CENTERING THOUGHT
O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears! America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law. (“America the Beautiful,” v. 3)

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

GREETING
God is good. All the time! All the time. God is good!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

INTROIT
God Is Great, God Is Good
God is great, God is good, God is faithful;
God is great, God is good, God is kind.
And no matter what the test,
In His arms I safely rest,
God is great, God is good, God is faithful.

CALL TO WORSHIP
Hear my prayer, O Lord,
Answer me in your righteousness.
Do not enter into judgement with your servant,
For no one is righteous before you.
Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning,
For in you I put my trust.
Teach me the way I should go,
For you lift up my soul.
--Psalm 143: 1-2, 8

OPENING PRAYER
Dogged and determined God, in your unending love you would pursue us to the very ends of the Earth. Grant us the determination and courage to love you in return, forsaking our own pursuits in favor of those that bring us closer to you. Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who pursued your calling even unto death, Amen.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

PROCLAMATION and RESPONSE

**Scripture Reading Romans 7:15-25a Page 1118
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 “Free-ish “ 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing UMH Page 400
CALL TO PRAYER
When We Talk to Him
When we talk to Him, He will hear us;
He will listen to all that we say.
For the Lord of all is our closest friend;
He is with us as now we pray.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Moments of silent prayer & personal confession.

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

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**HYMN
The Lily of the Valley
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SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION
Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can, in all the places you can,
at all the times you can, to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.

RESPONSE
The light goes before us into the world.
Chiming of the Trinity

Our Service of Worship has ended
Our Worship through Service begins

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal  TFWS: The Faith We Sing

SANCTUARY FLOWERS
The flowers in the Sanctuary are presented to the Glory of God by B J Thompson in loving memory of my mother, Irene Mills on her birthday, July 3rd.

July 12: Rob & Mary Robertson
Harold & Phyllis Blackmon
July 19: Suzi Perkins

Altar Flowers 2020: If you would like to sign up for flowers on a Sunday in 2020, please contact Sheila Snow, 361-6009

PRAYERS and CONCERNS
Ruth Vespasian; Emelene Crouch; Elleree Clonts; Kathy Kephart; Catherine Brown; WKRK Radio family (Tim, Donna, Tyler); all affected by the Coronavirus in our Country and our communities; Bob & Theresa Smith’s son Scott Adams; Betty Hill; Dale Fox; those laid off at the Hinton Center; Peace & patience in our Nation; Ed Willis; Esther Manchester’s daughter Sarah; family of Avery & Austin Hawkins; family of Carol Dickson; Methodist Clergy & Churches as pastors and families make a move to new churches.

PRAYER TEAM:
Email: prayfumc@gmail.com

In an effort to have room for all prayer requests we will rotate off 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.
VIDEOS FOR ONLINE WORSHIP
If you would like to participate in a video for our online services, please contact the church office at admin@murphyfirstumc.org.

WORSHIPING WITH KIDS
If you are interested in receiving “At Home” Sunday School materials for kids, please contact Pastor Wil at pastor@murphyfirstumc.org or the church office at admin@murphyfirstumc.org.

***UPPER ROOM***
We have received the JULY/AUGUST (book) edition of the UPPER ROOM. If you would like a copy please contact the church office at 837-2718 or email admin@murphyfirstumc.org.

A link to the July/August online version is also on our website under the NEWS tab.

***WE NEED VOLUNTEERS***
The Church Safety Team is looking for volunteers to assist in cleaning the church. If you would like to help please contact the church office by email admin@murphyfirstumc.org. Your name will be added to a list and you will be contacted when we hear from the WNC that we are closer to re-opening.

*** ADMIN COUNCIL MEETING ***
The Administrative Council Meeting will take place on July 20 at 5:30 via zoom.

TRUSTEE ON CALL
July: Mark Cole 706-871-2066

Scripture Readings for July 12
Genesis 25:19-34  
Psalm 119:105-112  
Psalm 25  
Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9 18.23

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.

Sunday, July 5
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Worship Service 10:55 am

Tuesday, July 7
Food Pantry 1:00 pm  
Bible Study 1:00 pm

Wednesday, July 8
Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am

Friday, July 10
Food Pantry 1:00 pm

Sunday, July 12
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Worship Service 10:55 am

Drive Thru Baby Shower
For Lea & Wil Posey

Friday, July 17th
5:00-7:00pm
Murphy First United Methodist Church

Drive around church, remain in car and drop off/greet Lea (with mask and social distancing).

Wil and Lea are registered at Amazon
Call Paige Brinke 361-7141 with questions
OUR FAITHFULNESS 2020

Worship attendance last Sunday 124 Views
Total Budget for 2020 $ 344,292
Needed weekly $ 6,621
Received last week $ 4,734
Needed thru June 28 $ 172,146
Received thru June 28 $ 163,802
Difference $ -8,344

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Suzanne West, Director of Music
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Church Office Hours
Monday 9:00 am -12:30 pm
Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Friday Closed

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.