

Crawford Methodist Church
25 October 2026 Worship 10:30 a.m.
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude "All Hail the Power of Jesus"

PREPARATION

Gathering Hymn: "Shall We Gather at the River" **UMH 723**
Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

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

*Call to Worship:

L: We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
P: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
L: When we feel tested by hard decisions, calls to advocate against injustice, competing narratives, and worrying misinformation, we remember:

P: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
L: When we struggle with damaged trust and the need to repair our relationships with God and one another, when we are called to go against the social current to build communities of mercy and justice, we remember:

P: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
L: Come, let us worship God whose grace surrounds us when we feel tested and tried, empowering us to remain faithful disciples of Jesus Christ when we face chaos, division, injustice, and hardship.

P: We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the Body of Christ in a broken and hurting world. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" **see insert**

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 90:1-6, 13-17 **UMH 809-810** Lori Galt

Joy Jar

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Adoration: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" **UMH 526 all**

DEDICATION

Offertory Prayer Janette Baldwin
Offertory Music "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
*The Doxology **UMH 95**

Special Music

PROCLAMATION

Scripture 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Rev. Kent Berry

Response to God's Word:

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

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Testing" Rev. Kent Berry

RESPONSE

*Hymn of Invitation: "He Lives" **UMH 310 all**

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*Benediction

Postlude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
*Stand if comfortable

Prayer List

Dewayne Mooneyham
Anna Atkins – cancer
Kelly Majors (Kaye's niece)
Rikki Minnix
Katherine Williams (Lori's sister)

George Black
Jeff Berry – cancer
Jamie Burnett
Jillian Sutherland

Please see the newsletter for long-term prayer requests

Regular Weekly/Monthly Activities

Sunday School for all – 9:30 1st and 3rd 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

Central Texas Food Bank – 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Announcements

Poinsettias – There is a sign-up sheet to purchase poinsettias in the hallway. Please pay when you sign up. The cost is \$13.00.

Crawford Food Pantry – The food pantry is gathering items for the Thanksgiving meals. They need stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin, and canned yams. They have plenty of green beans. Monetary donations would also be accepted. They are currently helping 9 families.

Offering Totals

<u>Date</u>	<u>Financial Goal</u>	<u>Offering Report</u>
10/4	\$3,364.13	\$2,621.00
10/11	\$3,364.13	\$2,275.00
10/18	\$3,364.13	Lord's Acre

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