

MUSIC FROM THE CHOIR "I Have Loved You" by J. Paul Williams & Lloyd Larson

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:1-16
Matthew 7:21-23

MORNING MESSAGE The Message of Jesus: Rev. Melissa Rusler
"The World's Most Important Sermon"

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (In Unison)

**We believe Jesus Christ brought God's Kingdom near,
calling all people to repent and believe the good news.
We believe his death on the cross
exposes both the reality of human sin
and the depths of God's selfless, sacrificial love.
We believe his resurrection
is God's ultimate victory over sin, hate, evil, and death.
We believe that through the Holy Spirit,
Jesus still calls us and all to repent and believe the gospel,
yielding our hearts to God alone,
embodying in our lives
the justice, mercy, and love of God's rule.**

OFFERING OF OURSELVES TO GOD

Invitation

Gift of Music "The Lark in the Clear Air" by Sir Samuel Ferguson, arr. by Bryce Russell

*Singing Our Praise "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (In Unison)

**Generous God, you give us all we need. You ask only for faithful living in re-
turn. We bring these gifts to you today, that they may support your work of jus-
tice. Through our offering, we commit ourselves to do justice, embrace faithful
love, and walk humbly with you. Amen.**

*SONG OF DEDICATION "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" TFWS 2146

*BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC "The Parting Glass" arr. by Bryce Russell Bryce Russell

TFWS = The Faith We Sing Song Book

= The United Methodist Hymnal



Murrieta United Methodist Church

Our Vision: To build a community where ALL are welcome to grow in faith in Jesus through study, worship, prayer, and an invitation to serve God, our neighbor, and beyond.

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Office Hours: Monday– Thursday
9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Worship 10:00 AM
Sanctuary

Sunday School Pre K-5th Grade 10:15 AM

Fellowship Hall

Sunday School Youth 10:15 AM
Youth Room

Sunday Study and Discussion Group 11:15 AM
Fellowship Hall

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Melissa Rusler —Senior Pastor

Rev. Tom Rothhaar—Visitation Pastor

Bryce Russell— Accompanist

Parker Russell—Tech Team Leader

Liz Sabicer—Worship Leader

Sandy Selby—Office Administrator

Andrea Stetson—Nursery Coordinator

Joe Wilson—Custodian

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Susan Carmichael—Liturgist

Tom Hanlon, Tom Johnson, Mike Knowles,
& Eric Rusler—Tech Team

Tresha Shaw and Cheryl Vogelgesang—
Greeters

Donna McCullough, Carol Wynn-Sandy—
Ushers

Scott Woodbury—Praise Music

Wes Scott—Choir Director

RESPONSE CARD

Please print & place in the offering plate.
Thank you.

Today's Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss

Name_____

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dren_____

Email_____

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Address_____

City/ZIP_____ Phone_____

___ First Time Attendee

___ Member(s) of MUMC

___ Regular attender(s) not

members

___ Guest of _____

___ I'd like to be on your mailing list

___ I'd like more information on

becoming a member

Next Week at MUMC:

Rev. Melissa Rusler

The Message of Jesus:
"Jesus Spoke to them in
Parables"

Matthew 25:31-40 (41-46)
Luke 10:29-37
Luke 15:11-32

10:00 AM
March 23, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent

Prayer requests/Comments:

Confidential

CALIFORNIA FIRE RELIEF

We continue to support our communities as they begin the long road to relief and recovery.

Financial Donations—Use the QR code below or mail your checks marked "Los Angeles Fires Recovery Fund" directly to the conference at:
California– Pacific Conference
Jennifer Gaylord
PO Box 6006
Pasadena CA 91102



FREE TAX PREPARATION FROM AARP VOLUNTEERS
Hosted in our Fellowship Hall every Tuesday from
9:00 AM to 1:30 PM, February 4th - April 15th.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Join us in studying The Message of Jesus: Words That Changed the World by Adam Hamilton.

Sunday evenings 6:30 PM via Zoom with Pastor Tom & Laura Rothhaar

Wednesday Mornings 10:30 AM in Person with Pastor Melissa

MISSIONS MEETING The Missions team will meet on Thursday morning, March 20th at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

BLOOD DRIVE MARCH 30TH

Please visit the Welcome Center and sign up to donate blood on Sunday, March 30th, between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM. The service will be broadcast in the Fellowship Hall.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Join us at **Applebee's on Saturday, April 5th, between 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM** for a breakfast to benefit the fire victims. Tickets are \$15 each and will be available at the Welcome Center.



Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025

(An "*" indicates when to stand in body or in Spirit.)

OPENING MUSIC "Brother James' Air" by James Leith Macbeth Bain, arr. by Joseph M.

"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven" ~ Matthew 5:16 (NRSV)

WELCOME & INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*SINGING OUR PRAISE "Mighty to Save" CCLI #4591782 Ken Hedrick
"Be Thou My Vision" #451 (verses 1-3)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (One voice, **All voices**) Susan Carmichael
Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.
Happy are those who keep God's decrees, who seek God with their whole heart.

Make us understand the way of your precepts, O God, and we will meditate on your wondrous works.
Put false ways far from us, O God, and graciously teach us your law.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

*SONG OF PRAISE "My Hope Is Built" #368

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns
Silent Prayer ~ Pastoral Prayer ~ Lord's Prayer