

Fifth Sunday in Lent Traditional Order of Worship

Sunday, March 17, 2024 11:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

GATHERING *There's Something About that Name* Handbell Choir
 CHIMES *C Major Peal* Handbell Choir
 PRELUDE *God of Grace & God of Glory* Handbell Choir
 WELCOME Mr. John Williams

CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Williams

L: Come; let us turn our hearts toward the Lord!

P: Let us sing of God's power and grace.

L: May our spirits and lives be open to receive God's word.

P: May we be ready to serve God and be His disciples in this world.

L: Let us worship and offer our voices of praise to God.

P: Let us open our hearts and spirits to God this day. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN *Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed?* No. 294

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FROM ROMANS 8:35, 37-39 No. 887

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

WE PROCLAIM

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER Mr. Williams

CHOIR ANTHEM *Thy Will Be Done* Craig Cortney

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

OFFERTORY *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Handbell Choir

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Mr. Colin Moore
 (Children age 3 through 3rd 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 OF PREPARATION *Were You There?* No. 288

*SCRIPTURE READING **Mark 15:33-34** Pastor Jeff Rudy

SERMON *Why Have You Forsaken Me?* Pastor Jeff Rudy

WE RESPOND

*HYMN *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* No. 298

*ANNOUNCEMENTS/BENEDICTION Pastor Jeff Rudy

*CHORAL BENEDICTION Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE *To Thee Alone, Lord Jesus Christ* Pachelbel

*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 **Matt Morehead** by: Mike & Rhonda Wicker

In memory of **Bonnie Jones** by: Doug & Patti Miller

Our Financial Stewardship and Attendance

Received week of March 10, 2024: \$11,353.18

Receipts YTD: \$111,180.57	Budget YTD: \$136,538.30
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Attendance from Last Sunday

Worship Services: 266	Sunday School: 102
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Ushers

This Week (3/17)	Next Week (3/24)
Early Light: Shemwell Team	Early Light: 4 th Sunday Team
Traditional: Matt Pool 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 for a detailed description. To apply send a cover letter and resume to info@murrayfirst.org.

Adult Ministry

Activities for the Adult Ministry will resume in April!

Watch the bulletin for updates.

Church Office Closed for Easter Monday

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 1.

Blood Drive | April 7

The Red Cross will be here on Sunday, April 7 for our first blood drive of the year! If you would like to sign up for a time, contact Summer Cross (270-293-4879 | summer_cross@hotmail.com). We extend our warmest thanks to Melissa Easley for her years of dedication to the blood drives here at Murray First UMC and are thankful to Summer for taking over.

First Aid Training | April 13

First Aid/CPR/AED Certification will take place on Saturday, April 13 at 10 AM. If you volunteer within any ministry area, and would like to be certified, we welcome you to join us at no cost to you. Registration is required. You may register online (murrayfirst.org/forms) or on the bulletin board outside the office. *Deadline to register is March 31.*



UMKids MUSIC | SUNDAY NIGHT

(for K-6th grade)

Ukuleles at 4:00 PM

Handbells at 4:30 PM

KIDS IN FAITH | WEDNESDAY NIGHT

(for K – 6th grade)

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

Series: *Glow in the Dark*

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

PALM SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. The children will walk down the aisle waving palm branches at the beginning of both morning worship services! Please arrive at least 10 minutes early. Also, during the Sunday school hour we will have an Easter egg hunt!

EASTER SUNDAY

During Sunday school we will all fellowship together in the gym!



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: Nachos

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

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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

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.



The Lord's Prayer

Women's Ministry Event Tonight

The interactive study of The Lord's Prayer is tonight at 5 PM. We will begin our study with fellowship and eating together in the Social Hall. Dinner is potluck style, so bring your favorite salad type dish, finger foods, or dessert to share.

Holy Week and Easter at Murray First UMC

Mark your calendars for Holy Week services in March starting with Palm Sunday on March 24th. 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 31st!** 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!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Those Who Grieve

Donna Leigh & family in the death of her mother
Jack Wallis & family in the death of his brother

Brought to Our Attention

Dana Bazzell
Howard & Ruth Brandon
Trevor Jordan (Robin Jordan's Brother)

Dot Rowland (Friend of Shemwell Family)
Bro. Jim Stahler
Dorothy Steinke

Those journeying through cancer or long-term illness

Tony Bartley (Doug Crafton's bro.-in-law)
Jessica Biggert
Stacy Bilodeau
Rhonda Black (Randy Black's Sister)
Lucy BOSS (5 year old in our community)
Jackie Crihfield (Jill Andersen's Sister)
Mitch Gibbs
Mike Faihst

Eric Orbeck (Carrie Orbeck's Husband)
Virginia Schwettman
Jane Venice (Holly Bloodworth's Mom)
Stan Waller
Pat Weatherly
Robbie Wilburn (Joyce Morrison's son-in-law)
Emily Wilson (Katherine Gomez's sister)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 17	
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
4:30 PM	UMK Handbells
5:00 PM	The Lord's Prayer – Women's Event (Social Hall) Men's Bible Fellowship (CLC Conference Room) Fellowship UMY (CLC Gym)
Monday, March 18	
3:30 PM	HOPE First (CLC Gym)
6:30 PM	Friendship-Hannah Circle (CLC Conference Room) Vision Committee Meeting (CLC 204)
Tuesday, March 19	
9:00 AM	Pickleball (CLC Gym) Staff Meeting (CLC Conference Room)
9:30 AM	Quilters
5:30 PM	Finance Meeting (CLC Conference Room)
Wednesday, March 20	
9:30 AM	Quilters Eunice's Food Ministry (Need Line)
10:45 AM	Covenant Prayer Group (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 21	
9:00 AM	Pickleball (CLC Gym)
6:00 PM	SPRC Meeting (CLC Conference Room)
Saturday, March 23	
3:30 PM	Confirmation Class meet at St. Leo Catholic Church

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

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Songs of Praise

Glorious Day

Great Are You Lord

We Share Our Offerings

Offertory Invitation and Prayer – Dave Gesler
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Offertory Music – *Lord I Lift Your Name on High* - UMKids

We Hear God's Word

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Sermon – **Why Have You Forsaken Me?**

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We Respond

Song of Response – **Jesus Paid It All**

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Departing Song

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