

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 16

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

Tuesday, July 18

9:30 a.m. Yoga – FLC
6:00 p.m. Men's Basketball – FLC
6:30 p.m. Forward Momentum Meeting – TR

Wednesday, July 19

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast – FH

Thursday, July 20

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

Saturday, July 22

1:00 p.m. Pickleball – FLC

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

SAVE THE DATE!
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

The MS River District invites you to a special worship service
at 4:00 p.m. at
Milan First UMC, 2000 Jones Blvd., Milan, TN.

Rev. Dr. David Weatherly will be the guest preacher.
Special Music will be under the direction of
Rev. Sammy Tillman.

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

Beth Feith
Choir Director

Lena Lewis
Liturgist

Josh Bernheisel
Audio Technician
Visual Technician

Tori Armstrong
Children's Ministry Director



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2023

✠ Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Welcome and Centering Words

✠ Hymn UMH 110

EIN' FESTE BURG

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
(vss. 1, 2, 4)

Pastoral Prayer

Response: The name of your son Jesus is our power.

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 5 may join Mrs. Tori in the back of the sanctuary for Children's Church.

Scripture Lesson

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 video

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 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
(vss. 1, 2, 3)

FAITHFULNESS

‡ Scripture Lesson

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 CEB

⁷When the king and Haman came in for the banquet with Queen Esther, ²the king said to her, “This is the second day we’ve met for wine. What is your wish, Queen Esther? I’ll give it to you. And what do you want? I’ll do anything – even give you half the kingdom.” ³Queen Esther answered, “If I please the king, and if the king wishes, give me my life – that’s my wish – and the lives of my people too. That’s my desire. ⁴We have been sold – I and my people – to be wiped out, killed, and destroyed. If we simply had been sold as male and female slaves, I would have said nothing. But no enemy can compensate the king for this kind of damage.” ⁵King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is this person, and where is he? Who would dare do such a thing?” ⁶Esther replied, “A man who hates, an enemy – this wicked Haman!” Haman was overcome with terror in the presence of the king and queen. ⁹Harbona, one of the eunuchs serving the king, said, “Sir, look! There’s the stake that Haman made for Mordecai, the man who spoke up and did something good for the king. It’s standing at Haman’s house – seventy-five feet high.” “Impale him on it!” the king ordered. ¹⁰So they impaled Haman on the very pole that he had set up for Mordecai, and the king’s anger went away. ²⁰Mordecai wrote these things down and sent letters to all the Jews in all the provinces, both near and far, of King Ahasuerus. ²¹He made it a rule that Jews keep the fourteenth and fifteenth days of the month of Adar as special days each and every year. ²²They are the days on which the Jews finally put to rest the troubles with their enemies. The month is the one when everything turned around for them from sadness to joy, and from sad, loud crying to a holiday. They are to make them days of feasts and joyous events, days to send food gifts to each other and money gifts to the poor.

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

Parish Choir Anthem

Arr. Emerson

El Shaddai
Roy Tipton, Soloist
Matthew Stafford, Guitarist

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.

‡ Invitation to Christian Discipleship

‡ Hymn UMH 420 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* TRENTHAM
(vss. 1, 2, 4)

‡ Announcements

‡ Benediction

‡ Postlude

Sermon Notes...