

\*SONG TO THE GLORY OF GOD "God Will Take Care of You "

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# 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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

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

## MUSIC BY THE CHOIR

"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

by Deborah Governor & Girolamo Savonarola

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 16

## MORNING MESSAGE

Drink from the Fountain of Grace

Rev. Melissa Rusler

"The Cup We Choose"

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayer of Confession (**All Voices**)

**God of Truth and Grace, forgive us when we are tempted to turn to the many false gods out there, gods like politics, vanity, consumerism, self-abnegation, achievement, or constant satisfaction. You are the Lord of Lords, our True North, our First Love. Help us place you at the center of our thoughts, discover you to be the ground beneath our walking, and stand firm on our trust in you as the foundation on which we build our lives. Forgive us, quench us, make us whole, all in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## OFFERING OF OURSELVES TO GOD

Gift of Music "Amazing Grace" (quoting Etude in E Major Op. 10, No. 3 by Chopin), arr. by Mark Hayes

\*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**)

**When we turn our lives to you, O God, we find ourselves enrolled in your sacred story, becoming participants in the work of salvation. With open hands we offer to you now our gifts, so that all your children may come to declare "the boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places." Amen.**

## \*SONG OF DEDICATION

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

TFWS 2129

## \*BLESSING

## CLOSING MUSIC

"My Savior First of All" by John R. Sweney, arr. by Mary McDonald

Be a blessing to someone today!

## 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

Rev. Thelma King—Liturgist  
Tom Hanlon, Mike Knowles, & Eric Rusler—Tech  
Adeline & Alvaro Jackson—Greeters  
Susan Jeffries, Sai Noa, Shirley Ricky, & Candace Saxman—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:**

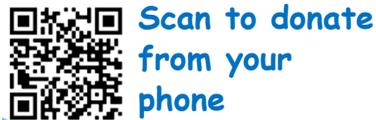
Rev. Melissa Rusler

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

Matthew 20:20-28

10:00 AM  
March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent



Prayer requests/Comments:

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**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.

**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 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.



**Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 8, 2026**

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

OPENING MUSIC

"I Gave My Life for Thee"  
by Philip P. Bliss, arr. by Mark Hayes

Bryce Russell

*When things break, God can and will bring purpose and beauty out of the brokenness.*

WELCOME & INVITATION TO WORSHIP

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE

"Rest On Us" CCLI #4591782  
"Living Water" CCLI #7054707  
Mark Medin, Liz Sabicer & Scott Woodbury

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

Rev. Thelma King

**God, we choose you! Our hearts are glad! Our whole bodies shout for joy and rest in you.**

God, we choose you when good things are happening and joy can easily be found.

**We choose you when our thoughts trouble us and we can't find sleep.**

God, you are our cup of blessing and you hold our futures.

**We bless you because you are our Counselor, Guide, and the One who secures us. God, we choose you! Our hearts are glad! Our whole bodies shout for joy and rest in you.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS