

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 16

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – GS
- 10:15 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Youth Lunch at Fusion Newbern
- 2:00 p.m. Parish Choir – MS
- 4:00 p.m. Blankets – EW

Tuesday, August 18

- 5:30 p.m. Garden Club – FH

Wednesday, August 19

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

Saturday, August 22

- 2:30 – 11:00 p.m. Youth Trip to Memphis Redbirds Game

Sunday, August 23

- 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

EW – Education Wing
FH – Fellowship Hall
GS – Gathering Space – Room 217
MS – Music Suite
Rh H – Rhea House



The Rev. Emily Sanford
Pastor

Nancy West
Liturgist

Jim Agee
Acolyte

Mitchell Dishman
Cross Bearer

Tori Armstrong
Director of Children's Ministry

Presley Dishman
Director of Music

J Dan Gullett
Visuals

Volunteer
Sound



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

Gathering Music

The Chimes

Welcome

✠ Call to Worship
Come and worship, all you who love and serve the Lord -
outsiders and insiders,
old-timers and newcomers,
the young, old and the in-between.
Come as you are, for this is God's house -
a house of prayer for all people,
and God welcomes each one who comes.

Christ in Our Midst

 Hymn of Praise
 UMH 368

My Hope Is Built
 (vv. 1, 2, 3, 4)

THE SOLID ROCK

✠ Opening Prayer

God of Mercy, we come to worship you, trusting your arms reach out to embrace all who need you. As you lift us to heal us of our sickness and sin, may we become the mercy we have received from you that embraces the outsider and outcast. Amen.

Celebration of Young Disciples
Afterwards, 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 *The Blessing* 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 Genesis 45:1-15 CEB

Joseph could no longer control himself in front of all his attendants, so he declared, “Everyone, leave now!” So, no one stayed with him when he revealed his identity to his brothers. ²He wept so loudly that the Egyptians and Pharaoh’s household heard him. ³Joseph said to his brothers, “I’m Joseph! Is my father really still alive?” His brothers couldn’t respond because they were terrified before him. ⁴Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me,” and they moved closer. He said, “I’m your brother Joseph! The one you sold to Egypt. ⁵Now, don’t be upset and don’t be angry with yourselves that you sold me here. Actually, God sent me before you to save lives. ⁶We’ve already had two years of famine in the land, and there are five years left without planting or harvesting. ⁷God sent me before you to make sure you’d survive and to rescue your lives in this amazing way. ⁸You didn’t send me here; it was God who made me a father to Pharaoh, master of his entire household, and ruler of the whole land of Egypt. ⁹“Hurry! Go back to your father. Tell him this is what your son Joseph says: ‘God has made me master of all of Egypt. Come down to me. Don’t delay. ¹⁰You may live in the land of Goshen, so you will be near me, your children, your grandchildren, your flocks, your herds, and everyone with you. ¹¹I will support you there, so you, your household, and everyone with you won’t starve, since the famine will still last five years.’ ¹²You and my brother Benjamin have seen with your own eyes that I’m speaking to you. ¹³Tell my father about my power in Egypt and about everything you’ve seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴He threw his arms around his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his shoulder. ¹⁵He kissed all of his brothers and wept, embracing them. After that, his brothers were finally able to talk to him.

Response to the Word

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

 Hymn of Preparation
 UMH 452 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* OLIVET
 (vv. 1, 2, 3, 4)

† Gospel Lesson Matthew 14:22-33 CEB

¹⁰Jesus called the crowd near and said to them, “Listen and understand. ¹¹It’s not what goes into the mouth that contaminates a person in God’s sight. It’s what comes out of the mouth that contaminates the person.” ¹²Then the disciples came and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended by what you just said?” ¹³Jesus replied, “Every plant that my heavenly Father didn’t plant will be pulled up. ¹⁴Leave the Pharisees alone. They are blind people who are guides to blind people. But if a blind person leads another blind person, they will both fall into a ditch.” ¹⁵Then Peter spoke up, “Explain this riddle to us.” ¹⁶Jesus said, “Don’t you understand yet? ¹⁷Don’t you know that everything that goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what goes out of the mouth comes from the heart. And that’s what contaminates a person in God’s sight. ¹⁹Out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adultery, sexual sins, thefts, false testimonies, and insults. ²⁰These contaminate a person in God’s sight. But eating without washing hands doesn’t contaminate in God’s sight.” ²¹From there, Jesus went to the regions of Tyre and Sidon. ²²A Canaanite woman from those territories came out and shouted, “Show me mercy, Son of David. My daughter is suffering terribly from demon possession.” ²³But he didn’t respond to her at all. His disciples came and urged him, “Send her away; she keeps shouting out after us.” ²⁴Jesus replied, “I’ve been sent only to the lost sheep, the people of Israel.” ²⁵But she knelt before him and said, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶He replied, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and toss it to dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord. But even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall off their masters’ table.” ²⁸Jesus answered, “Woman, you have great faith. It will be just as you wish.” And right then her daughter was healed.

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Sermon	<i>Answered</i>
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 Affirmation of Faith *A Modern Affirmation*
 UMH 885

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

*We believe in God the Father;
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.
We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.
We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.
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	<i>Freely, Freely</i>	FREELY, FREELY
UMH 389	(vv. 1, 2)	

✚ Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

‡ Benediction

⌘ Postlude