

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.



August/September Sermon Series

August 13: Don't Be Afraid (Matthew 14: 22-33)
August 20: Keep Asking (Matthew 15: 21-28)
August 27: Know Who You're Following (Matthew 16: 13-20)
September 3: Take Up Your Cross (Matthew 16: 21-28)
September 10: Reconcile and Restore (Matthew 18: 15-20)
September 17: Forgive (Matthew 18: 21-35)
September 24: Celebrate Mercy (Matthew 20: 1-16)

Assisting in Worship...

Rev. Dr. Mary Beth Bernheisel
Pastor

Will Bird
Liturgist

Kathy Kail
Choir Director

Tori Armstrong
Children's Ministry Director

Clare Bernheisel
Video

Steve Guttery
Audio



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

✚ Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Welcome and Centering Words

God, our source and our salvation, in love you made us and by love you have redeemed us. Make your love for us bear fruit in our forgiveness of others so that in this life we may know your all-embracing compassion and that we may receive the everlasting joy of fellowship with you in the world to come. Amen.

✚ Hymn UMH 89 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY
(vss. 1, 2, 4)

Pastoral Prayer

Loving God,
hear our prayer.

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 1st Grade may join Mrs. Tori in the back of the sanctuary for Children's Church.

Scripture Lesson for Meditation

Matthew 18:21-35 CEB

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

✚ Doxology 94

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*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!*

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 17

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship – Narthex
9:45 a.m. Parish Choir Warm-up – MS
10:15 a.m. Worship
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
4:00 p.m. Blankets

Tuesday, September 19

9:30 a.m. Yoga – FLC
10:15 a.m. Staff Meeting – TR
6:00 p.m. Men's Basketball – FLC
6:30 p.m. Garden Club – FLC/CR

Wednesday, September 20

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast – FH

Thursday, September 21

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

Saturday, September 23

10:00 a.m. Pickleball – FLC

Sunday, September 24

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship – Narthex
9:45 a.m. Parish Choir Warm-up – MS
10:15 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal – MS
2:00 p.m. Kesterson/King Wedding Shower – FH
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
4:00 p.m. Blankets
4:00 p.m. Youth Group

FLC – Family Life Center

FLC/CR – Family Life Center/Craft Room

FH – Fellowship Hall

MS – Music Suite

TR – Trinity Classroom

‡ Hymn UMH 389

Freely, Freely
(vss. 1, 2)

FREELY, FREELY

‡ Scripture Lesson

Matthew 18:21-35 CEB

²¹Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said, “Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times. ²³Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle accounts, they brought to him a servant who owed him ten thousand bags of gold. ²⁵Because the servant didn’t have enough to pay it back, the master ordered that he should be sold, along with his wife and children and everything he had, and that the proceeds should be used as payment. ²⁶But the servant fell down, kneeled before him, and said, ‘Please, be patient with me, and I’ll pay you back.’ ²⁷The master had compassion on that servant, released him, and forgave the loan. ²⁸When that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred coins. He grabbed him around the throat and said, ‘Pay me back what you owe me.’ ²⁹Then his fellow servant fell down and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I’ll pay you back.’ ³⁰But he refused. Instead, he threw him into prison until he paid back his debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what happened, they were deeply offended. They came and told their master all that happened. ³²His master called the first servant and said, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you appealed to me. ³³Shouldn’t you also have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴His master was furious and handed him over to the guard responsible for punishing prisoners until he had paid the whole debt. ³⁵My heavenly Father will also do the same to you if you don’t forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

Special Music

Had It Not Been

Goodman

Jerry Weaver and Dianne Anderson

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 402

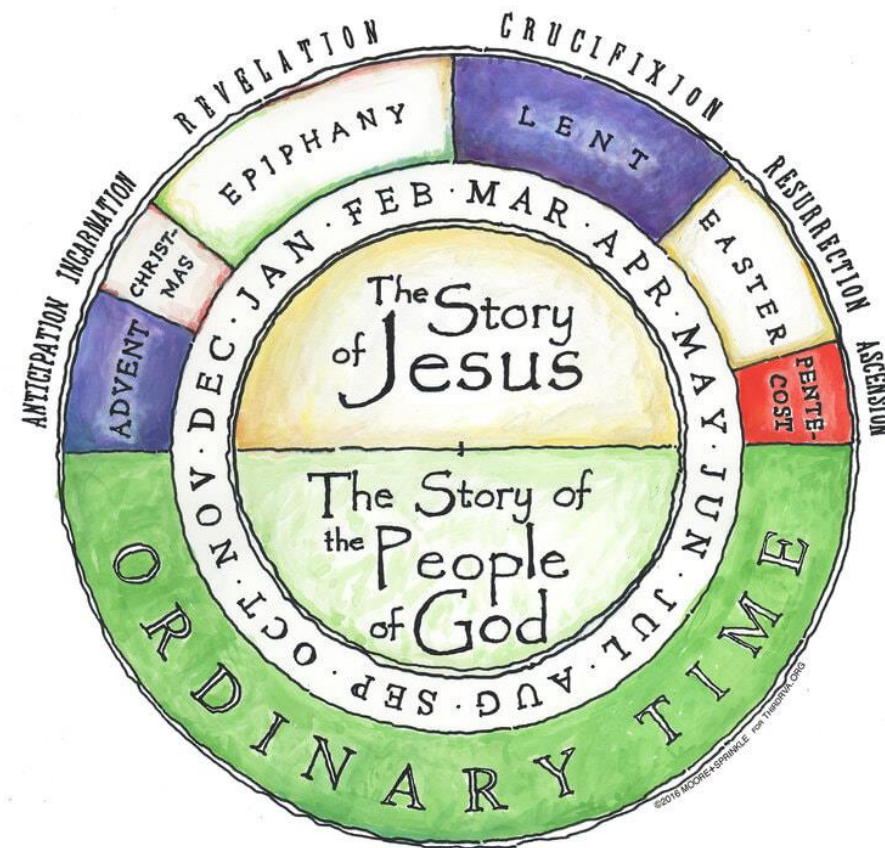
I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
(vss. 1, 2, 4)

‡ Announcements

‡ Benediction

‡ Postlude



Sermon Notes...