

Crawford Methodist Church
8 February 2026 Worship 10:30 a.m.
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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 Jim Ditto

*Call to Worship:
L: People of God, why are you here?
P: We gather to worship with our hearts and our lives.
L: People of God, who do you worship?
P: We worship God, who loves us and teaches us to love.
L: People of God, how do you worship?
P: We worship God by breaking the bonds of injustice and freeing the oppressed.
L: People of God, come, let us worship God, whose glory surrounds us!
P: May our worship demonstrate God's glory in our neighborhood, community, and the whole earth.

*Hymn of Preparation: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" **UMH 57 v. 1, 2, 3, 4**

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**

Psalter Reading: Psalm 112:1-10 **UMH 833** Zoey Pomykal

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

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

Children's Sermon Glenda Smith

Hymn of Adoration: "Here I Am, Lord" **UMH 593 all**

DEDICATION

Offertory Prayer Jim Ditto
Offertory Music Karen Crockett
*The Doxology **UMH 95**

PROCLAMATION

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16 **NT 4** Rev. Kent Berry
Response to God's Word:
L: The Word of God, for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.
Sermon: "Get Up and Carry Your Cross" Rev. Kent Berry

RESPONSE

*Hymn of Invitation: "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know" **UMH 163 v. 1, 4**
*Taking the Light of Christ into the World
*Benediction
 *Stand if comfortable

Prayer List

Ricky (Glenda's cousin)
KK Villa
Van Maussier
Travis Fass
Loretta Willis
Kaleb (Cookie's grandson)
Darlene Grigsby (John's aunt)
Little Holy Tent Celebration
Zach, Katie, and Walker Coia

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

Souper Bowl Sunday Soup Drive – The Crawford food pantry is in need of soups and chili. Let's stock up the food pantry for Super Bowl Sunday!!!!

Valentine's Brunch – We will have our annual Valentine's Brunch on next Sunday at 9:30 am. Please sign-up to bring something.

Ash Wednesday service will be February 18 at 6:30 p.m.

<u>Offering Totals</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Financial Goal</u>	<u>Offering Report</u>
1/4	\$2,930.48	\$2,154.00
1/11	\$2,930.48	\$1,833.00
1/18	\$2,930.48	\$1,136.00
1/25	\$2,930.48	church cancelled
2/1	\$2,930.48	\$2,980.00

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Pianist: Vicki Berry

Senior Bells Director: Marda Raley