

**Crawford Methodist Church**  
24 May 2026 Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Pentecost

**PREPARATION**

Gathering Hymn: "Standing on the Promises" **UMH 374 v. 1, 4**

Music led by Bethany Jordan with Mary Ellen Cribbs on piano

**Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages  
let his praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
standing on the promises of God.**

(Refrain) **Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my  
Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

Bringing in the Light of the World, Jesus Christ

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Janette Baldwin

\*Call to Worship:

L: Beloved, the Spirit of Truth gathers us here to receive and discern  
God's good news working among us.

**P: Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

L: The Spirit of Love draws us together to receive and restore life-giving  
relationships with God and one another.

**P: Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

L: The Spirit of Freedom knits us together to receive and renew the  
bonds of empathy, justice, and peace that bind us together in the work  
for liberation and wholeness.

**P: Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

L: Beloved, the Holy Spirit is here, moving and working among us. Will  
you come and receive all the Spirit has to give?

**P: We come to receive the Spirit's abundant and gracious gifts that  
we may be a people who live out God's truth, love, and freedom in  
our neighborhood, community, and throughout all creation. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Preparation "Spirit of Faith, Come Down" **UMH 332 v. 1, 2, 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:

Psalms 104:24-35 **UMH 826**

Glenda Smith

**PRAYER**

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Sunday School Verse: **"Christ gives me the strength to face  
anything." (Philippians 4:13)**

Children's Sermon

Glenda Smith

Hymn of Adoration

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

**UMH 540 v. 1, 2**

**DEDICATION**

Offertory Prayer

Janette Baldwin

Offertory Music

\*The Doxology

**UMH 95**

**PROCLAMATION**

Scripture

John 20:19-23

Rev. Kent Berry

Response to God's Word:

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon:

"Don't Be Ridiculous"

Rev. Kent Berry

**RESPONSE**

\*Hymn of Invitation "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" **UMH 717 v. 1, 5**

\*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

\*Benediction

\*Stand if comfortable

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**Prayer List**

Dorothy Donaldson

Glenda's niece, Kaci

Family of Clinton DeChaume

## **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.**

**May 25** – Articles for the June Newsletter are due Tuesday at noon.

**May 27** – The Finance and Administrative Board meeting has been moved to Wednesday, May 27 at 6:00 p.m.

## **Offering Totals**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Financial Goal</u>	<u>Offering Report</u>
4/26	\$3,364.13	\$2,912.00
5/3	\$3,364.13	\$4,223.00
5/10	\$3,364.13	\$3,077.00
5/17	\$3,364.13	\$2,083.00

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