

**Crawford Methodist Church**  
22 February 2026 Worship 10:30 a.m.  
First Sunday in Lent

**PREPARATION**

Gathering Hymn: "O How I Love Jesus" UMH 170 v. 1, 2  
**There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; it sounds like music in my ear the sweetest name on earth. (Chorus) O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me.**  
**It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free; it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea. (Chorus)**

Bringing in the Light of the World, Jesus Christ  
Words of Welcome & Announcements Janette Baldwin

**\*Call to Worship:**

L: Today, we follow Jesus into a wilderness full of isolation, fatigue, hunger, thirst, and temptation.

**P: We follow, trusting in God's mercy.**

L: We witness Jesus resist the siren calls of sensationalism, notoriety, and misuse of power for selfish gain.

**P: We recognize God's mercy at work in the face of temptation.**

L: We notice the angels who tend Jesus, messengers of care in a harsh and lonely place.

**P: We pay attention to God's merciful presence that did not abandon Jesus and does not abandon us now.**

L: We come to the wilderness together, clinging to the truth that we are not alone—God is with us.

**P: We gather to worship God, whose unfailing mercy journeys with us into the wildernesses of our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Hymn of Preparation: "Love Lifted Me" see insert

**PRAISE AND ADORATION**

\*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed UMH 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; The third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Glory Be to the Father UMH 70

Special Music Trevor Hickok

Psalter Reading: Psalm 32 UMH 766 Austin Baldwin

**PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER**

Sunday School Verse: **"We love because God loved us first."** (1 John 4:19)

Children's Sermon Suzie Devorsky

Hymn of Adoration: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" see insert

**DEDICATION**

Offertory Prayer Janette Baldwin  
Offertory Music Karen Crockett  
\*The Doxology UMH 95

**PROCLAMATION**

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11 NT 3 Rev. Kent Berry

Response to God's Word:

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "Following Jesus by Going Through Hell" Rev. Kent Berry

**RESPONSE**

\*Hymn of Invitation: "Victory in Jesus" UMH 370 v 1, 3

\*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

\*Benediction

\*Stand if comfortable

**Prayer List**

Mike Patterson  
Carter Edenfield  
Zoey's friend, Josh  
Family of Walker Lee Coia  
Ricky (Glenda's cousin)  
KK Villa

Van Maussier  
Travis Fass  
Loretta Willis  
Kaleb (Cookie's grandson)  
Darlene Grigsby (John's aunt)

### **Regular Weekly/Monthly Activities**

Sunday School for all – 9:30 Sunday mornings  
Coffee Plus – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 9:30 a.m.  
Faith First Exercise – Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.  
Men of Faith – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.  
Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 10 a.m.

### **Announcements**

**Today** Trevor Hickok will perform a music special. We will also have potluck and our birthday celebrations.

**Confirmation** – We will have confirmation class today at 3 p.m.

**Feb. 24** – Newsletter articles are due Tuesday at noon.

<b><u>Offering Totals</u></b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Financial Goal</b>	<b>Offering Report</b>
2/1	\$2,930.48	\$2,980.00
2/8	\$2,930.48	\$2,000.00
2/15	\$3,364.13	\$1,415.00

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