

## Third Sunday of Easter Traditional Order of Worship

Sunday, April 14, 2024 11:00 AM

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *In Christ Alone* arr. Payne

WELCOME Mrs. Kim Black

CALL TO WORSHIP Mrs. Black

L: Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God's holy name!

**P: We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!**

L: We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

**P: You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.**

L: You turn our mourning into dancing!

**P: Our souls cannot be silent! O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you for ever!**

\*OPENING HYMN *The Day of Resurrection* No. 303

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 888

\*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

### WE PROCLAIM

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER Mrs. Black

CHOIR ANTHEM *By Faith and Not by Sight* Larson

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

OFFERTORY *The Twenty-Third Psalm* Malotte  
Kathy Farrell, 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 Worship. Pick up after service in God's Big Backyard located on the lower level.)

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Because He Lives* No. 364

\*SCRIPTURE READING **Luke 24:36-48** Pastor Jeff Rudy

SERMON *Resurrection Witnesses* Pastor Jeff Rudy

### WE RESPOND

\*HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* No. 384

\*ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BENEDICTION Pastor Jeff Rudy

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE *Festive Postlude in D* Dixon

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

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

### Memorials

In honor of **Joan Bowker** by: Jim & Martha Green

In memory of **Ronnie Pool** by: Harold & Kelly Doran; Brenda Shipp, Staci, Steve, Caroline, & Carter Koenig; Don & Jeanie Robertson; Dr. Bob & Karen Jackson; Warren & Sally Hopkins; Dan & Vinita Winters; Melissa Easley; Stuart & Sheila Poston; Tony Page; The Keeclar Family

In memory of **Dr. Bill Wilson** by: George Bell; Stuart & Sheila Poston

In memory of **Clara Humphrey** by: George Bell

In memory of **Ava Watkins** by: The Shemwell Family

In memory of **Mitch Gibbs** by:

Larry & Donya Hall; Lynn Wuest; Margaret Fritts

In memory of **Matt Morehead** by: Nathan Crafton

### Our Financial Stewardship and Attendance

*Received week of March 31: \$17,540.15*

*Received week of April 7: \$8,142.65*

Giving YTD: \$160,218.88	Budget YTD: \$191,153.70
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Communion Offering for UMCOR: \$715.55

#### Attendance from Easter Sunday

Worship Services: 394	Sunday School: 80
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#### Attendance from Last Sunday

Worship Services: 205	Sunday School: 75
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### Ushers

This Week (4/14)	Next Week (4/21)
Early Light: Patricia Parrish Team	Early Light: Shemwell Team
Traditional: Adult Ministry Team	Traditional: Adult Ministry Team

### One Service Sunday | 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!

### DayShore | June 3-7

Online registration is open for DayShore!

DayShore is an opportunity for campers to experience the joy of summer camp within their own community. Together, Lakeshore Camp and Retreat Center and the church, work to provide a Christ-centered week filled with hands-on lessons about God.

Scan the QR code for more information and to register!

Able to volunteer? Contact Colin (kids@murrayfirst.org | (270) 753-3812).



### Vacation Bible School | July 8-12

Dive below the surface into an amazing undersea adventure where kids experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God.

Registration is open for participants and volunteers.

Scan the QR code for more information and how to register!



### 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: Spaghetti

Series: *Throwback* – Come dressed in your favorite 1990s style!

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

*If you have any questions about the children's ministry, contact Jessica (jessica@murrayfirst.org | 270-753-3812).*

### 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.

Going to DQ and the park.

Pick up by the playground at 7 PM.



### SUMMER ACTIVITIES

June 3-7 – DayShore

June 21 – Camping Trip

July 8-12 – Vacation Bible School

July 24 – Evansville, IN Day Trip

*If you have questions about the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Preteen ministry, contact Jessica (jessica@murrayfirst.org | 270-753-3812).*



### 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: Spaghetti

Worship at 5:45 PM followed by our lesson/discussion.

### SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

We will recognize all graduating seniors on Sunday, May 5. Colin has sent an email to all senior parents. If you did not receive it, please let him know.

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

If you are going on the mission trip, please sign up online (murrayfirst.org/forms) or on the sign up sheet located on the bulletin board outside the church office.

