

Crawford Methodist Church
23 August 2026Worship 10:30 a.m.
13th Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARATION

Gathering Hymn: "To God Be the Glory" **UMH 98**
To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

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

*Call to Worship:

L: In a world where powerful people make decisions to lift themselves up and cast others aside, how does God teach us to use our power?

P: God teaches us to protect the vulnerable, resist the oppressors, and persist in doing good.

L: In a world where power means might, how does God show us what power means?

P: God shows us through the midwives' daring, Peter's truth-telling, and Jesus' humility.

L: In a world where power is held over people's heads, how does God exercise power?

P: God exercises power with—with the oppressed, with the outcasts, with the poor and downtrodden.

L: Beloved, we gather to recognize our world as it is and to grow as disciples and imitators of Christ. So, how will you use your power today?

P: We will side with the vulnerable, build community in the margins, and love all of our neighbors with the exuberant and all-encompassing love of Christ. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
UMH 400 all

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

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 124 **UMH 846** Steve Walpole

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Adoration: "Sanctuary" **Blue Hymnal 655 1 time**

DEDICATION

Offertory Prayer Janette Baldwin

Offertory Music

*The Doxology **UMH 95**

Music Special: "Firm Foundation (He Won't)" Bethany Jordan

PROCLAMATION

Scripture Matthew 16:13-20 Rev. Kent Berry

Response to God's Word:

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

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Not a General Contractor" Rev. Kent Berry

RESPONSE

*Hymn of Invitation: "Are You Washed in the Blood"
Blue Hymnal 330 v. 1, 2, 4

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*Benediction

*Stand if comfortable

Prayer List

Cherish Fanning – cancer

Dorothy Donaldson

Debbie Kalal

Millie Ward's friend

Family of Alberto Lopez

Lucynda Garcia - cancer
Gene Clements
Kelsey Jones
Booger DeChaume
Brittany Bolin
Joyce Holmes

Regular Weekly/Monthly Activities

Sunday School for all – 9:30 Sunday mornings
Faith First Exercise – Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.
Men of Faith – 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 11:30 at The Crawford Cone
Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry – 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Announcements

Volunteers – We need volunteers to learn how to operate the livestream and the TV in the Sanctuary. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway.

Prayer Requests – Please update the prayer list in the hallway.

Offering Totals

<u>Date</u>	<u>Financial Goal</u>	<u>Offering Report</u>
8/2	\$3,364.13	\$2,055.00
8/2	Joy Jar	\$230.73
8/9	\$3,364.13	\$1,320.00
8/16	\$3,364.13	\$1,520.00

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