

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

\*SONG TO THE GLORY OF GOD "Wonderful Words of Life" #600

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

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

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

MORNING MESSAGE "Hear, Understand & Bear Fruit" Rev. Melissa Rusler

OFFERING OF OURSELVES TO GOD

Gift of Music "Shall We Gather at the River" (Quoting Rêverie by Claude Debussy)

\*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!**

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving (In Unison)

**Loving God, Master Gardener, as you have sown your Word within us, may these offerings bear fruit in lives being transformed by your grace. Use our gifts to plant seeds of your mercy in the world, that your kingdom may take root and flourish in every fallow place. Bless these gifts and the work they support, that a harvest of generosity and compassion may grow and spread. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

\*SONG OF DEDICATION "Hymn of Promise" #707

\*BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" by Arthur Henry Messiter, arr. by Gary Norian

Be a blessing to someone today!

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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

Youth Sunday School 10:15 AM Youth Room

Youth Group 11:30 AM—2:00 PM Youth Room

Sunday Study and Discussion Group 11:30 AM

Fellowship Hall Room 4

### OUR CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Melissa Rusler —Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Tom Rothhaar—Pastor of Congregation-  
al Care

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

Wes Scott—Liturgist

Tom Hanlon, Mike Knowles, & Eric Rusler—Tech

Ina Mae MacAfee & Carole Nichols—Greeters

Eula Anyiwo, Susan Jefferies, Shirley Ricky, &

Candace Saxman—Ushers

Mark Medin & Abby Ruckdeschel—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

“Let the Good Seed Take Root”

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

10:00 AM

July 19, 2026

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



Prayer requests/Comments:

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**THERE WILL BE NO YOUTH GROUP TODAY DUE TO SUMMER CAMP.**

**UNITED METHODIST MEN will meet this Thursday, July 16th at 6:30PM in the Fellowship Hall.** We will also simulcast on Zoom for those unable to attend in person. All men of MUMC are invited. Contact Carl Noblitt at carl@thenoblitts.net for more information.

**BURGER BASH – JULY 19TH!**

Join us **next Sunday, July 19th, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM** for an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship. Enjoy hamburgers, cotton candy, shaved ice, games, and activities for all ages. Volunteers are needed for grilling and event activities. Please contact Christina at 951-532-6000 if you would like to help.

**IT TAKES A VILLAGE!**

Caring Ministry is here to support the church body by providing meals, calls, cards and visitations. Caring Ministry team members wear purple ribbons, so if you or someone you know has a need, please don't hesitate to reach out to a team member! All requests kept confidential. Pat Laugalis, Chair 951-283-1363

**THE FOOD PANTRY** has a volunteer opening for a Winco shopper. If interested, contact Ann Hartwig at (951-970-1986). There are also volunteer opportunities on Friday mornings for youth needing service hours. Just show up any Friday by 7:30 AM.

**MISSIONS TEAM** wants to help serve a meal once a month or once a quarter at the feeding Station in Tijuana. If you are interested, please let Carol Scott wescott6@verizon.net or Pastor Tom Rothhaar rotom4283@gmail.com know.



**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 12, 2026**

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

OPENING MUSIC      "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"      Bryce Russell  
by John Goss, arr. by Gary Norian

*“What if the soil of your life needs tending before the Word can take root and grow?”*  
~ B. J. Beu

WELCOME & INVITATION TO WORSHIP

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE      “Your Love Never Fails” CCLI #5337172      Scott Woodbury  
“I Can Only Imagine” CCLI #2978857

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (One Voice, **All Voices**)      Wes Scott

You are the Sower, O God, and we are the soil.

**God’s Word is being sown in our lives this day with the promise of new growth.**

You are the patient Gardener, and our lives are the ground you tend with love.

**Even when our soil has grown hard or crowded, Christ kneels beside us and begins to loosen it.**

Come, let us worship the One who sows the Word within us and tends us into a life we could not produce on our own.