

## Upcoming Events

- Sunday, July 2  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
9:45 a.m. Parish Choir Warm-up – MS  
10:15 a.m. Worship
- Tuesday, July 4  
Church and Family Life Center closed in observance of Independence Holiday
- Wednesday, July 5  
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast – FH
- Thursday, July 6  
9:30 a.m. Yoga – FLC  
12:30 p.m. Community Assistance – Narthex
- Saturday, July 8  
1:00 p.m. Pickleball – FLC

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

## 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...

Rev. Dr. Mary Beth Bernheisel  
Pastor

Kathy Kail  
Choir Director

Jay Bernheisel  
Table Assistant  
Liturgist

Tim and Cindy Taylor  
Steve and Rhonda Caldwell  
Communion Stewards

Tori Armstrong  
Children's Ministry Director



*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

*July 2, 2023*

✠ *Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

✠ Welcome and Centering Words

✠ Hymn of Praise UMH 400 NETTLETON  
*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
*(vss. 1, 2, 3)*

✠ 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.

Pastoral Prayer  
Saving God,  
**hear our prayer.**

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.

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

✠ Doxology 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!*

## Scripture Lesson

1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49 CEB

The Philistines assembled their troops for war at Socoh of Judah. They camped between Socoh and Azekah at Ephes-dammim. <sup>4</sup>A champion named Goliath from Gath came out from the Philistine camp. He was more than nine feet tall. <sup>5</sup>He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore bronze scale-armor weighing one hundred twenty-five pounds. <sup>6</sup>He had bronze plates on his shins, and a bronze scimitar hung on his back. <sup>7</sup>His spear shaft was as strong as the bar on a weaver's loom, and its iron head weighed fifteen pounds. His shield-bearer walked in front of him. <sup>8</sup>He stopped and shouted to the Israelite troops, "Why have you come and taken up battle formations? I am the Philistine champion, and you are Saul's servants. Isn't that right? Select one of your men, and let him come down against me. <sup>9</sup>If he is able to fight me and kill me, then we will become your slaves, but if I overcome him and kill him, then you will become our slaves and you will serve us. <sup>10</sup>I insult Israel's troops today!" The Philistine continued, "Give me an opponent, and we'll fight!" <sup>11</sup>When Saul and all Israel heard what the Philistine said, they were distressed and terrified. <sup>19</sup>"They are with Saul and all the Israelite troops fighting the Philistines in the Elah Valley." <sup>20</sup>So David got up early in the morning, left someone in charge of the flock, and loaded up and left, just as his father Jesse had instructed him. He reached the camp right when the army was taking up their battle formations and shouting the war cry. <sup>21</sup>Israel and the Philistines took up their battle formations opposite each other. <sup>22</sup>David left his things with an attendant and ran to the front line. When he arrived, he asked how his brothers were doing. <sup>23</sup>Right when David was speaking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, came forward from the Philistine ranks and said the same things he had said before. David listened. <sup>32</sup>"Don't let anyone lose courage because of this Philistine!" David told Saul. "I, your servant, will go out and fight him!" <sup>33</sup>"You can't go out and fight this Philistine," Saul answered David. "You are still a boy. But he's been a warrior since he was a boy!" <sup>34</sup>"Your servant has kept his father's sheep," David replied to Saul, "and if ever a lion or a bear came and carried off one of the flock, <sup>35</sup>I would go after it, strike it, and rescue the animal from its mouth. If it turned on me, I would grab it at its jaw, strike it, and kill it. <sup>36</sup>Your servant has fought both lions and bears. This uncircumcised Philistine will be just like one of them because he has insulted the army of the living God. <sup>37</sup>The Lord," David added, "who rescued me from the power of both lions and bears, will rescue me from the power of this Philistine." "Go!" Saul replied to David. "And may the Lord be with you!" <sup>38</sup>Then Saul dressed David in his own gear, putting a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. <sup>39</sup>David strapped his sword on over the armor, but he couldn't walk around well because he'd never tried it before. "I can't walk in this," David told Saul, "Because I've never tried it before." So, he took them off. <sup>40</sup>He then grabbed his staff and chose five smooth stones from the streambed. He put them in the pocket of his shepherd's bag and with sling in hand went out to the Philistine. <sup>41</sup>The Philistine got closer and closer to David, and his shield-bearer was in front of him. <sup>42</sup>When the Philistine looked

David over, he sneered at David because he was just a boy; reddish brown and good-looking. <sup>43</sup>The Philistine asked David, "Am I some sort of dog that you come at me with sticks?" And he cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup>"Come here," he said to David, "and I'll feed your flesh to the wild birds and the wild animals!" <sup>45</sup>But David told the Philistine, "You are coming against me with sword, spear, and scimitar, but I come against you in the name of the Lord of heavenly forces, the God of Israel's army, the one you've insulted. <sup>46</sup>Today the Lord will hand you over to me. I will strike you down and cut off your head! Today I will feed your dead body and the dead bodies of the entire Philistine camp to the wild birds and the wild animals. Then the whole world will know that there is a God on Israel's side. <sup>47</sup>And all those gathered here will know that the Lord doesn't save by means of sword and spear. The Lord owns this war, and he will hand all of you over to us." <sup>48</sup>The Philistine got up and moved closer to attack David, and David ran quickly to the front line to face him. <sup>49</sup>David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone. He slung it, and it hit the Philistine on his forehead. The stone penetrated his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

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

## Sermon

Hymn of Preparation UMH 593

HERE I AM, LORD

*Here I Am, Lord*  
(vss. 1, 2, 3)

## Prayer of Confession (in unison)

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

## 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 (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.

## Music during Holy Communion

## Prayer after Holy Communion (in unison)

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

✠ Hymn UMH 580      *Lead On, O King Eternal*      LANCASHIRE  
(vss. 1, 2, 3)

## ✠ Announcements

## ✠ Benediction

## ✠ Postlude

*The beautiful roses in the chancel today are given in honor of the birth of Benjamin Brooks and Clara Blake Bradshaw, who were born June 10 to Will and Maxine Bradshaw. They were welcomed by their proud grandparents, Walt and Jane Bradshaw; aunt and uncle, Anna Claire and Miller Lane; and cousin Cooper. Clara Nell Bradshaw, their great grandmother, along with her late twin sister, Nancy, share their birthday.*

*Sermon Notes...*