

## Fourth Sunday in Lent Traditional Order of Worship

March 10, 2024 11:00 AM

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Ah, Holy Jesus* Crüger-Wood

WELCOME Rev. Dan Leslie

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Leslie

L: God loves us with a steadfast love.

**P: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!**

L: God loves us so much he gave us his Son.

**P: Let us believe and have eternal life!**

L: God loves us with a great love, rich in mercy.

**P: Let us have faith to receive this grace! AMEN.**

\*OPENING HYMN *To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord* No. 285

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* No. 881

\*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

### WE PROCLAIM

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Leslie

CHOIR ANTHEM *At the Cross Her Vigil Keeping* Larkin

OFFERTORY INVITATION AND PRAYER Rev. Leslie  
(Please register your attendance in the red booklet at the end of each pew.)

OFFERTORY *On Eagles Wings* Joncas-Hayes  
Alchemy Mullen, soloist

\*DOXOLOGY No. 95

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Mr. Colin Moore  
(Children age 3 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to come down front for the children's message and to attend Children's Church. Pick up after service in God's Big Backyard located on the lower level.)

\*HYMN *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross* No. 301

\*SCRIPTURE READING **John 19:25-27** Pastor Jeff Rudy

SERMON *Behold* Pastor Jeff Rudy

### WE RESPOND

\*HYMN OF INVITATION *Tell Me the Story of Jesus* Words on Screens

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

\*ANNOUNCEMENTS/BENEDICTION Pastor Jeff Rudy

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* Williams-Lowe

\*You are invited to stand, as you are able.

Dr. Todd E. Hill, Chancel Choir & Traditional Worship Director | Joan Bowker, Organist

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### Memorials

In memory of **Bonnie Jones** by:

Margaret Fritts; Ron & Lashlee Foster; Daryl & Dee Keezer; Linda Gracey; Bill Hitch; Cliff & Charlotte Harris; Warren & Sally Hopkins; Harold & Kelly Doran; David & Martha Parker; Nancy Hunter; Tom & Becky Stiles

In memory of **Dr. Bill Wilson** by:

Jim & Martha Green; Harold & Kelly Doran; Melissa Easley

In memory of **Robert Slone**, Linda Short's father, by:

Harold & Kelly Doran

In memory of **David Richardson** by: James Richardson

### Our Financial Stewardship and Attendance

*Received week of March 3, 2024: \$16,659.13*

Receipts YTD: \$99,827.38	Budget YTD: \$122,884.45
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Communion Offering for Lakeshore Scholarships: \$744.00

*Attendance from Last Sunday*

Worship Services: 239	Sunday School: 105
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### Ushers

This Week (3/10)	Next Week (3/17)
Early Light: Patricia Parrish Team Traditional: Matt Pool Team	Early Light: Shemwell Team Traditional: Matt Pool Team

### Caring Friends Birthdays

March 31 – Mary Ellen Walker  
4040 Cannonball Trail, Apt 222, Yorkville, IL 60560

### Job Opening – Part-time Director of Contemporary Worship

The Director of Contemporary Worship provides musical and organizational leadership for the contemporary worship service including responsibility for the planning, preparation, and coordination of all aspects of the service in consultation with the Senior Pastor. If you or someone you know would be interested, please visit [murrayfirst.org/employment](http://murrayfirst.org/employment) for a detailed description. To apply send a cover letter and resume to [info@murrayfirst.org](mailto:info@murrayfirst.org).

### Holy Week and Easter at Murray First UMC

Mark your calendars for Holy Week services in March starting with Palm Sunday on March 24<sup>th</sup>. On Palm Sunday, the children Sunday School classes will have an Easter egg hunt! Noonday services take place Monday, March 25 through Thursday, March 28 in the sanctuary followed by lunch in the social hall. This year United Methodist Pastors from Calloway County will deliver the messages. Then on the evening of Thursday, March 28, we hope you will attend the Holy Thursday & Tenebrae Service at 6 PM in the sanctuary. **Easter Sunday is March 31<sup>st</sup>!** Worship with us at 9 AM or 11 AM and join us in a special time of celebration in the gym at 10 AM. We will have donuts, coffee, and drinks available while we all fellowship together! This is a great opportunity to meet new people. Let's pack the church for Easter!



### UMKids MUSIC | SUNDAY NIGHT

(for K-6<sup>th</sup> grade)  
Ukuleles at 4:00 PM  
Handbells at 4:30 PM

### KIDS IN FAITH | WEDNESDAY NIGHT

(for K – 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

Drop off at 5 PM in the Gym for dinner. On the menu: Chicken Nuggets

Series: *Glow in the Dark*

Pick up in God's Big Backyard at 7 PM.

### SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP 456 (for 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

See you at 5 PM tonight. Drop off in the gym.

Pick up by the playground at 7 PM.

### FELLOWSHIP 456 LOCK-IN | March 15

Get excited for our 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade lock-in!

Theme: 1 Timothy 4:12

Drop off at 7 PM on Friday, March 15. Eat dinner before you come.

Pick up at 7 AM on Saturday, March 16. Be sure to sign-up yourself and your friends online (scan the QR code), on the bulletin board outside the church office, or directly with Ms. Jessica by Wednesday, March 13.



## UMY@503

### SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

See you at 5 PM tonight in the gym!

### YOUTH IN FAITH | WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Dinner in the gym at 5 PM | On the menu: Chicken Nuggets

Worship at 5:30 followed by our lesson/discussion.

### APPALACHIA MISSION TRIP | MAY 26-29, 2024

Please see Colin for the information on the mission trip.



