

## 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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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

✚ Please stand as you are able

Prelude

✚ Welcome and Call to Worship  
We are a Resurrection people  
called by God to live a Resurrection life.

**Christ is risen; Christ is risen indeed!**  
**We live our lives each day knowing that Christ has opened the way to new life to be lived in fullness and forgiveness each and every day. Even when our lives take us through the dark valleys, we know we are never alone; Our Risen Lord is always with us.**

So let us welcome the truth of resurrection in our lives as we go boldly into the world, knowing that in this resurrection life, we are a forgiven people as we share the good news of God's grace in word and deed with the world around us. Amen.

**The LORD is our shepherd, we shall not be in want for the Lord makes us lie down in green pastures and leads us beside quiet waters. The Lord restores our souls and guides us in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for the Lord is with me; the Lord's guidance comforts me.

**For the Lord prepares a table before us in the presence of those who would harm us. The Lord provides us with all we need and our cup of blessing overflows.**

Surely, goodness and love will follow us all the days of our lives,

**And we will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

✚ Hymn UMH 334 *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT  
(vs. 1)

Celebrating the Ministry of the Church

Hugh Todd

Pastoral Prayer

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 30

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
9:15 a.m. Children's Choir – MS  
9:45 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship –  
Foyer/Narthex  
9:45 a.m. Parish Choir Warm-up – MS  
10:15 a.m. Worship  
4:00 p.m. Blankets

Tuesday, May 2

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

Wednesday, May 3

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

Thursday, May 4

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

Saturday, May 6

1:00 p.m. Pickleball – FLC

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

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 1<sup>st</sup> grade may join Mrs. Tori in the back of the sanctuary for Children's Church.

Lakeshore Moment

Katlyn White

Scripture Lesson

Acts 2:42-47 CEB

<sup>42</sup>The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. <sup>43</sup>A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All the believers were united and shared everything. <sup>45</sup>They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. <sup>46</sup>Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. <sup>47</sup>They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

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

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

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 128

HE LEADETH ME

*He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought  
(vss. 1, 2, 4)*

✠ Scripture Lesson

John 10:1-10 CEB

<sup>1</sup>"I assure you that whoever doesn't enter into the sheep pen through the gate but climbs over the wall is a thief and an outlaw. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The guard at the gate opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>Whenever he has gathered all of his sheep, he goes before them and they follow him because they know his voice.

<sup>5</sup>They won't follow a stranger but will run away because they don't know the stranger's voice." <sup>6</sup>Those who heard Jesus use this analogy didn't understand what he was saying. <sup>7</sup>So Jesus spoke again, "I assure you that I am the gate of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me were thieves and outlaws, but the sheep didn't listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief enters only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that they could have life indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest."

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Parish Choir Anthem

*I Bowed on My Knees*

Mauldin

Roy Tipton, Soloist

Sermon

✠ Apostles' Creed (in unison)

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.

Farewell to Lenae

✠ Hymn UMH 474

PRECIOUS LORD

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand  
(vss. 1, 2, 3)*

✠ Invitation to Christian Discipleship

✠ Announcements

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude

*Sermon Notes...*