

Easter Sunday Celebration Service

April 5, 2026

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

OPENING MUSIC "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Bryce Russell
by George J. Elvey, arr. by Anna Laura

Jesus is alive! That means God's grace will never run dry.

WELCOME & INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*SINGING OUR PRAISE "House Of The Lord" CCLI #7168995
Mark Medin, Liz Sabicer & Scott Woodbury

*CALL TO WORSHIP (One Voice, **All Voices**) Laura Rothhaar

Praise the Lord! Christ is risen! Praise the Lord!

Jesus is risen indeed! Praise the Lord! While it was still dark, God got up!

While it was still dark, the women ran to tell the good news.

While it was still dark, Jesus rose, giving the whole world new life.

Jesus came, died, and rose in the midst of our sin, shame, hopelessness, and despair. Praise the Lord! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

*SONG OF GOD'S GLORY "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" #302
(Verses 1, 2, 3 & 4)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

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

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:1-18

MESSAGE Drink from the Fountain of Grace Rev. Melissa Rusler
"The Cup That Never Runs Dry"

MUSIC BY THE CHOIR "Crown Him Now with Alleluias" by James Brighton

OFFERING OF OURSELVES

Gift of Music "Lift High the Cross" by Sydney H. Nicholson, 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!

= The United Methodist Hymnal

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 your 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 the Table" Liz Sabicer & Scott Woodbury

Prayer Following Communion

*SONG OF DEDICATION "Christ is Alive" #318
(Verses 1, 3, 4, 5)

*BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Please join the choir as we sing the Hallelujah Chorus*
From 'Messiah' by George Friderick Handel

CLOSING MUSIC "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" arr. by Lloyd Larson

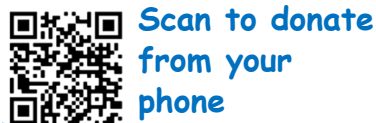
Happy Easter!

Next Week at MUMC:

Rev. Melissa Rusler

First Sunday after Easter

April 12, 2026 10:00 AM



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 Team
Cindy Granzow & Shirley Ricky—Greeters
Eula Anyiwo, Tom & Debbie Hanlon, Tom Rothhaar, Tresha Shaw & Cheryl Vogelgesang—Communion Servers
Guy & Patricia Jenkins, Sai Noa & Candace Saxman—Ushers
Mark Medin—Praise Music
Wes Scott—Choir Director



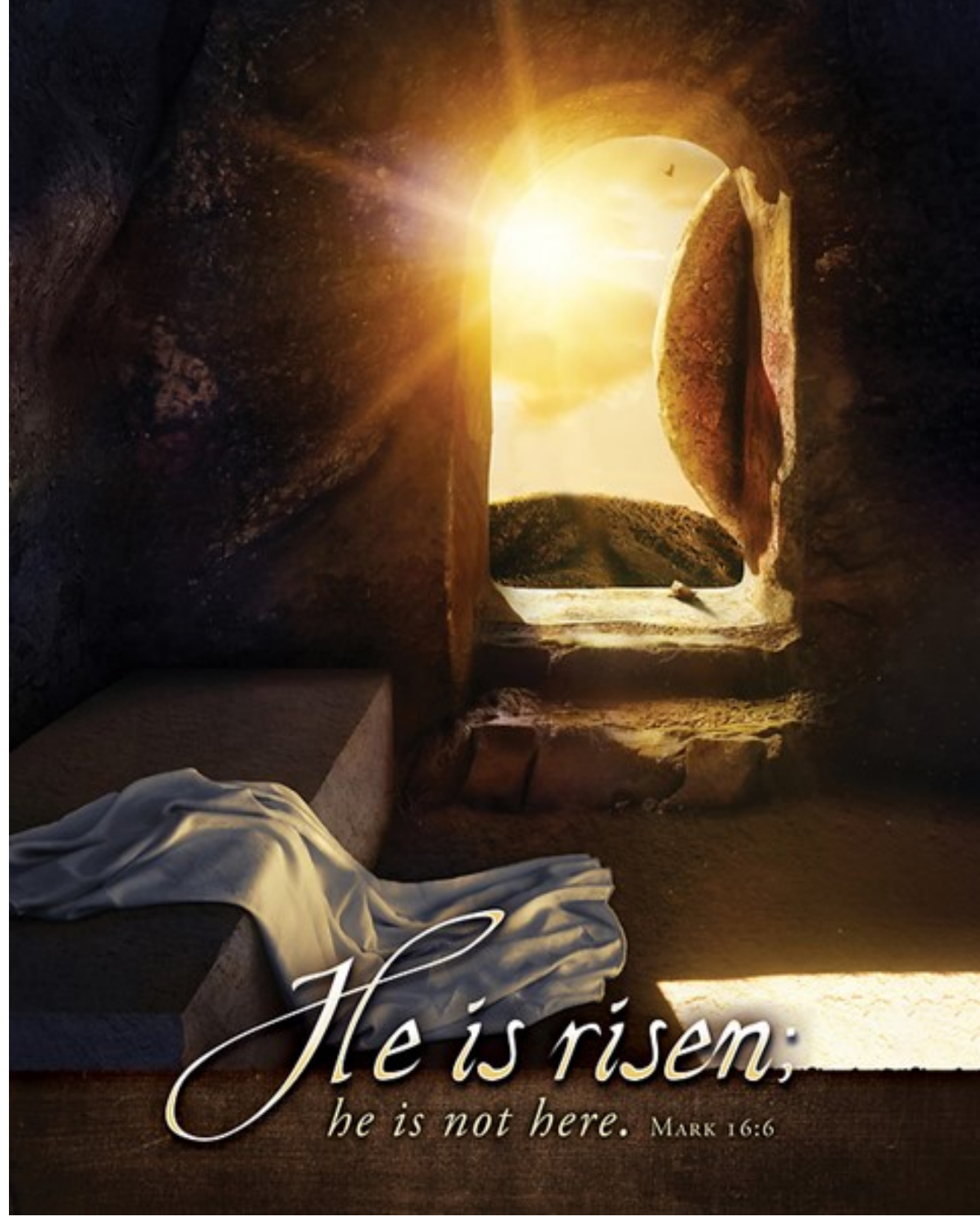
Murrieta United Methodist Church

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 11:30 AM
Fellowship Hall



*He is risen;
he is not here.* MARK 16:6