

*SONG OF GOD'S GLORY "For the Beauty of the Earth" #92
(Verses 1, 2, 4 & 6)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Joys and Concerns
Silent Prayer ~ Pastoral Prayer ~ The Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

MUSIC FROM THE CHOIR "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
by Thomas A. Dorsey, Arr. Jack Scrader

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 1:26-27 #p.821
Psalm 100 (Responsive Reading)
Matthew 22:15-22, 34-40

MORNING MESSAGE Counterculture Rev. Melissa Rusler
"Authentic Loving, Authentic Giving"

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR 2026 COMMITMENTS TO GOD
Gift of Music "Count Your Blessings" by Edwin O. Excell, arr. by Kenon D. Renfrow
*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!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (In Unison)
Almighty God, remind us that the gifts we offer were yours to begin with. Help us to be good stewards of all that we have, so that we may better support the work of your kin(g)dom. May our presence in this community reflect your love to all people. In the name of Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

*SONG OF DEDICATION "Let All Things Now Living" TFWS 2008

*BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC "Over the River and Through the Woods" arr. by Bryce Russell

Be a blessing to someone today!

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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 11:30 AM
Youth Room

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Melissa Rusler —Senior Pastor
Rev. Tom Rothhaar—Visitation Pastor
Michelle Dewey—Nursery Coordinator
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, Mike Knowles, & Eric Rusler—
Tech Team
Lisa Schrader & Bob Granzow—Greeters
Eula Anyiwo, Donna McCullough, Candace
Saxman, & Carol Wynn-Sandy—Ushers
Mark Medin & Scott Woodbury—Praise Team
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:

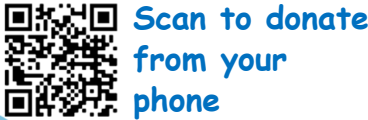
Rev. Melissa Rusler

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Authentic Giving"

Psalm 100
Matthew 22:15-22, 34-40
Genesis 1:26-27

10:00 AM
November 23, 2025

Thanksgiving Sunday



Prayer requests/Comments:

☐ Confidential

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK TODAY

Please join us for a Thanksgiving potluck after church is **TODAY in the Fellowship Hall**. It will be a time of great food, fun, and fellowship as we give thanks for all of God's blessings this year.

CRAFT SALE FOR FOOD PANTRY TODAY

During the potluck, we are also holding a craft sale for the food pantry. Come pickup some stocking stuffers and help our neighbors!

ADVENT STUDY—THE CHRISTMAS LETTERS

In The Christmas Letters, Magrey DeVega invites you to hear about the miracle of Christ's birth from those who first told the story. One group will meet **In Person Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM beginning November 25th**. Another group will meet on **Zoom Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM beginning November 30th**. Please sign up and pick up your book in the Welcome Center.

COME DECORATE THE SANCTUARY

Calling all Christmas angels! We will need all of your help to decorate the sanctuary on **Saturday, November 29th at 9:00 AM**. There are decorating tasks for all ages and abilities, so we hope you will all join us.

ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

It is time for our 4th Annual CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP! It will be held **Sunday, December 7th, in the Fellowship Hall** following worship service. Get ready for games, crafts, puzzles, cupcakes, goodies, and Mrs. Claus. ALL are welcomed.

UNITED METHODIST MEN BLANKET DRIVE

Please drop off the blankets in the church entryway in the bags & boxes labeled "Blanket Drive" by December 7th.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY BRYCE RUSSELL
DECEMBER 14TH 2PM

ALL CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE
DECEMBER 14TH 3PM



Thanksgiving Sunday

November 23, 2025

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

OPENING MUSIC "We Gather Together" arr. by John Carter Bryce Russell

When we know who we are and whose we are—created in God's image and called to love – we are freed to live authentically. Loving God and neighbor becomes our truest identity.

WELCOME & INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*SINGING OUR PRAISE "Grateful" CCLI #7067558 Liz Sabicer
"Great Are You Lord" CCLI #6460220 Scott Woodbury

OPENING PRAYER (All Voices) Susan Jeffries
Loving God, can we ever really understand your great love for us? Can we ever really appreciate how much you desire a relationship with each and every one of us? Gathering for worship gives you praise and glory for who you are and reminds us of whose we are. We enter this time with sincere gratitude for calling us yours, for always being more ready to listen than we are to speak. May this time serve as a reminder of our belovedness and your call on each of our lives to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves. With commitment, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

WITNESS MOMENT Jonathan Preston