### SUMMER ACTIVITIES

June 3-7 – DayShore Volunteer Opportunity

June 12 – Holiday World

June 20 – Special Needs Day at the Fair – Volunteer Opportunity

July 8-12 – Vacation Bible School Volunteer Opportunity

July 17 – Mammoth Cave

*Youth is for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. If you have any questions about the youth ministry, contact Colin (colin@murrayfirst.org | 270-753-3812).*

### 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.

### 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.



### Blood Drive Rescheduled for April 21

The blood drive has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. The Red Cross will be in the gym from 8 AM – 3 PM.

### Support Victoria Burton as a Box Dweller for HOPE Calloway

Victoria is participating in the Box Dweller fundraiser for the second time! As a box dweller, she is raising money to help HOPE Calloway provide critical support to individuals and families facing homelessness.

You can donate at [givebutter.com/hopealloway/victoriaburton](https://givebutter.com/hopealloway/victoriaburton).

Experience the stories of homelessness through immersive theater, inspired by real-life stories from HOPE Calloway's clients on Saturday, April 27 held at Doran Arboretum at Murray State from 4:30-7:30 PM.

### Candle Burning Ceremony | May 12

Every year the United Women in Faith support a church-wide candle burning to honor and/or remember loved ones in our lives. This year the candle burning ceremony will be on Mother's Day – May 12<sup>th</sup>. For a donation of \$5 per person or group, you can have your loved one(s) included in this ceremony. *Pick up a form in the church office and drop off the form along with your donation to Kendra in the church office by May 6<sup>th</sup>.* The names of those you choose to honor or memorialize will be included in the bulletin insert on Mother's Day. Please make checks out to UMW. All donations will be forwarded to the United Women in Faith global mission efforts for women and children in the United States and around the world.

### Appalachia Mission Trip Sign-up Open

Be a part of our 18<sup>th</sup> mission trip to Henderson Settlement from May 26-29, 2024. Our main mission project is working on repairs to a home. There will be something to do for everyone regardless of individual skill levels. This is a great opportunity to put your Christian faith to work. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside the church office or you may sign up online ([murrayfirst.org/forms](https://murrayfirst.org/forms)). Deadline to sign up and pay is May 1. Cost: Youth \$125 | Adults \$250

Pay online (<https://bit.ly/3Xn0C4X>) or by check.

Note payment for Appalachia Mission Trip.

Questions? Contact Patricia Parrish ([parrishpatricia@bellsouth.net](mailto:parrishpatricia@bellsouth.net) | (270) 293-3858).

## PRAYER CONCERNS

(As of April 11, 2024)

### Christian Sympathy

Family and friends of Mitch Gibbs

### Brought to Our Attention

Howard & Ruth Brandon Dorothy Steinke  
Jan Nutter

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

Tony Bartley (Doug Crafton's brother-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 community) Pat Weatherly  
Jackie Crihfield (Jill Andersen's sister) Robbie Wilburn (Joyce Morrison's son-in-law)  
Jane Hill Emily Wilson (Katherine Gomez's sister)

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 14

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	UMK Ukulele Practice
4:30 PM	UMK Handbells Confirmation Class (Youth Area)
5:00 PM	Men's Bible Fellowship (CLC Conference Room) Fellowship 456 (CLC Gym) Fellowship UMY (CLC Gym)

### Monday, April 15

3:30 PM	HOPE First (CLC Gym)
6:30 PM	Friendship Hannah Circle (CLC Conference Room)

### Tuesday, April 16

9:00 AM	Pickleball (CLC Gym)
9:30 AM	Quilters

### Wednesday, April 17

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, April 18

9:00 AM	Pickleball (CLC Gym)
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### Saturday, April 20

9:00 AM	Women's Ministry Simulcast
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*Our Mission is to Love God. Love People.*  
Jeff Rudy, Senior Pastor  
Jim Stahler, Visitation Pastor

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### We Gather to Worship

Welcome, Morning Prayer, and The Lord's Prayer –  
Elizabeth Gordon

### Songs of Praise

*Glorious Day*

*Lord I Need You*

### We Share Our Offerings

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

Offertory Music – *Books of the Old Testament*  
Children's Sunday School Classes

### We Hear God's Word

Children's Message – Colin Moore  
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Scripture Reading – **Luke 24:36-48**

Sermon – **Resurrection Witnesses** – Pastor Jeff Rudy

### We Respond

Baptism and Welcome of New Member

Song of Response – **I Love You Lord**

Announcements and Benediction – Pastor Jeff Rudy

Departing Song