

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 – 2nd Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Faith First Exercise – Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.
Men of Faith – 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.
Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry – 2nd and 4th 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.

Offering Totals

<u>Date</u>	<u>Financial Goal</u>	<u>Offering Report</u>
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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