

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 19

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

Tuesday, July 21

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – KC

Wednesday, July 22

6:30 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast – FH
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. NO Community Assistance

Sunday, July 26

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – GS
10:15 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
11:45 a.m. Acolyte/Cross bearer Training – Sanctuary
2:00 p.m. Church Kickball – Old Y Field
3:00 p.m. Church Pool Party – Bird’s Home

KC – Koinonia Classroom
FH – Fellowship Hall
GS – Gathering Space – Room 217

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 Rev. Emily Sanford
Pastor

Amy Lewis
Liturgist

Acolyte
Mitchell Dishman

Tori Armstrong
Director of Children’s Ministry

Presley Dishman
Director of Music

Volunteer
Visuals

Steve Guttery
Sound



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2026

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

THE GATHERING

Gathering Music

The Chimes

Prelude

Christ in Our Midst

Welcome

✚ Call to Worship
The Creator has planted seeds in all of us.
May we nurture good deeds and loving-kindness.
Jesus is calling us to bear spiritual fruit.
May we bless and build up others for the reign of God.
The Holy Spirit moves in us, encouraging us to grow.
May we be nurtured; may we be blessed; and may we grow in this time of worship.

✚ Hymn of Praise
UMH 92 For the Beauty of the Earth DIX
(vv. 1, 2, 3)

✚ Opening Prayer
O God, patient and forbearing,
strengthen our spirit when we are slow
and temper our zeal when we are rash,
so that, in your own good time,
you may produce in us a rich harvest
from the seed you have sown and tended;
through Jesus Christ,
the promise of a new creation.
Amen.

Celebration of Young Disciples

Children ages Birth through 2nd Grade, may join Mrs. Tori and Mrs. Todameka in the back of the sanctuary for Children's Church.

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music *So Will I*
Presley Dishman, Soloist

✠ 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

Prayer of Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit that, as the Scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Reading Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 CEB

¹Lord, you have examined me. You know me. ²You know when I sit down and when I stand up. Even from far away, you comprehend my plans. ³You study my traveling and resting. You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways. ⁴There isn't a word on my tongue, Lord, that you don't already know completely. ⁵You surround me - front and back. You put your hand on me. ⁶That kind of knowledge is too much for me; it's so high above me that I can't reach it. ⁷Where could I go to get away from your spirit? Where could I go to escape your presence? ⁸If I went up to heaven, you would be there. If I went down to the grave, you would be there, too! ⁹If I could fly on the wings of dawn, stopping to rest only on the far side of the ocean - ¹⁰even there, your hand would guide me; even there, your strong hand would hold me tight! ¹¹If I said, "The darkness will definitely hide me; the light will become night around me," ¹²even then, the darkness isn't too dark for you! Nighttime would shine bright as day, because darkness is the same as light to you! ²³Examine me, God! Look at my heart! Put me to the test! Know my anxious thoughts! ²⁴Look to see if there is any idolatrous way in me; then lead me on the eternal path!

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

✠ Hymn of Preparation		
UMH 314	<i>In the Garden</i>	GARDEN
	(vv. 1, 2, 3)	

✠ Gospel Lesson Matthew 13:24-43 CEB

²⁴Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like someone who planted good seed in his field. ²⁵While people were sleeping, an enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶When the stalks sprouted and bore grain, then the weeds also appeared. ²⁷The servants of the landowner came and said to him, ‘Master, didn’t you plant good seed in your field? Then how is it that it has weeds?’ ²⁸“An enemy has done this,’ he answered. “The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹“But the landowner said, ‘No, because if you gather the weeds, you’ll pull up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow side by side until the harvest. And at harvesttime, I’ll say to the harvesters, “First gather the weeds and tie them together in bundles to be burned. But bring the wheat into my barn.” ³¹He told another parable to them: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and planted in his field. ³²It’s the smallest of all seeds. But when it’s grown, it’s the largest of all vegetable plants. It becomes a tree so that the birds in the sky come and nest in its branches.” ³³He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast, which a woman took and hid in a bushel of wheat flour until the yeast had worked its way through all the dough.” ³⁴Jesus said all these things to the crowds in parables, and he spoke to them only in parables. ³⁵This was to fulfill what the prophet spoke: I’ll speak in parables; I’ll declare what has been hidden since the beginning of the world. ³⁶Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” ³⁷Jesus replied, “The one who plants the good seed is the Human One. ³⁸The field is the world. And the good seeds are the followers of the kingdom. But the weeds are the followers of the evil one. ³⁹The enemy who planted them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the present age. The harvesters are the angels. ⁴⁰Just as people gather weeds and burn them in the fire, so it will be at the end of the present age. ⁴¹The Human One will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that cause people to fall away and all people who sin. ⁴²He will throw them into a burning furnace. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father’s kingdom. Those who have ears should hear.”

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Sermon *Grow*

 Affirmation of Faith
UMH 883

The United Church of Canada

We are not alone; we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. 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

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
 UMH 144 *This Is My Father's World* TERRA BEATA
 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

✚ Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

‡ Benediction

⌘ Postlude

*When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?
Yet, you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands...
~ Psalm 8:3-6a NRSV*