

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 17

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 9:45 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – Narthex
 10:15 a.m. Worship

Monday, March 18

5:30 p.m. Pickleball – FLC

Tuesday, March 19

9:30 a.m. Snap, Crackle, Pop – FLC
 6:00 p.m. Men’s Basketball – FLC

Wednesday, March 20

6:30 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast – FH

Thursday, March 21

9:30 a.m. Snap, Crackle, Pop – FLC
 12:30 p.m. Community Assistance – Narthex
 5:30 p.m. Pickleball – FLC

Saturday, March 23

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Pickleball – FLC

Sunday, March 24

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 9:45 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – Narthex
 10:15 a.m. Worship
 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
 4:00 p.m. Dayspring - RH
 4:00 p.m. Blankets - EW

FLC – Family Life Center
 FH – Fellowship Hall
 RH – Rawles Hall
 TR – Trinity Classroom
 EW – Education Wing

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
 Pastor

Janie Stafford
 Liturgist

Josh White
 Accompanist

Katy Allen
 Worship Leader

Tori Armstrong
 Children’s Ministry Director

Steve Guttery
 Audio

Clare Bernheisel
 Visual



Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

✚ Please stand as you are able. **Bold words** are spoken responsively.

Prelude

Welcome

✚ Call to Worship

Why are you here?

**I am seeking God with my whole heart,
 with my entire mind,
 with a fire burning in my bones.**

You’re in the right place!

This is God’s house. The door is open to you.

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Let us worship God.

Let us learn from the Spirit. Amen!

✚ Hymn UMH 103

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
 (vss. 1, 2, 3, 4)*

ST. DENIO

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we long to be lifelong learners. We long to approach you with curiosity and an open mind. Instead, we often live as if we know best. We forget that the disciples called you “Rabbi, Teacher.” Forgive us for the times when we fail to be curious. Forgive us for the times when we assume we know best. Forgive us for the moments when we imagine that our learning is done and that we have all the answers. Like Peter—who was brave enough to ask, “How many times should we forgive?”—make us brave. Spark a desire in us to learn, and may our curiosity carry our faith into deeper waters. With hope and humility, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

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

Celebration of Young Disciples

Children ages 3 through 2nd Grade may join Mrs. Todameka and Mrs. Tori in the back of the sanctuary for Children's Church.

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 119:9-16 CEB

⁹How can young people keep their paths pure? By guarding them according to what you've said. ¹⁰I have sought you with all my heart. Don't let me stray from any of your commandments! ¹¹I keep your word close, in my heart, so that I won't sin against you. ¹²You, Lord, are to be blessed! Teach me your statutes. ¹³I will declare out loud all the rules you have spoken. ¹⁴I rejoice in the content of your laws as if I were rejoicing over great wealth. ¹⁵I will think about your precepts and examine all your paths. ¹⁶I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget what you have said.

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

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

✠ 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.***

✠ Hymn UMH 389

*Freely, Freely
(all verses)*

FREELY, FREELY

✠ Scripture Lesson

Matthew 18:15-22 CEB

¹⁵"If your brother or sister sins against you, go and correct them when you are alone together. If they listen to you, then you've won over your brother or sister. ¹⁶But if they won't listen, take with you one or two others so that every word may be established by the mouth of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷But if they still won't pay attention, report it to the church. If they won't pay attention even to the church, treat them as you would a Gentile and tax collector. ¹⁸I assure you that whatever you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. And whatever you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven. ¹⁹Again I assure you that if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, then my Father who is in heaven will do it for you. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my

name, I'm there with them." ²¹Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said, "Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times.

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Sermon

✠ Affirmation of Faith

We believe that questions are a building block of faith.

How many times should I forgive?

Jesus, where are you going?

What must I do to inherit eternal life?

We believe that humble curiosity can open our eyes.

Where does it hurt?

What do you need?

How can I help?

We believe that God is a teacher.

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.

Here I am.

Send me.

We believe that faith invites our whole being to engage,

with all our heart,

with all our mind,

with all our strength.

We believe. Help our unbelief.

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

✠ Invitation to Discipleship

✠ Hymn UMH 540

ST. THOMAS

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord
(all verses)*

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude

Sermon Notes...