

**THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP**

May 3, 2026

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**WELCOME AND GREETING**

Alleluia, Christ is Risen  
Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**PRELUDE**

**INTROIT** Choir

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Agnes Jallah

Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:

**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:

**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust,

Jesus reminds us:

**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us:

**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ,  
our way, our truth, and our life.

**Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

- Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, October 2025.

**\*\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "The Head That Once Was Crowned" UMH 326

**\*\*OPENING PRAYER** Agnes Jallah

Ever gracious, way-making God, we celebrate the way that you set the sun, moon, and stars in their courses above. Throughout creation, you have set boundaries that promote life and growth. You even limited your own work to six days and rested on the seventh. Teach us your rhythms of grace and wisdom for how to live well, so that we can come fully alive in you. Through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, we pray. Amen.

**PROCLAMATION**

**\*\*SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 16

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** "Boundary Lines" Rev. Wil Posey

**RESPONSE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Rev. Marji Hill

Moments of silent prayer & personal confession.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

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

Friends 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!  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven**  
**Glory to God. Amen**

**RECEIVING OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** "Thanksgiving Garden" Choir

**Ways you can give**  
*Leave a gift in the Offering Plate*  
*Online: www.murphyfirstumc.org/donate*  
*Mail: PO Box 86, Murphy, NC 28906*



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**\*\*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.*

**\*\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** Rev. Marji Hill

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
UMH 616,617, 618, 620

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** UMH pg 13

**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.

**\*\*HYMN** "Now Let Us From This Table Rise" UMH 634

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*\*BENEDICTION** Rev. Wil Posey

**\*\*BENEDICTION** "Here Am I, Send Me"  
Here am I, send me, Here Am I Lord Send Me.  
Unto thee willingly yielded I come. Show the path that I must walk  
Compel me then to go, and if I stray bring back the light of day,  
For here am I, send me I pray.

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**POSTLUDE**

**RESPONSE** The light goes before us into the world.

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal TFWS: The Faith We Sing

**\*\* Rise in body or spirit**

**Our Service of Worship has ended**  
**Our Worship through Service begins**  
**All are welcomed to Worship.**

Please assist us by registering your attendance in the App or notebooks located in the pews. If you didn't receive the text or email when we cancelled church, please be sure we have your correct phone number and email address.

Please be aware that we are live streaming and recording this service and will be posting it to social media.

**PRAYERS and CONCERNS**

Ukraine and its people; Bill and Barbara Hughes; Carl Auvil; Teresa; Lori; Emma; Alice & Ron Lewis; Cindy; Carolyn; Carl & Christy Osborn; Joe Hartman; Michee Leone; Earl Riggs; Cissy Dyer; Marion Forsyth; Rex Odom; Rosemary Vicknair; Gary Hall; Susan Lee; Bob Parker; Eric Brant; Keisha Licata; Grant Corrigan; Members of the Armed Forces; Diane Sims; Karen Forker; Karen Crowe; Matt Heltzel.

**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. 828-837-2718 or email: admin@murphyfirstumc.org, Prayer Requests can be submitted on our Facebook page, YouTube live stream or by calling the church office.*

May 18, 5:30pm special called Charge Conference to approved the sale of a designated parcel of land owned by FUMC Murphy and to authorize Trustees to serve as agents of the sale.

**Save the Dates! — June 5-7**  
**WNCC Pilgrimage to Cherokee**

You have a wonderful opportunity to experience the Pilgrimage to Cherokee on June 5-7, 2026. There will be an option to stay there for Friday and Saturday (June 5-6) only. You will be able to hear stories, narratives, and experiences of the Cherokee people, to hear about their reality, pain, and hope, and to honor them by listening to them. Please save the dates. Link to register: <https://wnc-reg.brtapp.com/PilgrimageCherokee>



Are You interested in having a great time and blessing Murphy's Children this Summer? We need you for Vacation Bible School! Reach out to Bridget Killian 828-541-1222 or Ann Smith annsmith828@gmail.com for more information.

**Parents of Young Children**

**During Worship (11am)\***  
Nursery (2 rooms) - Birth-2, and 3-5 year olds  
Worship readiness—K-5th Grade  
No Worship Readiness on Communion Sundays. Kids stay in church.



\*Nursery is open from 9:45am-12pm, though children are welcome in worship and will then be released after Children's Time to return to their nursery or Worship Readiness or remain in the Sanctuary

The Head That Once Was Crowned 326

1. The head that once was crowned with thorns is  
 2. The high - est place that heaven af - fords be -  
 3. The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the  
 4. To them the cross with all its shame, with  
 5. They suf - fer with their Lord be - low; they  
 6. The cross he bore is life and health, though

crowned with glo - ry now; a roy - al di - a -  
 longs to him by right; the King of kings and  
 joy of all be - low, to whom he man - i -  
 all its grace, is given; their name an ev - er -  
 reign with him a - bove; their prof - it and their  
 shame and death to him, his peo - ple's hope, his

dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.  
 Lord of lords, and heaven's e - ter - nal light.  
 fests his love, and grants his name to know.  
 last - ing name, their joy the joy of heaven.  
 joy to know the mys - tery of his love.  
 peo - ple's wealth, their ev - er - last - ing theme.

WORDS: Thomas Kelly, 1820 (Heb. 2:9-10)  
 MUSIC: Attr. to Jeremiah Clark, 1707; harm. by W. H. Monk, 1868

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# Sermon Notes

EUCHARIST (HOLY COMMUNION OR THE LORD'S SUPPER)

Now Let Us from This Table Rise 634

1. Now let us from this ta - ble rise re - newed in  
 2. With minds a - lert, up - held by grace to spread the  
 3. To fill each hu - man house with love, it is the  
 4. Then grant us cour - age, Fa - ther God, to choose a -

bod - y, mind, and soul; with Christ we die and  
 word in speech and deed, we fol - low in the  
 sac - ra - ment of care; the work that Christ be -  
 gain the pil - grim way, and help us to ac -

live a - gain, his self - less love has made us whole.  
 steps of Christ, at one with all in hope and need.  
 gan to do we hum - bly pledge our - selves to share.  
 cept with joy the chal - lenge of to - mor - row's day.

WORDS: Fred Kaan, 1964  
 MUSIC: *Grenoble Antiphoner*, 1753, harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906;  
 adapt. by Basil Harwood, 1908

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Next Week: May 10, 2026  
Sixth Sunday of Easter, Mothers' Day

This Week's Ministry Opportunities

<b>Sunday, May 3</b>		<b>Thursday, May 7</b>	
Sunday School	9:45 am	Mom's Spiritual Formation	9:30 am
Worship Service	11:00 am	Quilters	10:00 am
Youth	4:00 pm	Soul Table	11:30 am
<b>Monday, May 4</b>		<b>Friday, May 8</b>	
Preschool	8:00 am	Show Me Montessori	8:00 am
Yoga	10:30 am	Preschool	8:00 am
Chair Exercise class	11:30 am	Chair Exercise class	11:30 am
Preschool Meeting	5:30 pm		
<b>Tuesday May 5</b>		<b>Saturday, May 9</b>	
VRR	5:00 pm	Al Anon	10:00 am
<b>Wednesday, May 6</b>		<b>Sunday, May 10 Mother's Day</b>	
Preschool	8:00 am	Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Staff Meeting	10:00 am	Worship Service	11:00 am
Chair Exercise class	11:30 am		
Wednesday Bible Study	1:00 pm		
Children's Choir	3:15 pm		
Wesley Ringers	4:30 pm		
Choir	5:30 pm		

*Our calendar can also be accessed from the App.*

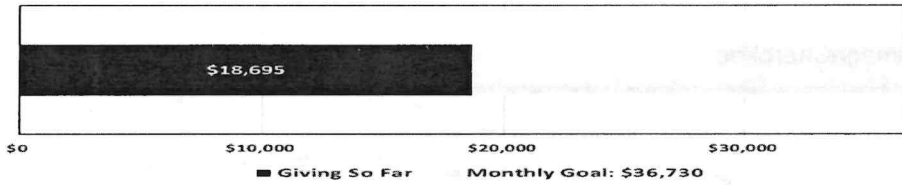
**Church Potluck Sunday, May 17**

**OUR FAITHFULNESS 2026**

Worship attendance April 26	269
Received April 26	\$ 4620

Detailed Financial information is available at the church office upon request.

**Monthly Giving Report April 2026**



**Today's To-Do List:**

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1. Thank God
  2. Smile
  3. Think Positive
  4. Stop Worrying
  5. Love
  6. Inspire
  7. Be at Peace

**KICKBALL AT KONEHETE PARK**

MAY 17

3-5 PM

JOIN US FOR THIS FUN AND INTERGENERATIONAL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVENT!

ICE CREAM AND LOTS OF LAUGHS PROVIDED FOR THOSE WHO WOULD RATHER WATCH THAN PLAY

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KENDRA FOKAKIS 601-486-3089 OR PASTOR WIL  
KONEHETE PARK FIELD # 699 CONNAHETTA ST. MURPHY NC

**BEACH WORD SEARCH**

A X I N S U N G L A S S E S Q N Q T D G  
G S U S O D O A C M K W Q R Y O X P F W  
V G E M J O E A D D B S R U M T G E Z E  
S M B V V W G O I P N D Z N A F K Q C Q  
A Y J M A C O A D J Q A T J E S L X O R  
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T U W S C Z I I Q S T A R F I S H P E M

**WORD LIST**

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|--------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| BARNACLE     | DOLPHIN     | LIFEGUARD | STARFISH   |
| BIKINI       | DRIFTWOOD   | REEF      | SUNGLASSES |
| BOARD SHORTS | HAT         | SAND      | SWIMMING   |
| BOARDWALK    | HERMIT CRAB | SANDALS   | TOWEL      |
| BUCKET       | ICE CREAM   | SARONG    | WAVES      |
| CORAL        | LAGOON      | SEASHELL  | WETSUIT    |
| DECKCHAIR    |             |           |            |

*Homemade GIFTS MADE EASY*

**Potluck Luncheon**

**Sunday, May 17 after worship**

Please plan to attend and bring a dish to share.  
Willing Hands, Women in Faith group will be our hosts.

**TRUSTEE ON CALL**

May —David Liber

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**JoAnn Moore, Preschool Teacher**

**Everyone, Ministers**

**Church Office Hours**

Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Monday and Friday Closed

**First United Methodist Church  
Murphy, NC**



**Our Mission is to:**  
Live as a community transformed by God's grace,  
sent to love and serve like Jesus.

**Our Vision is to:**  
Build communities of hope where all people  
experience belonging and abundant life.

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