

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 3

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – GS
10:15 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Blankets – EW

Tuesday, May 5

9:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting – KC

Wednesday, May 6

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast – FH
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Community Assistance – Rh H
6:00 p.m. Church Council – FH

Thursday, May 7

9:30 a.m. Pre-School Character Classes – Chapel

Sunday, May 10

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – S.S. Hall
10:15 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall
G.S. – Gathering Space – Room 217
Rh H – Rhea House
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...

The Reverend Steven Lefebvre
Pastor

Lena Lewis
Liturgist

Miller Baker
Cross Bearer

Avery Peckenpaugh
Olivia Caldwell
Acolytes

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Director of Music

Tori Armstrong
Director of Children's Ministry

J Dan Gullett
Visuals

Steve Guttery
Sound



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026

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

THE GATHERING

Prelude

The Chimes

Welcome

✠ Call to Worship *Adapted from Psalm 119*
Alleluia, Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!
Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.
I will praise you with an upright heart when I learn your righteous ordinances.
I will observe your statutes; O forsake me not utterly.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
Amen. Let us worship God!

✠ Processional & Hymn of Praise
UMH 545 *The Church's One Foundation* AURELLA
(vv. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

✠ Opening Prayer
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.

Mission Moment

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music *This Is the Day* *Parish Choir*

‡ Doxology
UMH 94

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 2:2-10 NSRV

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals, yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” ⁸and “a stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

‡ Hymn of Preparation *Sanctuary* SANCTUARY
TFWS 2164

‡ Gospel Lesson John 14:1-14NRSV
¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house, there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words

that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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Sermon *The Way of Life*

‡ 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.***

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Invitation & Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Silent Prayers

Declaration of Forgiveness

Passing the Peace of Christ
The peace of Christ be with you.
And, also, with you.

Call to the Table *Jesus, Remember Me* REMEMBER ME
UMH 488

The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.
And, also, with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is right, and a good and joyful thing ... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying:
**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

...in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

Music during Holy Communion
Open the Eyes of My Heart/Be Thou My Vision Parish Choir
Let Us Break Bread Together
Give Thanks

Prayer After Holy Communion
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

‡ Invitation to Christian Discipleship

SENDING FORTH

‡ Sending Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* ROCKINGHAM
UMH 298 *(vv. 1, 2, 3, 4)*

‡ Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

‡ Announcements

‡ Benediction

‡ Postlude