

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 9

10:00 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – GS
10:15 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
2:00 p.m. Parish Choir – MS
4:00 p.m. Blankets – EW
4:00 p.m. Youth Group – RH

Tuesday, August 11

1:30 p.m. Respite Meeting – UCR

Wednesday, August 12

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

Saturday, August 15

5:00 – 7:30 p.m. Kids Club: Escape the Night – EW

Sunday, August 16

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – GS
10:15 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
2:00 p.m. Parish Choir – MS
4:00 p.m. Blankets – EW
4:00 p.m. Youth Group – RH

EW – Education Wing
FH – Fellowship Hall
GS – Gathering Space – Room 217
KC – Koinonia Classroom
MS – Music Suite
Rh H – Rhea House
RH – Rawles Hall
UCR – Upstairs Conference Room

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
- Lizzie Lemons
Liturgist
- Bailee Bird
Charlie Caldwell
Amy Lewis
Avery Peckenpaugh
Readers
- Acolyte
Sawyer Hollingsworth
- Cross Bearer
Jim Agee
- Tori Armstrong
Director of Children’s Ministry
- Presley Dishman
Director of Music
- J Dan Gullett
Visuals
- Volunteer
Sound



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 2026

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

THE GATHERING

Gathering Music

The Chimes

Welcome

✚ Call to Worship
The Lord meets us here today. Here he comes walking on water!
Truly, he is the Son of God!
Amidst the wind and the waves, in the center of our storms, the Lord meets us.
Truly, he is the Son of God!
When the storm is still and we know peace, the Lord meets us.
Truly, he is the Son of God!
Come, let us worship the Lord!

Christ in Our Midst

✚ Hymn of Praise
UMH 555 *Forward Through the Ages* BEECHER
(vv. 1, 2, 3)

✚ Opening Prayer
God of power and calm, when the storms of life and our own doubts rise up to sink us, reach out your hand. Save us from fear, quiet the winds around us, and steady our faith so that we may walk boldly with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebration of Young Disciples
Children ages birth through 2nd grade to join Mrs. Tori and Mrs. Todameka in the back of the Sanctuary for Children's Church.

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music *Trust in God* ELEVATION WORSHIP
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 for 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 105:1-6, 16-22, 45 CEB
¹Give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make his deeds known to all people! ²Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord; dwell on all his wondrous works! ³Give praise to God's holy name! Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking the Lord! ⁴Pursue the Lord and his strength; seek his face always! ⁵Remember the wondrous works he has done, all his marvelous works, and the justice he declared – ⁶you who are the offspring of Abraham, his servant, and the children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

¹⁶When God called for a famine in the land, destroying every source of food, ¹⁷he sent a man ahead of them, who was sold as a slave: it was Joseph. ¹⁸Joseph's feet hurt in his shackles; his neck was in an iron collar, ¹⁹until what he predicted actually happened, until what the Lord had said proved him true. ²⁰The king sent for Joseph and set him free; the ruler of many people released him. ²¹The king made Joseph master of his house and ruler over everything he owned, ²²to make sure his princes acted according to his will and to teach wisdom to his advisors.

⁴⁵Praise the Lord!

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

Hymn of Preparation
 UMH 474 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* PRECIOUS LORD
 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

✠ Gospel Lesson Matthew 14:22-33 CEB
²²Immediately, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on to the other side of the sea while He dismissed the crowd. ²³Then, after

the crowd had gone, Jesus went up to a mountaintop alone (as He had intended from the start). As evening descended, He stood alone on the mountain, praying. ²⁴The boat was in the water, some distance from land, buffeted and pushed around by waves and wind. ²⁵Deep in the night, when He had concluded His prayers, Jesus walked out on the water to His disciples in their boat. ²⁶The disciples saw a figure moving toward them and were terrified.

Disciple: It's a ghost!

Another Disciple: A ghost? What will we do?

Jesus: ²⁷Be still. It is I. You have nothing to fear.

Peter: ²⁸Lord, if it is really You, then command me to meet You on the water.

Jesus: ²⁹Indeed, come.

Peter stepped out of the boat onto the water and began walking toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he remembered how strong the wind was, his courage caught in his throat, and he began to sink.

Peter: Master, save me!

³¹Immediately, Jesus reached for Peter and caught him.

Jesus: O you of little faith. Why did you doubt and dance back and forth between following Me and heeding fear?

³²Then Jesus and Peter climbed in the boat together, and the wind became still. ³³And the disciples worshiped Him.

Disciples: Truly, You are the Son of God.

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

Sermon *Caught*

✠ Affirmation of Faith of the Koren Methodist Church
UMH #884

We believe in the one God,
creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations,
the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
God manifest in the flesh,
our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.

We believe in the forgiveness of sins,
in the life of love and prayer,
and in grace equal to every need.

We believe in the Word of God
contained in the Old and New Testaments
as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.

We believe in the church,
those who are united in the living Lord
for the purpose of worship and service.

We believe in the reign of God
as the divine will realized in human society,
and in the family of God,
where we are all brothers and sisters.

We believe in the final triumph of righteousness
and in the life everlasting. Amen.

✠ Gloria Patri
UMH 70

Glory Be to the Father

MEINEKE

*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.*

Pastoral Prayer
 Invitation: Lord, in your mercy
 Response: **hear our prayer.**

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 593 *Here I Am, Lord* HERE I AM, LORD
(vv. 1, 2, 3)

✚ Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

✠ Benediction

⌘ Postlude