

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 4: 7-29, 39

MORNING MESSAGE

Drink from the Fountain of Grace: Rev. Melissa Rusler  
"The Cup of Living Water"

OFFERING OF OURSELVES TO GOD

Gift of Music "Wade in the Water" arr. by Paul Johnston  
\*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 (All Voices)

**Meet the world's thirst through our gifts, Lord of Life. May the ministries these offerings make possible quench the deepest longings and set all your children free to proclaim your name. 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.

Prayer of Confession (All Voices)

**Living and Loving God, there are times when we are so busy responding to our own thirst that we miss the thirst of others. There are times when we act like the disciples at the well, judging other people and keeping our distance. There are times when we act like we don't need you to sustain us. Yet you meet us at a well that always has enough water – for us, for each person we encounter. You meet us and fill us and send us out in the Spirit to meet others and share our stories. You meet us, and our thirst is quenched, and rivers of living water flow forth. Forgive us, quench us, make us whole, all in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

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.**

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 Special Music "Come to Me" CCLI #4393306

Prayer Following Communion

\*SONG OF DEDICATION "Fill My Cup, Lord" #641

\*BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" by William H. Doane, arr. by Mary McDonald

**OUR CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Melissa Rusler—Senior Pastor  
Rev. Tom Rothhaar—Visitation Pastor  
Michelle Dewey—Nursery Coordinator  
Desiree Gonzales—Learning Support Assistant  
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  
Cindy Granzow & Shirley Ricky—Greeters  
Mandy & Reagan Allen, Debbie Hanlon,  
Tom & Laura Rothhaar, April & Sunny Watkins—  
Communion Servers  
Guy & Patricia Jenkins, Sai Noa &  
Candace Saxman—Ushers  
Scott Woodbury & Mark Medin—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:**

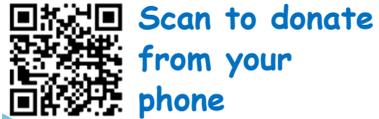
Rev. Melissa Rusler

Drink from the Fountain of Grace: "The Cup You Choose"

Psalm 16

10:00 AM  
March 8, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent



Prayer requests/Comments:

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**INTRO TO MURRIETA UMC**

The Introduction to Murrieta UMC class continues **TODAY, at 11:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall** and runs until March 15th. The classes aim to foster conversation and fellowship while teaching about church membership. Interested individuals should contact the church office to RSVP for lunch, provided. Please call 951-677-6174 or email officeadmin@murrietaumc.org.

**PAGES CIRCLE WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP** will be meeting via **Zoom on Thursday, March 12th at 10:30 AM** to discuss the book, *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. If you are interested in joining, please email Julie Noblitt at ulia@thenoblitts.net and she will add you to the Zoom invite.

**BLOOD DRIVE MARCH 29th**

We will be hosting our 3rd annual blood drive from **9:00 AM-1:00 PM on March 29th in the Fellowship Hall**. Signup info will be shared soon.

**FREE TAX SERVICE AT MUMC**

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**.



**Second Sunday in Lent**

**March 1, 2026**

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

OPENING MUSIC "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" by Joseph Parry, arr. by Lloyd Larson Bryce Russell

*God knows all we've been through and invites us to connect with God, restoration and wholeness, and sharing living water with others.*

WELCOME & INVITATION TO WORSHIP

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE "Holy Spirit" CCLI #6087919  
Mark Medin, Liz Sabicer, & Scott Woodbury

OPENING PRAYER (All Voices) Susan Jeffries  
**Loving God, we bless your name forever. You have looked deep into our hearts, and you know all about us and still, you love us. Today, we surrender all aspects of our lives to you, even our shame, weaknesses, and doubts. Lord, fill us with your Spirit. Help us to receive, hold, and to share your gift of living water with a thirsty world. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

\*SONG IN PRAISE OF JESUS "I Love to Tell the Story" #156

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns  
Silent Prayer ~ Pastoral Prayer

MUSIC FROM THE CHOIR "How Great The Love" by Mary Kay Beall