

SCRIPTURE READINGS1 Corinthians 1:18-31

MORNING MESSAGE“Brag in the Lord”Rev. Melissa Rusler

OFFERING OF OURSELVES TO GOD

GIFT OF MUSIC“All the Way My Savior Leads Me” by Robert Lowry, arr. by Larry Shackley

\*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 (All Voices)

Generous God, you give us all we need. You ask only for faithful living in return.

We bring these gifts to you today, that they may support your work of justice.

Through this offering, we commit ourselves to do justice, embrace faithful love and walk humbly with you. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him and desire to grow in their relationship with him. With humility and faith let us prepare to receive this sacrament of grace.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor continues... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of you glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor continues...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pastor continues...All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

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TFWS = The Faith We Sing Song Book

# = The United Methodist Hymnal

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Giving and Receiving of the Bread and the Cup

In the United Methodist Church, we celebrate “open” Communion. All who come seeking Jesus Christ, regardless of age, are welcome to participate in this meal. No membership is required for God’s love in Jesus is for all.

Communion Music from the Choir“Come to the Table of the Lord”

by Sally K. Albrecht & Jay Althouse

Prayer Following Communion

\*SONG OF DEDICATION“Be Thou My Vision”#451

\*BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC"Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It"

by William J. Kirkpatrick, arr. by Mary McDonald

Be a blessing to someone today!

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

Rev. Fred Smoot—Liturgist  
Tom Hanlon, Mike Knowles, & Eric Rusler—Tech Team  
Cindy Granzow & Shirley Ricky—Greeters  
Debbie & Tom Hanlon, Susan Jeffries, Brue & Anette Lecair, Abby Ruckdeschel, & Candace Saxman—Communion Servers  
Eula Anyiwo, Guy & Patricia Jenkins, & Candace Saxman—Ushers  
Scott Woodbury & Mark Medin—Praise Music  
Mark Medin—Guest 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 \_\_\_\_\_

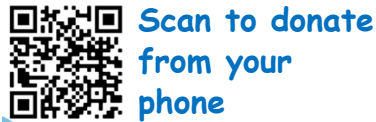
\_\_\_\_ I'd like to be on your mailing list

\_\_\_\_ I'd like more information on becoming a member

Rev. Melissa Rusler

10:00 AM  
February 8, 2026

## Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany



Prayer requests/Comments:

☐ Confidential

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Our next Pet Food Donation Day is **TODAY**. Please bring your donations of dog and cat canned and/or kibble, clumping cat litter, treats, toys, and towels. Donations can be dropped off at Linda Yankie's car (near the Welcome Center).

Thank you for your generous support of the ministries of our church! Contribution statements were emailed January 6, 2026 to all those who made a contribution to MUMC in 2025. If we do not have your email, your statement will be on the table in the entryway of the sanctuary. For questions or corrections, contact Sandy Selby at [officeadmin@murrietaumc.org](mailto:officeadmin@murrietaumc.org). or 951-677-6174

Volunteers from AARP/VITA will prepare and file your 2025 tax returns in the Fellowship Hall. This free drop-in service is open to all; you DO NOT need to be a retiree nor a church member to use this service. Bring your documents to the **Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM, from February 3rd until April 14th.**

Celebrate the Super Bowl with Murrieta United Methodist Church's Soup-er Bowl Sunday! We will celebrate by collecting soup for the Food Pantry. We'll have two baskets out, one for the Patriots and one for the Seahawks. Put all your soup in the cart that is your pick in the game, and we'll see which team MUMC has picked to win! With over 150 families coming to the Pantry each Friday, the Pantry really does need soup, but any other packaged food in the baskets will go for that team, as well.



## February 1, 2026

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

OPENING MUSIC      "Just As I Am" by William B. Bradbury, arr. by Joel Raney      Bryce Russell

*"The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength." —1 Corinthians 1:25*

## WELCOME & INVITATION TO WORSHIP

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE                      "Praise" CCLI #7213077  
Mark Medin, Liz Sabicer, & Scott Woodbury

OPENING PRAYER (All Voices) Rev. Fred Smoot  
**Come, Loving God, Holy Wisdom, and show us your ways. In our confusing world,  
 many voices demand our attention. Teach us to look with your eyes. Help us walk  
 humbly beside you—doing what is right, speaking your truth. You alone are our guide  
 and guardian on paths of peace and reconciliation. In the name of Jesus Christ our  
 Lord we pray. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

\*SONG IN PRAISE OF THE FAITHFUL      "Rejoice in God's Saints"      #708

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
Joys and Concerns  
Silent Prayer ~ Pastoral Prayer

SPECIAL MUSIC "Chosen" CCLI #7156816  
Mark Medin, Liz Sabicer, & Scott Woodbury