

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Holy God, we confess we have failed to live as your holy people. We have cared for ourselves at others' expense. We have not answered your calls for justice and peace. We have harmed the creation you entrusted to our care, and have ignored your image in our neighbors. In your mercy, forgive us. By your Holy Spirit, empower us to live as loyal subjects of your realm, and as more faithful followers of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance (based on Colossians 1:13-14)

God has saved us from the power of darkness, bringing us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Believe the Good News: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer ~ Pastoral Prayer ~ The Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

MUSIC FROM THE CHOIR "There Is a Fountain" by Mary McDonald

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:31-33
Mark 1:14-15

MORNING MESSAGE The Message of Jesus: Rev. Melissa Rusler
"The Kingdom of God Has Come Near"

OFFERING OF OURSELVES TO GOD

Invitation

Gift of Music "No, Not Despairingly" by Ann B. Spratt, arr. by Anna Laura Page

*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)

God your reign is marked by justice and compassion. Help each of us to be faithful stewards of all that we have been given. Take the gifts we bring, bless and multiply them that you may reign in our hearts as well as the hearts of others, so that we may accomplish your work here on earth. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*SONG OF DEDICATION "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" #126

*BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. by Mark Patterson

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 Jeffries—Liturgist
Tom Hanlon, Tom Johnson, Mike Knowles,
& Eric Rusler—Tech Team
Ken & Marsha Ellingboe—Greeters
Candace Saxman, 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 _____

Children _____

Email _____

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:
"The World's Most
Important Sermon"

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

10:00 AM
March 16, 2025

Second 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 beginning March 9th.

Wednesday Mornings 10:30 AM in Person with Pastor Melissa beginning March 5th.

SONRISERS will meet **Saturday, March 15th, at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall** and would love to have any women that are interested join us.

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.



First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025

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

OPENING MUSIC "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" by John Darwall, arr. by Mark Patterson Bryce Russell

"Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!" ~ Mark 1:15 (CEB)

WELCOME & INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*SINGING OUR PRAISE "Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)" CCLI #7019974 Liz Sabicer
"Here I am to Worship" CCLI #3266032 & Scott Woodbury

*CALL TO WORSHIP (One voice, **All voices**) Susan Jeffries
Come and sing to the Lord! Make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Come into God's presence with thanksgiving! Make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
We worship and bow down; we kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
The Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

*SONG OF PRAISE "Come, Thou Almighty King" #61