

\*SONG TO THE GLORY OF GOD "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" #213

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

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

MUSIC BY THE CHOIR

"Where Are the Angels?" by Ruth Elaine Schram

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 20:20-28

MORNING MESSAGE

Drink from the Fountain of Grace Rev. Melissa Rusler  
"The Cup of Discipleship"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayer of Confession (All Voices)

**Great and Humble God, we like having the comfortable seat of honor. We like being first and best. Forgive us for the ways we lift ourselves above others or want to see ourselves as better, righter, or more worthy. Wash away the forms of pride that stop us from seeing others as equals or block us from creating communities of mutuality. Help us take the cup of discipleship, of learning from you, of humbling ourselves in order to serve wholeheartedly and to be a blessing. Forgive us, quench us, make us whole, all in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

OFFERING OF OURSELVES TO GOD

Gift of Music

\*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)

**We seek to serve you, Lord. In this moment, our faith is shared in tangible ways, knowing that serving you means serving our neighbors. May the gifts that we give and the lives that we live, bear witness that we are your servants. Amen.**

\*SONG OF DEDICATION

"I Surrender All"  
(verses 1-4)

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\*BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC

"Lady Gordon's Minuet" Irish, arr. by F. Hoffmann

Be a blessing to someone today!



# 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

Reagan Allen—Director of Children, Young People, & Family Ministries

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

Scott Woodbury—Worship Keyboard & Vocals

### SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Laura Rothhaar—Liturgist

Tom Hanlon, Mike Knowles, & Eric Rusler—Tech

Cindy Granzow & Donna McCullough—Greeters

Guy & Patricia Jenkins, Donna McCullough

& Sai Noa—Ushers

Mark Medin—Praise Team

Wes Scott—Choir Director

TFWS = The Faith We Sing Song Book

### 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

# = The United Methodist Hymnal

**Next Week at MUMC:**

Rev. Melissa Rusler

Drink from the Fountain  
of Grace  
"The Cup of Compassion"

Matthew 25:34-40

10:00 AM  
March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Lent



Prayer requests/Comments:

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**INTRO TO MURRIETA UMC**

The Introduction to Murrieta UMC class wraps up **TODAY, at 11:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall.**

**SONRISERS** will meet **Saturday, March 21st at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.** All women are invited. Any questions, feel free to call Donna Dewey at (951) 541-6499.

**BAKE SALE FOR RISE AGAINST HUNGER**

The Missions Team invites all bakers to bring your favorite cookies, bread, cupcakes, etc. to the **Coffee Fellowship table on next Sunday, March 22nd.** Baked goods and hot chocolate will be available for a donation after the service. All proceeds will go towards this year's Rise Against Hunger event to be held in the fall.

**BLOOD DRIVE MARCH 29th**

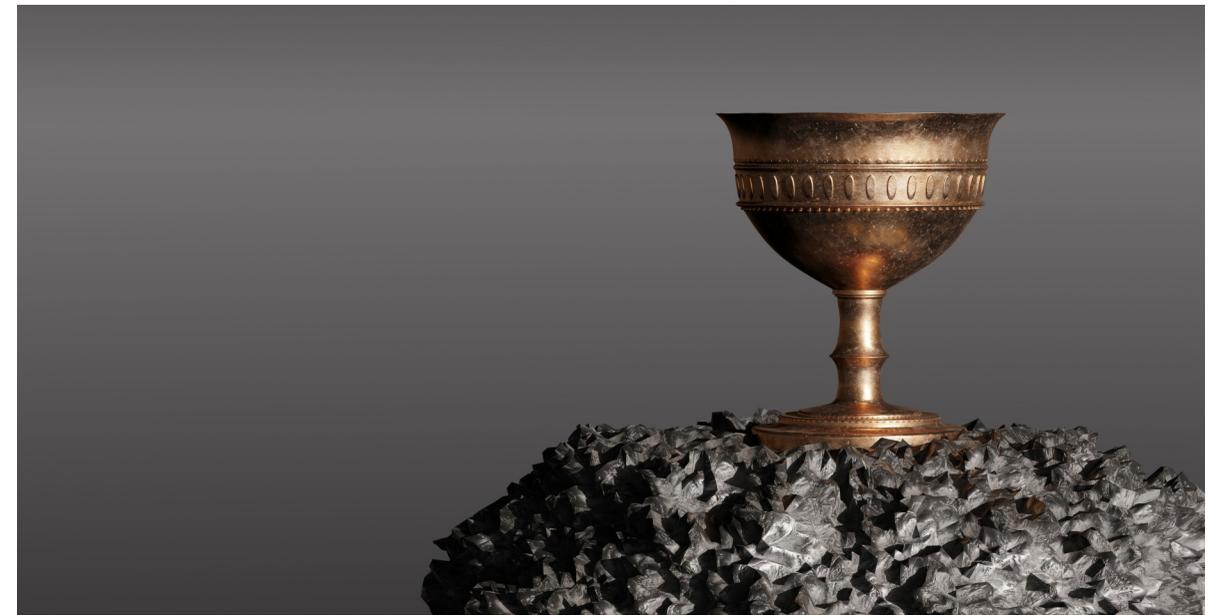
We will be hosting our 3rd annual blood drive from **9:00 AM-1:00 PM on March 29th in the Fellowship Hall.** Signup at the Welcome Center.

**WARM SOUP & WARM FELLOWSHIP: MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Join us for **Maundy Thursday on April 2nd at 5:30 PM.** In the spirit of the Last Supper, we will begin our evening by sharing a simple meal of soup and bread together before moving into our time of worship. **We are looking for volunteers** to bring a pot (8-10 servings) of their favorite soup to share. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

**EASTER FAITH & FELLOWSHIP**

This year, we want to make our morning even brighter by hosting a Continental Breakfast between our services. To make this gathering possible, **we are looking for donations** to help cover the cost of fresh pastries, fruit, juice, and coffee. If you feel led to contribute, your generosity would be greatly appreciated! Just **write "Faith and Fellowship" on the memo/notes** line so we can ensure the funds go directly towards the Faith and Fellowship team.



**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 15, 2026**

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

OPENING MUSIC      "Far, Far Down in the South of Luidach"      Bryce Russell  
Irish, arr. by F. Hoffmann

*Being followers of Jesus involves giving of our whole selves to build a community of mutual blessing.*

WELCOME & INVITATION TO WORSHIP

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE      "Battle Belongs" CCLI #7148126  
"Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)" CCLI #7019974  
Mark Medin, Liz Sabicer & Scott Woodbury

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (One Voice; **All Voices**)      Laura Rothhaar  
What do we want this morning?

**We want to be first, go first, and have lives of ease.**

Jesus calls us to be his servants and humbly follow him.

**We want lives filled with only success, abundance, and good things.**

Jesus calls us to greatness by a different road – success through humble service, abundance by emptying ourselves for God's glory.

**Jesus, help us want what you want for us. Give us abundant grace to follow you through selfless service all for your glory.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS