CENTERING THOUGHT
Lent lasted 40 days. The season of Easter (yep, it's a season too!) lasts 50 days. How might you especially be on the look-out for encounters with the risen Lord Jesus in these days?

WELCOME AND GREETING
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

INTROIT
Awesome God
Our God is an awesome God;
He reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love.
Our God is an awesome God!

**CALL TO WORSHIP
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
His steadfast love endures forever!
Let those who fear the Lord say,
His steadfast love endures forever.
Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.
With the Lord on my side I do not fear.
What can mortals do to me?
The Lord is my strength and my right hand;
He has become my salvation.
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
His steadfast love endures forever!
(from Psalm 118)

**HYMN OF PRAISE
“He Lives” UMH Page 310

**OPENING PRAYER
Almighty God, through your mighty power you raised Jesus Christ from the dead. You appeared to your disciples, your body bearing witness to your grace that is stronger than death. Be with us in worship today, so that you might open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts to the life-changing power of the resurrection.
Through our Risen Lord, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PROCLAMATION and RESPONSE


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
“Walking, Talking, and at the Table” Wil Posey

SONG OF RESPONSE

CALL TO PRAYER

El Shaddai, El Shaddai,
The Most High God O Lord
Age to age you’re still the same
By the power of the name.
El Shaddai, El Shaddai,
We will love you O Lord
We will praise and lift you high,
El Shaddai.
COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth . . . . .

And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ . . . .
by the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the Supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me."
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God let us pray:

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.

Drive-through Communion
12noon—1:00pm
Please wear masks and remain in your car

**HYMN
“Alleluia”  UMH Page 186

SENDING FORTH
BENEDICTION
Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE
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 Nancy Jo Willis and Anita Sloan and in loving memory of all those lost to COVID-19
April 18: Choir
April 25: Freddy Lochaby

PRAYERS and CONCERNS
Ruth Vespasian; Emelene Crouch; Elleree Clonts; Kathy Kephart; Catharine 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; Jamye Christy; Mary Hettinger; Project AGAPE and Armenia due to military conflict; Liberia Group of ZOE Ministries; Tony Licata; Matt Licata; Bobbie Hendricks; the Pope’s mission of Peace in Iraq; Tammy Jones; Ronnie Roberts; Miss Emma (WKRK); DJ Alverson; Jodi Alverson; Harold Barfield; Allen Duran; Ryan Kephart; celebration of the marriage of David & Janet Hoggard; the family of Pam Glass; Georjah Allen.

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.
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Starting Tuesday February 16th at:
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**Memorials for April 4**

In Memory of
Pam Glass
by
Erik & Paige Brinke

In Memory of
Jackie Wayman
by
Edward & Katrina Palmer

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**Good news!** With the Governor’s recent easing of restrictions around in-person gatherings, and after corresponding with our church Safety Team, we’re going to begin welcoming **50** people into worship on Sunday morning. You will need to register ahead of time by calling the Church Office at (828-837-2718) or sending an email to (admin@murphyfirstumc.org). The first **50** people will be on the list. We will be wearing masks and keeping physical distance throughout the service. Disposable face masks are available for those who need one, and hand sanitizer will be just inside the door.

*We are continuing with two worship services: 9am and 11am. We will likely continue doing that while we have a limited capacity.*

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*****SANCTUARY FLOWERS 2021*****
We are working on the list for Altar flowers in the Sanctuary for 2021. If you have a special date during the year that you would like to commemorate, or a date that you would like to put flowers in the church, please contact Sheila Snow at 361-6009.

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*****UPPER ROOM*****
We have received the March/April edition of the **UPPER ROOM**. We are out of the “large” edition but have received plenty of the “small” edition. If you would like a copy please contact the church office at 837-2718 or email admin@murphyfirstumc.org

*A link to the online version for March/April is also on our website under the NEWS tab.*

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** ***MISSIONS NEEDS YOUR HELP *****
The Missions Team is gathering information so they can help support college ministries. If your family has a student in college, we need to know. Please send us the name of the student, the college, and the student's address. You can call the church office at 828-837-2718 or send an email to admin@murphyfirstumc.org.

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TRUSTEE ON CALL
April: Tim Nicholson 828-557-8139

Scripture Readings for April 18
Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36-48

This Week’s Ministry Opportunities
Continue to stay in communication with your group Leader on how you will be meeting and staying in touch.

Church Office—Closed
The church office is closed during the week. We are working remotely and check voicemail and email daily. If you have a need you can leave a message at 837-2718 or contact any of the staff via email. Minimal staff and volunteers are in the office on Tuesday for necessary office work. If you come by, please remember the 3 W’s: Wear (a mask), Wait (6 ft apart), and Wash (your hands). The Sharing Center will remain open Tuesday and Friday from 1:00-3:00 pm. If you have an emergency and need to reach out to someone immediately, please call or text Pastor Wil. Updates on the church’s 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.

OUR FAITHFULNESS 2021
Worship attendance last Sunday 192 Views
Total Budget for 2021 $ 344,678
Needed weekly $ 6,629
Received April 4 $ 11,290
Needed thru April 4 $ 92,806
Received thru April 4 $ 94,498
Difference $ + 1,692

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