CENTERING THOUGHT

“Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee, fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee. Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o’er thee.” —“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,” v. 4

WELCOME AND GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lydia McNabb

We come with joy to this celebration of God’s love!
Open our hearts, Lord, to receive your love.
We come with hope to this witness to God’s power!
Challenge and encourage our spirits to serve you, Lord.
We come with a willingness to proclaim God’s presence to all.
We thank God for this invitation to worship, witness and serve. AMEN.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” UMH Page 139

**OPENING PRAYER**

Lydia McNabb

Loving, creative God, we praise and bless you for your mighty acts of creation. As we gather here this day we hear your message of power and love through the witness of Jesus Christ as he prepared his disciples for his departure. He gave to them the words of encouragement about living in your love, and through that love being witnesses to the whole world of your peace and hope. Be with us this day, Lord. Open our hearts and minds to receive your word. AMEN.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

PROCLAMATION and RESPONSE

**GOSPEL READING**

John 15:9-17

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

“Love is Like This” 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

**HYMN**

**HYMN**

"The Gift of Love"

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**HYMN**

Lord, Listen to Your Children
On bended knee with needy hearts we come and pray.
Lord, listen to your children.
With willing hearts and open arms we come and pray.
Lord, listen to your children.
With simple words of heartfelt thanks we come.
Believing in your promises, we come.
On children, listen to your children.

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord,
and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus.

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 Kathi Taylor. Happy Mother's Day to all who nurture and care for God's earthly creation whether it human, animal, or plant.

May 16: Sheila Snow
May 23: Gary & Karen Crump

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; Jamey Christy; Mary Hettinger; Project AGAPE and Armenia due to military conflict; Liberia Group of ZOE Ministries; Tony Licata; Matt Licata; family & friends of Chris Abbot; Catherine Baker; Matthew Wright; June Young; Scott & Lindsay Helton; family of Tom Major; Dave Hotchkiss.

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.
Free Tax and Financial Clinic
Serving households with incomes under 225% of federal poverty level and seniors on a fixed income. Free services include:
  • Tax preparation
  • Representation in tax resolution matters
  • Assistance with Marketplace and Affordable Care Act issues
  • Financial counseling

By Appointment Only • Call (866) 862-2220
Remote services are also available. Be sure to mention remote services when calling.

Starting Tuesday February 16th at:
  First United Methodist Church
  73 Valley River Avenue
  Murphy, NC

Services provided by Zacchaeus Financial Counseling, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization www.ZacchaeusFinancial.org

*** 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.

***UPPER ROOM***
We have received the May/June 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 online version for May/June is available on our website under the NEWS tab.

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 75 people into each worship service 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 75 people (for each service time) 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.

*** 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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TRUSTEE ON CALL
May: Freddy Lochaby 828-226-2900

Scripture Readings for May 16
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

This Week’s Ministry Opportunities
Continue to stay in communication with your group leader on how you will meet and stay in touch.

Sunday, May 9  Mother’s Day
Worship Service 11:00am
Children’s Sunday School 11:15am
Alpha 4:00pm

Tuesday, May 11
Food Pantry 1:00 pm
Julian of Norwich Study 1:15 pm
MHS Baseball 4:30pm

Wednesday, May 12
MHS Track 3:30pm

Friday, May 14
Food Pantry 1:00pm
MHS Baseball 4:30pm

Saturday, May 15
Playground Church 11:00am

Sunday, May 16
Worship Service 11:00am
Children’s Sunday School 11:15am
Alpha 4:00pm

OUR FAITHFULNESS 2021
Worship attendance last Sunday 140
Total Budget for 2021 $344,678
Needed weekly $6,629
Received May 2 $5,172
Needed thru May 2 $119,322
Received thru May 2 $116,789
Difference $-2,533

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 (6ft 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.

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