

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 10

9:15 a.m. Mother's Day Breakfast  
10:00 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – GS  
10:15 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary  
4:00 p.m. Blankets – EW

Tuesday, May 12

9:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting – KC

Wednesday, May 13

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

Saturday, May 16

2:00 p.m. KidMin Pool Party – TBD

Sunday, May 17

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

FH – Fellowship Hall  
G.S. – Gathering Space – Room 217  
Rh H – Rhea House  
KC – Koinonia Classroom  
EW – Education Wing

## 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

Baird Lewis  
Liturgist

Cross Bearer

Acolytes

Presley Dishman  
Director of Music

Tori Armstrong  
Director of Children's Ministry

J Dan Gullett  
Visuals

Steve Guttery  
Sound



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 10, 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 66*  
Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**  
Come and hear, all you who worship God, and I will tell what God has done for me.  
**I cried aloud to God, who was highly praised with my tongue.**  
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.  
**But truly God has listened and has given heed to the voice of my prayer.**  
Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**  
Amen. Let us worship God!

✠ Processional & Hymn of Praise  
UMH 61 *Come, Thou Almighty King* ITALIAN HYMN  
*(vv. 1, 2, 3, 4.)*

✠ 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.**

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

***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 3:13-22 NSRV  
<sup>13</sup>Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he also went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

✠ Hymn of Preparation *Spirit of the Living God* LIVING GOD  
UMH 393

✠ Gospel Lesson John 14:15-21 NRSV  
<sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while, the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day, you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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Sermon *The Advocate*

✠ 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**

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 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.***

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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.***

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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.***

✠ Invitation to Christian Discipleship

**SENDING FORTH**

✠ Sending Hymn *I Am Thine, O Lord* I AM THINE  
UMH 419 (vv. 1, 2, 3, 4)

✠ Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

✠ Announcements

✠ Benediction