

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.



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Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 19

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

Tuesday, March 21

9:30 a.m. Yoga – FLC
10:15 a.m. Staff Meeting – TR
6:00 p.m. Men's Basketball – FLC
6:30 p.m. Garden Club – FLC/CR

Wednesday, March 22

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

Thursday, March 23

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

Saturday, March 25

1:00 p.m. Pickleball – FLC
4:00 p.m. Kids' Night In

FLC – Family Life Center
FLC/CR – Family Life Center/Craft Room
FH – Fellowship Hall
MS – Music Suite
TR – Trinity Classroom



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 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

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Who here has sinned?

We have sinned. We put our heads in the sand. We ignored people in need. We make false assumptions and fail to be kind. We are in need of forgiveness.

Good news! Our God is a merciful God. God does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score. When you suffer, God weeps. When you sin, God forgives. When you lose your way, God comes running.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Have you sinned?

I have sinned. I put my head in the sand. I ignore people in need. I make false assumptions and fail to be kind. I, too, am in need of forgiveness.

Good news! Our God is a merciful God. God does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score. When you suffer, God weeps. When you sin, God forgives. When you lose your way, God comes running.

Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

✠ Hymn of Praise WS 3177 HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

Here I Am to Worship

*¹Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.
(chorus)*

*²King of all days, O so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above,
Humbly you came to the earth you created,
all for love's sake became poor.
(chorus)*

*And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.
I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.
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I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.
(chorus)*

(chorus)

*Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God. You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.*

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Celebration of Young Disciples

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

Scripture Lesson John 9:1-7 CEB

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man who was blind from birth. ²Jesus' disciples asked, "Rabbi, who sinned so that he was born blind, this man or his parents?" ³Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents. This happened so that God's mighty works might be displayed in him. ⁴While it's daytime, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming when no one can work. ⁵While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶After he said this, he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and smeared the mud on the man's eyes. ⁷Jesus said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (this word means sent). So the man went away and washed. When he returned, he could see.

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 349 LEMMEL

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus
(repeat 2 times)

✠ Scripture Lesson John 9:8-41 CEB

The man's neighbors and those who used to see him when he was a beggar said, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some said, "It is," and others said, "No, it's someone who looks like him." But the man said, "Yes, it's me!" ¹⁰So they asked him, "How are you now able to see?" ¹¹He answered, "The man they call Jesus made mud, smeared it on my eyes, and said, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and then I could see." ¹²They asked, "Where is this man?" He replied, "I don't know." ¹³Then they led the man who had been born blind to the Pharisees. ¹⁴Now Jesus made the mud and smeared it on the man's eyes on a Sabbath day. ¹⁵So Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. The man told them, "He put mud on my eyes, I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some Pharisees said, "This man isn't from God, because he breaks the Sabbath law." Others said, "How can a sinner do miraculous signs like these?" So they were divided. ¹⁷Some of the Pharisees questioned the man who had been born blind again: "What do you have to say about him, since he healed your eyes?" He replied, "He's a prophet." ¹⁸Conflict over the healing ¹⁸The Jewish leaders didn't believe the man had been blind and received his sight until they called for his parents. ¹⁹The Jewish leaders asked them, "Is this your son? Are you saying he was born blind? How can he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know he is our son. We know he was born blind. ²¹But we don't know how he now sees, and we don't know who healed his eyes. Ask him. He's old enough to speak for himself." ²²His parents said this because they feared the Jewish authorities. This is because the Jewish authorities had already decided that whoever confessed Jesus to be the Christ would be expelled from the synagogue. ²³That's why his parents said, "He's old enough. Ask him." ²⁴Therefore, they called a second time for the man who had been born blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know this man is a sinner." ²⁵The man answered, "I don't know whether he's a sinner. Here's what I do know: I was blind and now I see." ²⁶They questioned him: "What did he do to you? How did he heal your eyes?" ²⁷He replied, "I already told you, and you didn't listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?" ²⁸They insulted him: "You are his disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. ²⁹We know that God spoke to Moses, but we don't know where this man is from." ³⁰The man answered, "This is incredible! You don't know where he is from, yet he healed my eyes! ³¹We know that God doesn't listen to sinners. God listens to anyone who is devout and

does God's will. ³²No one has ever heard of a healing of the eyes of someone born blind. ³³If this man wasn't from God, he couldn't do this." ³⁴They responded, "You were born completely in sin! How is it that you dare to teach us?" Then they expelled him. Jesus finds the man born blind ³⁵Jesus heard they had expelled the man born blind. Finding him, Jesus said, "Do you believe in the Human One?" ³⁶He answered, "Who is he, sir? I want to believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said, "You have seen him. In fact, he is the one speaking with you." ³⁸The man said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped Jesus. ³⁹Jesus said, "I have come into the world to exercise judgment so that those who don't see can see and those who see will become blind." ⁴⁰Some Pharisees who were with him heard what he said and asked, "Surely we aren't blind, are we?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you wouldn't have any sin, but now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

Parish Choir Anthem *I Then Shall Live*
Jerry Weaver, Soloist

Sermon

✠ 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.

✠ Hymn UMH 454 OPEN MY EYES
Open My Eyes, That I May See
(vss. 1, 2, 3)

✠ Announcements

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude