

We give thanks for all that God has already given you,
and we welcome you in Christian love.
As members together with you
in the body of Christ
and in this congregation
of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant
faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the Church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.

✠ Invitation to Christian Discipleship

✠ Hymn DOWN TO THE RIVER
Down to the River to Pray
(vss. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

✠ Benediction
May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace,
both now and forever more.

✠ Postlude

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.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 23 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship –
Foyer/Narthex
9:45 a.m. Parish Choir Warm-up – MS
10:15 a.m. Worship/Confirmation Sunday
11:15 a.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal – MS
4:00 p.m. Blankets
6:00 p.m. Youth and Family Gathering

Tuesday, April 25 9:30 a.m. Yoga – FLC
6:00 p.m. Men's Basketball – FLC

Wednesday, April 26
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast – FH
6:00 p.m. Dayspring – RH

Thursday, April 27 9:30 a.m. Yoga – FLC
12:30 p.m. Community Assistance – Narthex

Saturday, April 29 1:00 p.m. Pickleball – FLC

FLC – Family Life Center
FH – Fellowship Hall
RH – Rawles Hall
MS – Music Suite

Assisting in Worship...

The Confirmation Classes of 2023 and 2024:

Emily Barnes
Isabella Boyle
Ryder Korn
Thomas Lemons
Leah Myint
Bella Seratt
Reese Seratt

Clare Bernheisel
Visual Technician
Audio Technician

Kathy Kail
Choir Director

Rev. Dr. Mary Beth Bernheisel
Pastor



Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

✠ Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship Isabella Boyle, Emily Barnes

Christ is Risen!
Christ is Risen indeed!
God is alive...
...and making all things new!
Hope is alive...
... and a new world is here.
Joy is alive...
...and we have been redeemed.
Love is alive...
...and death cannot harm us.
We are alive...
...raised up with Christ.
The church is alive...
...with God's spirit within us.

God of life, we worship you.
God of creation, we praise you.
God of revelation, we learn from you.
God of resurrection, we come to celebrate you.

✠ Hymn UMH 451 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE
(vss. 1, 2, 3)

Celebrating the Ministry of the Church

Pastoral Prayer Bella Seratt

The Lord's Prayer (in unison) Leah Myint
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 20:19-23 Ryder Korn

¹⁹It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." ²²Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven."

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

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings Reese Seratt

Offertory Music

✠ Doxology 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*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!*

✠ Hymn UMH 98 To God Be the Glory TO GOD BE THE GLORY
(vss. 1, 2, 3)

✠ Scripture Lesson John 20:24-31 Thomas Lemons

²⁴Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!" But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe." ²⁶After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!" ²⁸Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe." ³⁰Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples' presence, signs that aren't recorded in this scroll. ³¹But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

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Special Music *Holy Water*
Dione Wilson, Soloist

Sermon

Song of Preparation

Sanctuary
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and Holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

Repeat

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION - UMH33

Pastor to the congregation:

...Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.
We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others.
We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Pastor to the congregation & the Confirmands:

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe 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, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Eternal Father:

When nothing existed but chaos...

...Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Tell of God's mercy each day.**

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb...
...to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

**Dedare Christ's works to the nations,
his glory among all the people.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit...
...they may share in his final victory.

**All praise to you, Eternal Father,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns for ever. Amen.**

...Now it is our joy to welcome our new sister in Christ.

**Through baptism
you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit
into God's new creation
and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.
We are all one in Christ Jesus.
With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you
as a member of the family of Christ.**

...Members of the household of God,
I commend Isabella, Ryder, and Thomas to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.