

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 26

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
 11:15 a.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal – MS
 4:00 p.m. Blankets

Monday, March 27

5:30 p.m. Finance Team – Trinity

Tuesday, March 28

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

Wednesday, March 29

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

Thursday, March 30

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

Saturday, April 1

12 Noon Youth 1-Day Community Art
 Crawl Experience
 1:00 p.m. Pickleball – FLC

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

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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Janie Stafford
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Clare Bernheisel
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Tori Armstrong
 Children's Ministry Director



Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

✠ Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Greeting

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Jesus of Nazareth, I confess:
 I forget that you know this feeling.
 I forget that you, too, have wept.
 I forget that you, too, have lost.
 I forget that you, too, have gathered at the tomb,
 have grieved for a friend, have felt the sting of humanity.
 Forgive me for all the times I place blame on you.
 Forgive me for all the times I create distance, imagining that you
 could never feel what I feel. Forgive me for allowing the valley of
 dry bones to be a sea of space between us.
 Pour yourself into the cracks in my heart. Bring these bones back
 to life. Bring me closer to you. With gratitude I pray, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

✠ Hymn of Praise WS 3095 SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN'
Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door
 (refrain)

*Somebody's knockin' at your door; somebody's knockin' at your door;
 O sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knockin' at your door.*

¹ *Knocks like Jesus. Somebody's knockin' at your door.
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 O sinner, why don't you answer?
 Somebody's knockin' at your door.*

² *Can't you hear him? Somebody's knockin' at your door.
 Can't you hear him? Somebody's knockin' at your door.
 O sinner, why don't you answer?
 Somebody's knockin' at your door.*

³ *Jesus calls you. Somebody's knockin' at your door.
Jesus calls you. Somebody's knockin' at your door.
O sinner, why don't you answer?
Somebody's knockin' at your door.*

⁴ *Can't you trust him? Somebody's knockin' at your door.
Can't you trust him? Somebody's knockin' at your door.
O sinner, why don't you answer?
Somebody's knockin' at your door.*

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

Ezekiel 37:1-14 CEB

The Lord's power overcame me, and while I was in the Lord's spirit, he led me out and set me down in the middle of a certain valley. It was full of bones. ²He led me through them all around, and I saw that there were a great many of them on the valley floor, and they were very dry. ³He asked me, "Human one, can these bones live again?" I said, "Lord God, only you know." ⁴He said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, Dry bones, hear the Lord's word! ⁵The Lord God proclaims to these bones: I am about to put breath in you, and you will live again. ⁶I will put sinews on you, place flesh on you, and cover you with skin. When I put breath in you, and you come to life, you will know that I am the Lord." ⁷I prophesied just as I was commanded. There was a great noise as I was prophesying, then a great quaking, and the bones came together, bone by bone. ⁸When I looked, suddenly there were sinews on them. The flesh appeared, and then they were covered over with skin. But there was still no breath in them. ⁹He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, human one! Say to the breath, The Lord God proclaims: Come from the four winds, breath! Breathe into these dead bodies and let them live." ¹⁰I prophesied just as he commanded me. When the breath entered them, they came to life and stood on their feet, an extraordinarily large company. ¹¹He said to me, "Human one, these bones are the entire house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope has perished. We are completely finished.' ¹²So now, prophesy and say to them, The Lord God proclaims: I'm opening your graves! I will raise you up from your graves, my people, and I will bring you to Israel's fertile land. ¹³You will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, my people. ¹⁴I will put my breath in you, and you will live. I will plant you on your fertile land, and you

will know that I am the Lord. I've spoken, and I will do it. This is what the Lord says."

This is the Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

✠ Doxology

*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.*

OLD 100th

✠ Hymn UMH 314

In the Garden
(vss. 1, 2, 3)

GARDEN

✠ Scripture Lesson

John 11: 1-45 CEB

A certain man, Lazarus, was ill. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (²This was the Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped his feet with her hair. Her brother Lazarus was ill.) ³So the sisters sent word to Jesus, saying, "Lord, the one whom you love is ill." ⁴When he heard this, Jesus said, "This illness isn't fatal. It's for the glory of God so that God's Son can be glorified through it." ⁵Jesus loved Martha, her sister, and Lazarus. ⁶When he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was. After two days, ⁷he said to his disciples, "Let's return to Judea again." ⁸The disciples replied, "Rabbi, the Jewish opposition wants to stone you, but you want to go back?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Aren't there twelve hours in the day? Whoever walks in the day doesn't stumble because they see the light of the world. ¹⁰But whoever walks in the night does stumble because the light isn't in them." ¹¹He continued, "Our friend Lazarus is sleeping, but I am going in order to wake him up." ¹²The disciples said, "Lord, if he's sleeping, he will get well." ¹³They thought Jesus meant that Lazarus was in a deep sleep, but Jesus had spoken about Lazarus' death. ¹⁴Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died. ¹⁵For your sakes, I'm glad I wasn't there so that you can believe. Let's go to him." ¹⁶Then Thomas (the one called Didymus) said to the other disciples, "Let us go too so that we may die with Jesus." ¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸Bethany was a little less than two miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁹Many Jews had come to comfort Martha and Mary after their brother's death. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary remained in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died. ²²Even now I know that whatever you ask God, God will give you." ²³Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha replied, "I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die. ²⁶Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She replied, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, God's Son, the one who is coming into the world." ²⁸After she said this, she went and

spoke privately to her sister Mary, "The teacher is here and he's calling for you." ²⁹When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to Jesus. ³⁰He hadn't entered the village but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹When the Jews who were comforting Mary in the house saw her get up quickly and leave, they followed her. They assumed she was going to mourn at the tomb. ³²When Mary arrived where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died." ³³When Jesus saw her crying and the Jews who had come with her crying also, he was deeply disturbed and troubled. ³⁴He asked, "Where have you laid him?" They replied, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to cry. ³⁶The Jews said, "See how much he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "He healed the eyes of the man born blind. Couldn't he have kept Lazarus from dying?" ³⁸Jesus was deeply disturbed again when he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone covered the entrance. ³⁹Jesus said, "Remove the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said, "Lord, the smell will be awful! He's been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus replied, "Didn't I tell you that if you believe, you will see God's glory?" ⁴¹So they removed the stone. Jesus looked up and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. ⁴²I know you always hear me. I say this for the benefit of the crowd standing here so that they will believe that you sent me." ⁴³Having said this, Jesus shouted with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his feet bound and his hands tied, and his face covered with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." ⁴⁵Therefore, many of the Jews who came with Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him.

Parish Choir Anthem *Crucified with Christ*

Soloists: Janna Crisp, Randy Prince, Kristen Caldwell, Steve Barton

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 707

Hymn of Promise
(vss. 1, 2, 3)

PROMISE

✠ Announcements

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude