



Murray Presbyterian Church

*June 22, 2025 10am Worship
Second Sunday After Pentecost*

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting One Another

Ringling of the Tower Bell

*Call to Worship

Leader: Look to the mountains; look to the hills!

People: Love comes to us with joy!

Leader: The world is filled with beauty.

**People: Flowers appear on the earth,
birdsong brightens the day.**

Leader: Crops yield their produce in abundance,
the air is filled with sweetness.

People: The summer of God's love is with us.

Leader: Let the oil of gladness anoint your souls.

People: Arise and sing for joy!

—inspired by Song of Solomon 2: 8-13, Psalm 45

*Prayer of Approach

O holy God, we know the beauty of this June day and we are grateful. We experience the warm stirring of summer and the fullness of bountiful earth, and we are grateful. We share the love of family and friends and the family and friendship that is our church, and we are grateful.

Through the grace of Christ Jesus, we know the opportunity to bring new selves to this new day that we might worship with our community in joy and thanksgiving and be filled with the good news we would offer everyone. For all these things we are deeply grateful. Amen

*Hymn: "The God of Abraham Praise"

WC 66

Prayer of Confession

Everlasting God, it pains us to confess how unresponsive to your bidding we really are and how faithless to our callings we can be. We do your work, if at all, half-heartedly and act according to your will, at best, when it is convenient for us. Forgive us, we pray, and inspire us with the example of your servants like Abraham, who though they were unworthy and felt unprepared, answered your summons with faith and performed their appointed tasks with grace. In the name of Christ Jesus we pray. Amen

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response: "We Are Forgiven"**

Scripture: Genesis 18:16-33

Sermon: "Abraham: Pleading for Justice"
(Daring to Draw Near, pt. 1)
Reverend William J. McConnell

***Hymn: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"**

WC 486

Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

***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 Dedication**

***Hymn: "Standing on the Promises"**

WC 306

***Benediction and Benediction Response**

**May the Lord, mighty God
Bless you and keep you forever
Grant you peace, perfect peace
Courage in every endeavor.**

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**Lift up your eyes and see His face
And his grace forever
May the Lord, mighty God
Bless you and keep you forever.**

***Please Stand if Able**

WC: Worshiping Church Hymnal (found on seat) PH: Presbyterian Hymnal (found in pew rack)

Announcements

Vacation Bible School

Registration is now open for YEE HAW, this year's wild frontier-themed, weekend VBS. The dates and times are Friday, June 27 (6:30 - 8:15 pm, with family meal at 6:00 pm), Saturday, June 28 (9:30 am-12:00 pm), and Sunday, June 29 (10:00-11:00 am). Volunteers are needed to work at the various stations and to serve as crew leaders or junior crew leaders. To sign up VBS participants (pre-school to sixth grade) or to volunteer, go to www.myvbs.org/Murray2025VBS. For more information, see Julie Nickels or a member of the Christian Education team.

Save the Date!

Save the date and be sure to join us for a very special concert event to be held in our sanctuary on Sunday evening, July 20. We are honored to be hosting Brent Vernon, singer-songwriter, author-illustrator, and ventriloquist. For the past 30 years, Brent has been touring the country, thrilling audiences young and old alike with his repertoire of energetic, hope-filled songs. His ventriloquist sidekick, Sam, is always a hit with kids of all ages. The concert will be followed by an ice cream social. The cost is a free-will offering.

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