

Easter Sunday Celebration

April 20, 2025

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

OPENING MUSIC "Crown Him with Many Crowns" by Gorge J. Elvey, arr. by Anna Laura Page

"Resurrection means that the worst thing is never the last thing."
~ Fredrick Buechner

*SINGING OUR PRAISE "Raise a Hallelujah" CCLI #7119315 Liz Sabicer &
"At The Cross (Love Ran Red)" CCLI #7017786 Scott Woodbury

WELCOME & INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP (One Voice, **All Voices**) Susan Jeffries

Why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?

We don't know where to find Jesus.

The days have been dark. The news has been sad.

We don't know what to do with our grief.

The cross has claimed his life. The tomb has shrouded our hope.

We don't know where to turn for comfort.

Who has stolen him from us? Why are we alone at the tomb?

We don't know where to look for answers.

Tears and sorrow blind us in our grief. We don't know where to find Jesus.

We will hold onto one another and draw strength from our community of faith.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

*SONG OF GOD'S GLORY "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" #302
(Verses 1, 2, 3 &4)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 24:1-12

John 14: 1-4

MUSIC BY THE CHOIR "Easter Alleluia" by Jay Althouse Choir

MORNING MESSAGE The Message of Jesus Rev. Melissa Rusler
"The Resurrection and the Life"

TFWS = The Faith We Sing Song Book

= The United Methodist Hymnal

OFFERING OF OURSELVES

GIFT OF MUSIC "Lord of the Dance" adapted by Sydney Carter, arr. by Joel Raney

*SINGING OUR PRAISE "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" #94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*OFFERING PRAYER (In Unison)

**With gratitude and joy, O God, we bring forth our offering to bless the communi-
ties of this world. Touch these gifts with the power of your Holy Spirit, that they
may bring new life into a world ready to embrace the spring. Amen.**

*SONG OF DEDICATION "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" #304

*BLESSING

*CLOSING MUSIC "Lift High the Cross" by Sydney H. Nicholson, arr. by Larry Shackley

Happy Easter!

Please join us for coffee and conversation following worship!

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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

Joe Wilson—Custodian

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Susan Jeffries—Liturgist

Tom Hanlon, Tom Johnson, Mike Knowles, &

Eric Rusler—Tech Team

Bob & Cindy Granzow—Greeters

Guy & Pat Jenkins, & Candace Saxman—

Ushers

Scott Woodbury—Praise Music

Wes Scott—Choir Director

Andrea Stetson—Nursery

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



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

EASTER EGG HUNT IMMEDIATELY AFTER SERVICE!!

Kids of all ages are invited to join us in the courtyard after service for an Easter egg hunt!

SPRING LEARNING & GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES AT MURRIETA UMC

Intro to Murrieta UMC/New Member Class
4 weeks starting May 4th 11:45AM-1:00PM
Spiritual Gifts Workshop
3 weeks starting June 1st 11:45AM-1:00PM
Lectio Divina with Mark Medin
Coming soon after Easter

GUATEMALAN ART SALE APRIL 27TH

Proceeds go to support the women who make the items as well as funding the stoves that are installed in support of healthier living conditions for the folks in the Chichicastenago area of Guatemala.



Prayer requests/Comments:

Confidential
