

*SONG TO THE GLORY OF GOD "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

#140

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

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

MUSIC BY THE CHOIR

"God So Loved The World" by John Stainer

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 25:34-40

MORNING MESSAGE

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayer of Confession (All Voices)

Compassionate God, True justice is right relationship. Help us see the forces that get in the way of our having truly caring, respectful, healing relationships with other people. Help us own our vulnerability to prejudice, judgment, and self-righteousness. We seek your righteousness, which we see in Jesus, the Word made flesh, who reconciles and renews, who rebuilds and redeems, who brings us into restored relationship with God, and who points the way to restored relationship with our neighbor. Forgive us, quench us, make us whole, all in the name of Jesus. Amen.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES TO GOD

Gift of Music "And Can It Be That I Should Gain?" by Thomas Campbell, arr. by Lloyd Larson

*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)

God of love and compassion, A drink of water. A visit. A meal. May the gifts we give extend to others the blessings we ourselves have received: welcome, nourishment, liberation. Amen.

*SONG OF DEDICATION

"For the Healing of the Nations"

#428

*BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"
by Hugh Wilson, arranged by Larry Shackley

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

Janice Breuer—Liturgist

Tom Hanlon, Mike Knowles, & Eric Rusler—Tech

Tresha Shaw & Cheryl Vogelgesang—Greeters

Donna McCullough, Sai Noa, Eula Anyiwo,

Candace Saxman—Ushers

Mark Medin—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

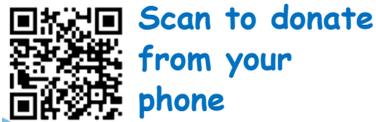
Next Week at MUMC:

Rev. Melissa Rusler
Drink from the Fountain
of Grace
"From Empty to Overflowing"

John 12:12-19
Psalm 22, & Psalm 23

10:00 AM
March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday



Prayer requests/Comments:

Confidential

BAKE SALE FOR RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Please join us after the service today for the Missions team Root Beer Float and Bake Sale. Donations will go to Rise Against Hunger. Thanks, Carol

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.

EASTER BASKETS FOR FOOD PANTRY CLIENTS

The Food Pantry is asking folks to build an Easter basket for the children of the families who depend on the Food Pantry. We are hoping to get 100 filled baskets. If you would like to provide a basket or two please bring them to the church no later than March 29th.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR EASTER EGG HUNT

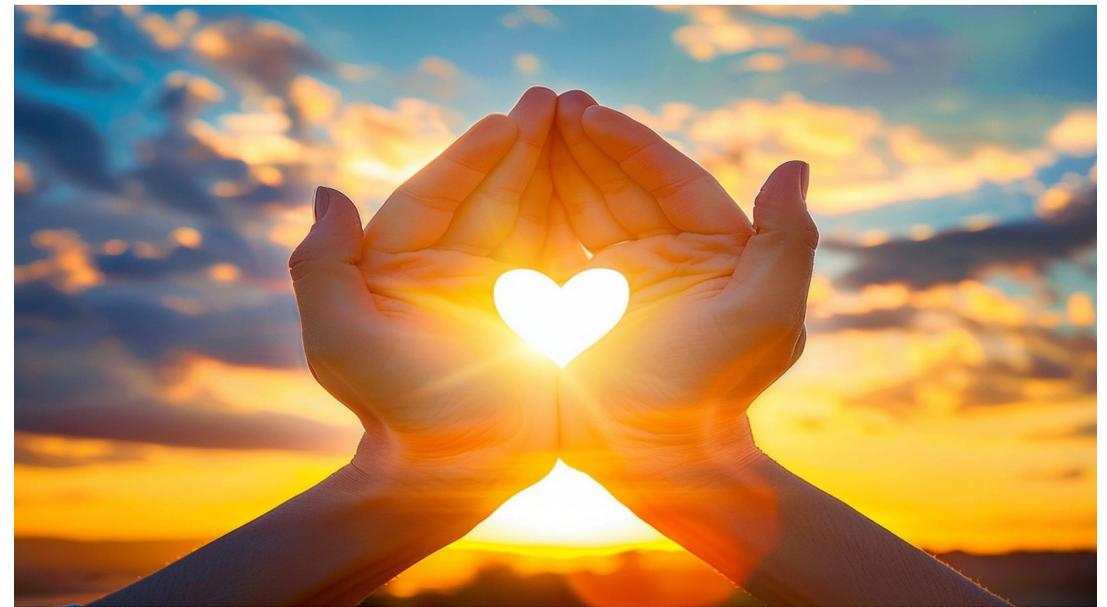
Please bring either prefilled eggs, empty eggs, or goodies for the eggs...or all three! You can drop them off in the office during business hours or leave them in the entryway of the sanctuary on Sunday for Sandy Selby to pick-up.

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

Join us for a Continental Breakfast between services. We are looking for donations to help cover the cost of fresh pastries, fruit, juice, and coffee. If you feel led to contribute, just write "Faith and Fellowship" on the memo/notes and the funds will go directly towards the Faith and Fellowship team.



Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

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

OPENING MUSIC

"Am I a Soldier of the Cross?"

Bryce Russell

by Thomas Arne and Ralph Harrison, arr. by Larry Shackley

For Jesus, compassion and justice are intertwined and inseparable.

WELCOME & INVITATION TO WORSHIP

***SINGING OUR PRAISE**

"Resurrection Story" CCLI #7260977

"Come to Me" CCLI #7209439

Mark Medin, Liz Sabicer & Scott Woodbury

***CALL TO WORSHIP (One Voice; All Voices)**

Janice Breuer

Praise the Lord! God shows compassion by putting things right.

We are blessed by God to be Jesus' hands and feet – feeding, giving, visiting, clothing, sheltering.

When did we feed Jesus, give Jesus a drink, clothe Jesus, and give him a place to stay?

Feeding the hungry, caring for the suffering, clothing the naked, visiting those in prison – whatever we did for one of the least of these, we did for Jesus.

God holds compassion and justice together! Our love for God is shown by how we love and treat the stranger.

Praise the Lord! Jesus has freed us from sin to love and serve.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS