

Traditional Order of Worship

Sunday, April 7, 2024

11:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Festive Prelude on "Llanfair"* arr. McDonald
WELCOME, MINISTRY MOMENT & PRAYER Pastor Jeff Rudy
*HYMN *Easter People Raise Your Voices* No. 304

WE PROCLAIM

OFFERTORY INVITATION AND PRAYER Dr. Todd E. Hill
(Please register your attendance in the red booklet at the end of each pew.)
OFFERTORY *Let Us Break Bread Together* Howarth
*DOXOLOGY No. 95
*HYMN *Break Thou the Bread of Life* No. 599
*SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:13-35 Pastor Jeff Rudy
SERMON *The Breaking of the Bread* Pastor Jeff Rudy

WE RESPOND

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Liturgist
Liturgist & People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Liturgist: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Liturgist & People: Glory to God. Amen.

COMMUNION Pastor Jeff Rudy & Dr. Todd E. Hill
Word & Table II // No. 15-16

*HYMN *O Jesus I Have Promised* No. 396
*ANNOUNCEMENTS & BENEDICTION Pastor Jeff Rudy
*CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Crown Him with Many Crowns* arr. McDonald

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

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.

Announcements

Communion Offering | Today's Communion Offering will support the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, **the United Methodist Committee on Relief – UMCOR**. 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.

Altar Flowers | The altar flowers are given in observance of the 60th anniversary of Ron & Lynn Wuest's wedding.

Blood Drive Today | Blood Drive going on today in the gym. Help save lives by donating blood today!

First Aid Training | 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!

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.

Children and Youth Programming

UMKids (for K-6th grade)

Sunday Night – Music – Ukuleles at 4 PM & Handbells at 4:30 PM
Wednesday Night – Kids in Faith – Drop off at 5 PM in the gym for dinner (hamburgers). New Series: *Throwback* – Come dressed in your favorite 2000s outfit! Pick up in God’s Big Backyard at 7 PM.

Fellowship 456 (for 4th-6th grade)

Sunday Night – Fellowship – Drop off at 5 PM in the gym. Pick up at 7 PM by playground.
Coming up on April 14th we will go to DQ and the park!

UMY@503 (for 7th-12th grade)

Sunday Night – Fellowship – See you at 5 PM in the gym!
Wednesday Night – Youth in Faith – Drop off at 5 PM in the gym for dinner (hamburgers). Pick up at 7 PM.
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.

Appalachia Mission Trip | MAY 26-29, 2024

Please see Colin for the information on the mission trip.

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

Mike Faihst

Dana Bazzell

Greg McNutt

Jessica Biggert

Virginia Schwettman

Stacy Bilodeau

Jane Venice

Rhonda Black

Stan Waller

Lucy Boss

Pat Weatherly

Jackie Crihfield

Robbie Wilburn

Mitch Gibbs

Emily Wilson

Jane Hill

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

Communion Sunday Contemporary Order of Worship

Sunday, April 7, 2024

9:00 AM

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Welcome, Ministry Moment, and Prayer – Pastor Jeff Rudy

Songs of Praise

Same Power

King of My Heart

We Share Our Offerings

Offertory Invitation and Prayer – Pastor Jeff Rudy

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Offertory Music – Declan Bingham

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading – **Luke 24:13-35**

Sermon – ***The Breaking of the Bread*** – Pastor Jeff Rudy

Communion

Prayer of Confession and Pardon led by Pastor Jeff Rudy

Consecration and Communion

We Respond

Song of Response – ***Father, I Adore You***

Announcements and Benediction – Pastor Jeff Rudy

Departing Song