

## Tithes and offerings...

The mission and ministry of Dyersburg FUMC is now more vital than ever. Although you can bring your offerings with you to church on Sunday, you can also mail them or give online. Checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 452, Dyersburg, TN 38025, online @ <https://fumcdyersburg.com/donate>, or scan the following QR code with your phone.



## Assisting in Worship...

Rev. Dr. Mary Beth Bernheisel  
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## Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 5

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
9:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal  
9:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
10:15 a.m. Worship  
4:00 p.m. Blankets

Tuesday, March 7

9:30 a.m. Yoga – FLC  
6:00 p.m. Men's Basketball – FLC

Wednesday, March 8

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast – FH  
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class – RH  
6:00 p.m. Dayspring – RH

Thursday, March 9

9:30 a.m. Yoga – FLC  
12:30 p.m. Community Assistance – Narthex

Saturday, March 11

1:00 p.m. Pickleball – FLC

FLC – Family Life Center  
FH – Fellowship Hall  
MS – Music Suite  
TR – Trinity Classroom



Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

✚ Please stand as you are able

Prelude

*Prayer of Meditation*

by Pamela C Hakins

*O God, who makes all things new, new stars, new dust, new life; take my heart, every hardened edge and measured beat, and create something new in me. I need your newness, God, the rough parts of me made smooth; the stagnant, stirred; the stuck, freed; the unkind, forgiven. And then, by the power of your Spirit, I need to be turned toward Love again. Amen.*

Greeting

What is it like to begin again?

**It is like flowers in the spring that push through frozen ground.**

**It is like babies learning to walk, one dumsy step at a time.**

**It is like Nicodemus in the night, asking Jesus for guidance.**

**It is like a Sunday morning, starting our week anew.**

May we find God as we seek him.

**May we learn God's ways as we go.**

May we have the courage to begin again.

**May we worship the God of new beginnings.**

✚ Hymn of Praise UMH 389 *Freely, Freely* FREELY, FREELY  
(vss. 1, 2)

Affirmation of Faith

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

**Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

Celebration of Young Disciples

Children ages 3 through 1<sup>st</sup> grade may join Mrs. Tori in the back of the sanctuary for Children's Church.

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

*You Say*  
Janna Crisp, Soloist

✠ Doxology

OLD 100th

*Praise God throughout these forty days.  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.  
And praise the Spirit who imparts  
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.*

Mission Moment

World Hunger

Scripture Lesson

John 3:1-17 NRSV

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Hymn TFWS2108

PATRICIA

*O How He Loves You and Me*  
(vss. 1, 2)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

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.

*Silent Prayers*

Declaration of Forgiveness

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 ... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying:

**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.**

...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.**

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

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Music during Holy Communion

Prayer after Holy Communion (in unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ Invitation to Christian Discipleship

✠ Hymn UMH 369

*Blessed Assurance*  
(vss. 1, 2, 3)

ASSURANCE

✠ Announcements

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude

*The rose on the chancel today is given in honor of the birth of Leonardo "Leo" Alexander Marshall, who was born February 14, to Kennon and Elizabeth Marshall, of Roanoke, Virginia. He is the grandson of Fred and Ellen Moore, of our congregation.*

*Sermon Notes...*