

Upcoming Events

- Sunday, April 19
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – S.S. Hall
 10:15 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
 2:00 p.m. Parish Choir Practice – MS
 4:00 p.m. Blankets – EW
 4:00 p.m. Fuel for the Soul – RH
- Tuesday, April 21
 9:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting – KC
 5:30 p.m. Garden Club – FH
- Wednesday, April 22
 6:30 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast – FH
- Thursday, April 23
 9:00 a.m. Preschool Chapel – Chapel
- Saturday, April 24
 9:00 a.m. Thriving Caregivers – FH
- Sunday, April 26
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – S.S. Hall
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FH – Fellowship Hall
 EW – Education Wing
 S.S. Hall – Sunday School Hall
 Rh H – Rhea House
 MS – Music Suite
 RH – Rawles Hall
 KC – Koinonia 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...

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
 Third Sunday of Easter
 April 19, 2026

✠ Please rise in body or in spirit.
Bold words are spoken responsively.

THE GATHERING

Prelude

The Chimes

Welcome

✠ Call to Worship *Acts 2:14,36-41*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
 Let the entire house of the Lord know with certainty that God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah - this Jesus who was crucified.
Repent and be baptized, every one of us, in the name of Jesus Christ so that our sins may be forgiven!
 You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, for the promise is for everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.
Amen. Let us worship God!
 Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

✠ Hymn of Praise
 UMH 378 *Amazing Grace* AMAZING GRACE
(vv. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)

✠ Opening Prayer
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebration of Young Disciples
 Children aged Birth through 2nd Grade may join Mrs. Todameka and Mrs. Tori in the back of the sanctuary for Children’s Church.

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

✠ Doxology

OLD 100TH

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 1:17-23 NSRV

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. ²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Response to the Word

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

✠ Hymn of Preparation

UMH 454

Open My Eyes, That I May See
(vv. 1, 2, 3)

OPEN MY EYES

✠ Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:13-35 NRSV

¹³Now on that same day, two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses

and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So, he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Response to the Word

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

Sermon

The Long Walk, The Short Meal

✠ Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now reverently and sincerely declare:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

✠ Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

MEINEKE

UMH 70

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Amen.***

Pastoral Prayer

O God, our light, our beauty, our rest: In the resurrection of your Son, you have brought us into your new creation. Form us into your people and order our lives in you; through Christ our Lord.
Amen. Alleluia.

Offer your silent prayers for growth and healing.

O God, our rainbow, our dove, our promised land: In the resurrection of your Son, you have brought us into your ark. Protect us from storms and ferry us to your welcoming shore; through Christ our Lord.
Amen. Alleluia.

Offer your silent prayers for God's protection.

O God, our shepherd, our gate, our lamb: In the resurrection of your Son, you have brought us into your pasture. Guide us to your clear streams and tame the wolf at our gate; through Christ our Lord.
Amen. Alleluia.

Offer your silent prayers of thanksgiving.

O God, our grove, our love, our well: In the resurrection of your Son, you have brought us into your garden. Bind us now and forever and give us to eat from the tree of life; through Christ our Lord.
Amen. Alleluia.

Offer your silent prayers to grow in faith.

O God, our bread, our milk, and our honey: In the resurrection of your Son, you have brought us to your table. Feed us with your plenty and enlarge our table for all the hungry; through Christ our Lord.
Amen. Alleluia.

Offer your silent prayers for the physically and spiritually hungry.

O God, our sovereign, our banquet, our crown: In the resurrection of your Son, you have brought us into your palace. Train us to be heirs to your throne, that we may shield the needy through Christ our Lord.
Amen. Alleluia.

Offer your silent prayers for the poor and powerless in our midst.

O God, Holy One, our altar, our cloud: In the resurrection of your Son, you have brought us into your temple. Accept the sacrifices we offer and draw us into the fire of your Spirit, through Christ our Lord.
Amen. Alleluia.

Offer your silent prayers asking God's forgiveness for our sin.

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.

Announcement from John Feith, Chair, Staff-Parish Relations Committee

✠ Invitation to Christian Discipleship

SENDING FORTH

✠ Sending Hymn

UMH 77

How Great Thou Art
(vv. 1, 2, 3, 4)

HOW GREAT THOU ART

✠ Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude