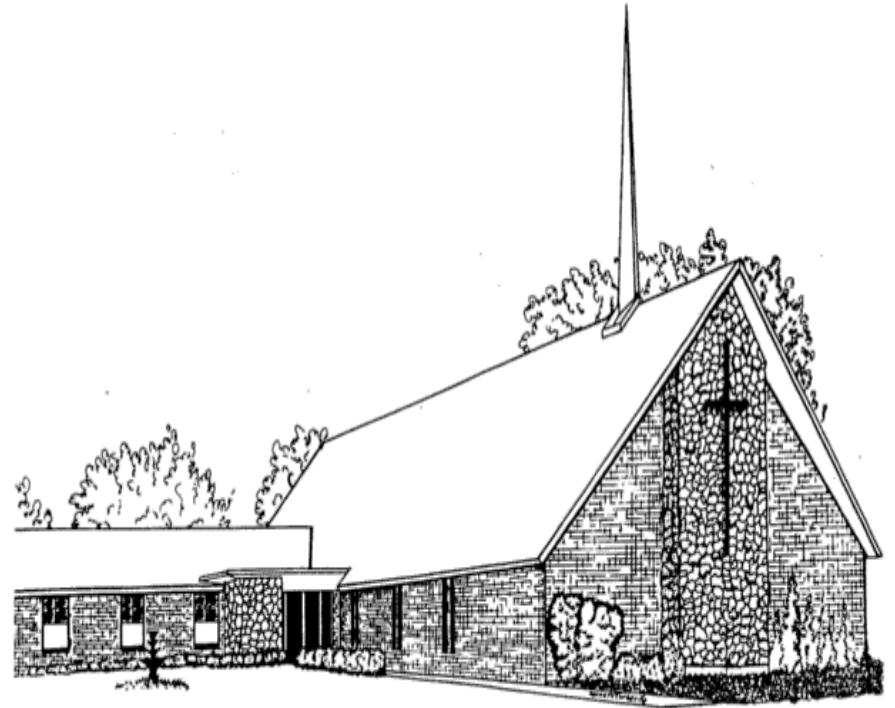
\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*Stand if comfortable.

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