CENTERING THOUGHT
When the people shouted “Hosanna,” that was a word of praise and also petition, like saying “Hooray!” and “Save us!” at the same time. What has been saving you these days? How has Jesus been saving you?

WELCOME AND GREETINGS
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His steadfast love endures forever!
This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

**CALL TO WORSHIP
Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest heaven!

**HYMN OF PRAISE
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
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**OPENING PRAYER
Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Whether gathered in joy and celebration, or scattered in uncertainty and staying home, you are our King, and we are your people! Grant us courage to follow in your way that leads to life, knowing that no matter what, your victory is already won. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

PROCLAMATION and RESPONSE
** Gospel Reading
Matthew 21:1-11
Page 977
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

SERMON
“Hosanna”
Wil Posey

**APOSTLES’ CREED
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER
** Lead, Me Lord
Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,
that maketh me dwell in safety.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Moments of silent prayer & personal confession.
Wil Posey
THE LORD’S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING
RECEIVING OF GOD’S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY   The Palms
            Nancy Jo Willis, soloist

Ways you can give
Mail:
PO Box 86
Murphy, NC 28906
Online:
www.murphyfirstumc.org/donate

**DOXOLOGY   Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**HYMN   Tell Me the Stories of Jesus   UMH Page 277

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION

He’s got the whole world in His hands
He’s got the little bitty baby in His hands
He’s got you and me sister in His hands
He’s got you and me brother in His hands
He’s got the wind and the rain in his hands
He’s got the whole world in His hands

RESPONSE   The light goes before us into the world.

Chiming of the Trinity
** Please stand, if able

Our Service of Worship has ended
Our Worship through Service begins

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal   TFWS: The Faith We Sing

PRAYERS and CONCERNS
Ruth Vespasian; Emelene Crouch; Elleree Clonts; Scott Adams;
Kathy Kephart: Catherine Brown; Lynda Potter; Janet Henning; those affected by
the Coronavirus; Lee Mayfield; family of Judy Brooks; Joan Todd; Emma Hoggard;
AnnaBelle Cook; family of Mark Devore; Jameson McGill (Sonya Crouch’s cousins
grandson); WKRK Radio family (Tim, Donna, Tyler); birth of Jakob Tyler Edwards;
Gail & Kristin Sartain; Sherry Garland and family; Cam & Carrie; Cobby and Diane
Barfield 40th wedding anniversary; Joan Marble; Janice B; those going to work
putting themselves in danger during this season of Coronavirus

PRAYER TEAM:   Email: prayfumc@gmail.com

In an effort to have room for all prayer requests we will rotate the names every
3 weeks unless indicated, either by a notation on the blue prayer request card or by
calling the church office.

Prayer Requests can be submitted on our Facebook page,
YouTube live stream or by calling the church office.
**TRUSTEE ON CALL**

April: Mark Cole  706-871-2066

**Scripture Readings for April 12**

Acts 30:34-43  
Colossians 3:1-4  
John 20:1-18  
Matthew 28:1-10

**This Week’s Ministry Opportunities**

Be on the lookout for a communication from your group Leader on how you will be meeting and staying in touch.

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**Sanctuary Flowers**

The flowers in the Sanctuary are presented to the Glory of God by Rick and Janet Ramsey as we pray for our country.

April 12: Mary Ellen Kelley  
April 19: Chancel Choir

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***** FEEDING ALPHA *****

If you are interested in feeding the youth group on Sundays at 5pm, please contact Lea Posey (386-688-3329). The schedule is available to view as a link on the ALPHA page of the church website. Thank you!

**First United Methodist Church Note Cards**

There is a basket located in the Narthex with FUMC note cards. They are $5.00 per pack. All proceeds to to Willing Workers which helps local women and children.

**Nursery News:**

Our nursery ministry is available for our youngest disciples during Sunday School and Worship Service. Many thanks to Nikki and our nursery leaders for their ministry. If you are a youth or an adult interested in helping, please contact the church office.

**GREETERS AND LITURGISTS**

If you would like to be a greeter and/or liturgist in 2020 please contact the church office at 837-2718 or email admin@murphyfirstumc.org

**TAX & FINANCIAL CLINIC UPDATE**

**A note from Joe Ritter….. Updated flyers can be found in the church office.**

I have made the difficult decision to suspend the tax clinics temporarily. While I am still healthy, I would be traveling quite a bit from place to place. This raises the risk of carrying unwanted illnesses or becoming ill myself. It's also a risk to my family at home. To ensure folks do not go unserved, they can send me their documents, and I will return them when completed.

Both the filing and payment deadlines are now extended to July 15th for federal and NC, so hopefully we can resume the tax clinics after awhile, when we find a new normal.

Call (866) 862-2220 with any questions

*****PRAYER PARTNER SPONSORS*****

I want to remind all Prayer Partner sponsors to continue with your prayers and gifts to your student. I know that we are making a difference by doing this. - Cobby Barfield
### OUR FAITHFULNESS 2020

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### Church Office Hours

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Due to the “Stay at Home” order by the Governor, we have closed the church office and will be working from home. The Sharing Center will remain open. We will check messages remotely Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 1:00pm. Please call the Church Office and leave a message if you have a need. If you have an emergency and need to reach out to someone immediately please call or text Pastor Wil. Updates on the churches ministries and programs will be posted on our website www.murphyfirstumc.org or our Facebook page. Continue to stay in contact with your group leaders on how you will meet and stay in touch.

### Staff

- **Tracy & Lauren Allen, Custodians**
  - 828-361-0254  youth@murphyfirstumc.org

- **Davis Bryant, Youth Director**
  - 828-361-0254  youth@murphyfirstumc.org

- **Karen Crump, Administrative Assistant**
  - 828-361-4504  admin@murphyfirstumc.org

- **Rev. Marji Hill, Missions Coordinator**
  - 828-479-5433  missions@murphyfirstumc.org

- **Rev. Wil Posey, Pastor**
  - 386-647-6181  pastor@murphyfirstumc.org

- **Nikki Washburn, Nursery Director**

- **Suzanne West, Director of Music**
  - 828-557-7926  music@murphyfirstumc.org