MURRAY FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## HELP MINISTRY

### EUNICE'S FOOD MINISTRY

Come help pack food boxes at Need Line on Wednesday, March 20 at 9:30 AM. The food we pack is for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), which provides groceries each month for low-income individuals 60+ years old.

### FEEDING AMERICA FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Thanks to everyone for volunteering at the food distribution. The next food distribution date is Wednesday, April 3. Set up begins around 3 PM and distribution at 4 PM.

### Welcome

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today at Murray First UMC! If you are visiting with us for the first time and are searching for a church home, you are welcome. Please fill out the Guest Connection Card and place it in the offering baskets. Returning guests, regular attendees and members, please register your attendance in the red booklet at the end of each pew.

### Preparing for Worship

As you begin your worship, we invite you to study the bulletin for upcoming activities and persons to include in your silent prayer of intercession and thanksgiving. Remember the volunteers and staff members who make our corporate action possible: ushers, acolytes, custodial and support staff, musicians, clergy, and yourself, so that in our common worship, God may be glorified.

### Interested in Becoming a Member?

If you are interested in joining the church or have questions about what it means to be a United Methodist, contact Pastor Jeff (pastor@murrayfirst.com or 270-753-3812).

### Nursery Care

The nursery is available during worship services for children ages 0-3. The nursery is located west of the Sanctuary. Look for Noah and his friends on the Ark! If you need help finding the nursery, ask one of our friendly ushers.



### Candy Needed for Easter Egg Hunt

The children's ministry is accepting bags of candy for the Easter egg hunt later this month. If you would like to donate, bring a bag of your choice candy to the church office by next Sunday (March 17). The Easter egg hunt will take place during the Sunday school hour (10 AM) on Palm Sunday, March 24.

### Save the Date: Women's Ministry Event | March 17

Women, join us for an interactive study of The Lord's Prayer on Sunday, March 17. We will begin our study with fellowship and eating together at 5 PM in the Social Hall. Dinner is potluck style, so bring your favorite salad type dish, finger foods, or dessert to share. You may register to attend online at [murrayfirst.org/women](http://murrayfirst.org/women) or on the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board outside the church office.



Sign up online

### March Committee Meetings

Media, Trustees, & Finance Joint Meeting – Monday, March 11 at 6 PM  
 Finance Committee – Tuesday, March 19 at 5:30 PM  
 Staff Parish Relations Committee – Thursday, March 21 at 6 PM  
 Church Council – Tuesday, March 26 at 6 PM

## PRAYER CONCERNS

(As of March 10, 2024)

### Those Who Grieve

Family and friends of Matt Morehead

### Brought to Our Attention

Dana Bazzell	Trevor Jordan (Robin Jordan's Brother)
Howard & Ruth Brandon	Dot Rowland (Friend of Shemwell Family)
Kierstyn Lana Kelley	Bro. Jim Stahler
(Dan & Jane Blankenship's granddaughter)	Dorothy Steinke

### Those journeying through cancer or long-term illness

Tony Bartley (Doug Crafton's bro.-in-law)	Eric Orbeck (Carrie Orbeck's Husband)
Jessica Biggert	Virginia Schwettman
Stacy Bilodeau	Jane Venice (Holly Bloodworth's Mom)
Rhonda Black (Randy Black's Sister)	Stan Waller
Lucy Boss (5 year old in our community)	Pat Weatherly
Jackie Crihfield (Jill Andersen's Sister)	Robbie Wilburn (Joyce Morrison's son-in-law)
Mitch Gibbs	Emily Wilson (Katherine Gomez's sister)
Mike Faihst	

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 10	
9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service
10:00 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service
12:30 PM	Community Kitchen
2:00 PM	Pickleball (CLC Gym)
4:00 PM	Youth Pickleball (CLC Gym) UMK Ukulele Practice (Music Room)
4:30 PM	UMK Handbells (Music Room) Confirmation Class (Youth Area)
5:00 PM	Men's Bible Fellowship (CLC Conference Room) Fellowship 456 (CLC Gym) Fellowship UMY (CLC Gym)
Monday, March 11	
3:30 PM	HOPE First (CLC Gym)
6:00 PM	Trustees, Finance, & Media Meeting (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, March 12	
9:00 AM	Pickleball (CLC Gym)
9:30 AM	Quilters
10:00 AM	Wilson Tucker Frost Circle (CLC Conference Room)
Wednesday, March 13	
9:30 AM	Quilters
10:45 AM	Covenant Prayer Group (CLC Conference Room)
1:00 PM	Women's Book Study (CLC Conference Room)
5:00 PM	UMKids (CLC Gym) UMYouth (CLC Gym)
6:15 PM	Handbell Choir
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Practice
8:00 PM	Praise Team Practice
Thursday, March 14	
9:00 AM	Pickleball (CLC Gym)
Friday, March 15	
7:00 PM	Fellowship 456 Lock-in (CLC Gym)

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 Our Mission is to Love God. Love People.  
 Jeff Rudy, Senior Pastor  
 Jim Stahler, Visitation Pastor

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9:00 AM

### We Gather to Worship

Welcome, Morning Prayer, and The Lord's Prayer –  
 Courtnee Hodges

### Songs of Praise

*Great Things*

*Revelation Song*

### We Share Our Offerings

Offertory Invitation and Prayer – Courtnee Hodges  
 (Please register your attendance in the red booklet at the end of each pew.)

Offertory Music – *I Believe* – Praise Team

### We Hear God's Word

Children's Message – Colin Moore

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Scripture Reading – **John 19:25-27**

Sermon – *Behold* – Pastor Jeff Rudy

### We Respond

Welcome of New Members

Song of Response – *The Blessing*

Benediction – Pastor Jeff Rudy

Departing Song

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