

## Easter Sunday Traditional Order of Worship

Sunday, March 31, 2024 11:00 AM

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

FANFARE Wilson, arr. Hill

WELCOME Mrs. Paula Hulick

CALL TO WORSHIP Mrs. Hulick

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**P: Christ is risen indeed!**

L: Darkness has been vanquished!

**P: The brilliant light of hope has come!**

L: Come, let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

**P: Alleluia! Christ is risen! AMEN.**

OPENING HYMN **An Easter Celebration** Slides

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

\*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

### WE PROCLAIM

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER Mrs. Hulick

CHOIR ANTHEM **Hallelujah from Mount of Olives** Beethoven/Hopson

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

OFFERTORY **Holy, Holy, Holy** Organ & Brass

\*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 Worship. Pick up after service in God's Big Backyard located on the lower level.)

\*HYMN **Up from the Grave He Arose** No. 322

\*SCRIPTURE READING **John 20:1-18** Pastor Jeff Rudy

SERMON **When Jesus Calls Your Name** Pastor Jeff Rudy

### WE RESPOND

\*HYMN **Crown Him with Many Crowns** No. 327

\*BENEDICTION Pastor Jeff Rudy

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE **Christ is Alive** arr. McDonald

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

Dr. Todd E. Hill, Chancel Choir & Traditional Worship Director | Joan Bowker, Organist  
Ped Foster and Nick Calcamuggio, trumpets  
Dr. Todd French and Dr. Chris Sharpe, trombones  
Conner Viets, timpani

### Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of  
**Ronnie Pool** by the Finance Committee.

### Memorials

In memory of **Ronnie Pool** by:

Mitch & Charles Gibbs; Jerry & Kay Gupton; Daryl & Dee Keezer;  
Outreach Sunday School Class; Ron & Lashlee Foster; Margaret Fritts;  
The Shemwell Family; Larry & Donya Hall; Chuck & Paula Hulick;  
Lynn Wuest; Larry & Brenda Turner; Joann Schroader; Patricia Parrish

In memory of **Dr. Bill Wilson** by: Mitch & Charles Gibbs

In memory of **Betty Leigh (Donna Leigh's Mother)** by:  
Outreach Sunday School Class

In memory of **Matt Morehead** by: Patricia Parrish; Ron & Lashlee Foster

In memory of **Tiffany Shemwell Clayton** by: Patricia Parrish

In memory of **Kim Wallis (Jack Wallis' Brother)** by: Ron & Lashlee Foster

In honor of **Stan, Valerie, & Skylar Waller** by: Lynn Wuest

### Our Financial Stewardship and Attendance

*Received week of March 24, 2024: \$12,898.69*

Receipts YTD: \$134,536.08	Budget YTD: \$163,846.00
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### Attendance from Last Sunday

Worship Services: 264	Sunday School: 92
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Next week's **Communion Offering** will support the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, **the United Methodist Committee on Relief – UMCOR** – which assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need. UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters – famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events—to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope for the vulnerable. UMCOR provides relief, response and long-term recovery grants when events overwhelm a community's ability to recover on their own. UMCOR also provides technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery, and long-term health and development.

### Ushers

This Week (3/31)	Next Week (4/7)
Early Light: Mike Nutter Team	Early Light: Mike Nutter Team
Traditional: Matt Pool Team	Traditional: Adult Ministry Team

### Caring Friends Birthdays

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

### Thank You Note

Bro. Jim Stahler extends his gratitude for the cards, phone calls, and prayers while he was in the hospital and recovering from his illness.



### UMKids MUSIC | SUNDAY NIGHT

(for K-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

We are not meeting tonight. Hope you all have a wonderful Easter Sunday!

### KIDS IN FAITH | WEDNESDAY NIGHT

(for K – 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

Happy Spring Break! See you next week!

### SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP 456

(for 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

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### SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

We are not meeting tonight. Happy Easter!

### YOUTH IN FAITH | WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Happy Spring Break! See you next week!

### SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

We will recognize all graduating seniors on Sunday, May 5. We will need a brief bio and 3-5 photos for the presentation. Please let Colin know if you want to be included.

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

Please see Colin for the information on the mission trip.



MURRAY FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## HELP MINISTRY

### FEEDING AMERICA FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The next food distribution date is Wednesday, April 3. Set up begins around 3 PM and distribution at 4 PM.

### EUNICE'S FOOD MINISTRY

Come help pack food boxes at Need Line on Wednesday, April 17 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.

### 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.org 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.



### 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.*

### Worship Schedule Change for May 5

We will have ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10 AM on Sunday, May 5! Join us for this special communion worship service led by our youth. We will recognize our graduating seniors. Come and support our youth!

## PRAYER CONCERNS

(As of March 28, 2024)

### Brought to Our Attention

Howard & Ruth Brandon Dorothy Steinke

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

Tony Bartley (Doug Crafton's bro.-in-law) Mike Faihst  
Dana Bazzell Greg McNutt  
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)  
Jane Hill

Submit a prayer request using the prayer card in the pew racks or at [murrayfirst.org/prayer-requests](http://murrayfirst.org/prayer-requests).

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, March 31

9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service
10:00 AM	Fellowship Celebration (CLC Gym)
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service
12:30 PM	Community Kitchen
2:00 PM	Pickleball (CLC Gym)

### Monday, April 1

Church Office Closed

3:30 PM	HOPE First (CLC Gym)
6:00 PM	Board of Trustees Meeting (CLC Conference Room)

### Tuesday, April 2

9:00 AM	Pickleball (CLC Gym)
9:30 AM	Quilters
4:30 PM	UWF Board Meeting (CLC Conference Room)

### Wednesday, April 3

9:30 AM	Quilters
10:45 AM	Covenant Prayer Group (CLC Conference Room)
1:00 PM	Women's Book Study (CLC Conference Room)
4:00 PM	Feeding America Food Distribution (HELP House)
6:15 PM	Handbell Choir
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Practice
8:00 PM	Praise Team Practice

### Thursday, April 4

9:00 AM	Pickleball (CLC Gym)
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Our Mission is to Love God. Love People.  
Jeff Rudy, Senior Pastor  
Jim Stahler, Visitation Pastor

### Easter Sunday

### Contemporary Order of Worship

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9:00 AM

### We Gather to Worship

Welcome, Morning Prayer, and The Lord's Prayer – Sally Hopkins

### Songs of Praise

*I Believe*

*O Praise the Name*

*Holy Forever*

### We Share Our Offerings

Offertory Invitation and Prayer – Sally Hopkins

(Please register your attendance in the red booklet at the end of each pew.)

Offertory Music – *Holy Forever* (Reprise)

### We Hear God's Word

Children's Message – Colin Moore

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Scripture Reading – **John 20:1-18**

Sermon – *When Jesus Calls Your Name* – Pastor Jeff Rudy

### We Respond

Song of Response – *Living Hope*

Announcements and Benediction – Pastor Jeff Rudy

Departing Song

