

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 20  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. KidMin Breakfast/Lock- In Check-Out – FH  
10:00 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – GS  
10:15 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary  
4:00 p.m. Youth Bowling – Prime Time Bowling

Wednesday, September 23  
6:30 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast – FH  
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. No Community Assistance – Rh H  
5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Meal – FH  
5:45 p.m. Bible Studies/Classes Begin

Sunday, September 27  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. First Cup Fellowship – GS  
10:15 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary  
4:00 p.m. Blankets – EW  
5:30 p.m. Youth Group – RH

EW – Education Wing  
FH – Fellowship Hall  
GS – Gathering Space – Room 217  
KC – Koinonia Classroom  
Rh H – Rhea House  
RH – Rawles Hall  
LCR – Lower 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...

Pastor  
The Rev. Emily Sanford

Liturgist  
Mark Hayes

Acolyte  
Sawyer Hollingsworth

Cross Bearer  
Jim Agee

Director of Children’s Ministry  
Tori Armstrong

Music Accompanist  
Presley Dishman

Visuals  
J Dan Gullett

Sound  
Steve Guttery



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 20, 2026

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

THE GATHERING

Gathering Music

The Chimes

Welcome

✚ Call to Worship  
Come!  
**Come and worship,**  
you who woke early and you who slept late; you who come often, and you who don’t.  
**Whether we are first or last or somewhere in between, there is room for all of us in God’s kingdom and more than enough grace to go around. Let’s worship God together!**

Christ in Our Midst

✚ Hymn of Praise  
UMH 327 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* DIADEMATA  
(vv. 1, 2, 3, 4)

✚ Opening Prayer  
**Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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

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| Offertory Music | <i>Ancient Words</i> | Parish Choir |
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✠ Doxology OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>  
UMH 94

*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.*

Old Testament Reading Exodus 16:2-15 CEB

2The whole Israelite community complained against Moses and Aaron in the desert. 3The Israelites said to them, “Oh, how we wish that the Lord had just put us to death while we were still in the land of Egypt. There, we could sit by the pots cooking meat and eat our fill of bread. Instead, you’ve brought us out into this desert to starve this whole assembly to death.” 4Then the Lord said to Moses, “I’m going to make bread rain down from the sky for you. The people will go out each day and gather just enough for that day. In this way, I’ll test them to see whether or not they follow my Instruction. 5On the sixth day, when they measure out what they have collected, it will be twice as much as they collected on other days.” 6So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “This evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt. 7And, in the morning, you will see the Lord’s glorious presence because your complaints against the Lord have been heard. Who are we? Why blame us?” 8Moses continued, “The Lord will give you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning because the Lord heard the complaints you made against him. Who are we? Your complaints aren’t against us but against the Lord.” 9Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole Israelite community, ‘Come near to the Lord because he’s heard your complaints.’” 10As Aaron spoke to the whole Israelite community, they turned to look toward the desert, and just then the glorious presence of the Lord appeared in the cloud. 11The Lord spoke to Moses, 12“‘I’ve heard the complaints of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight, you will eat meat. And, in the morning, you will have your fill of bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.’” 13In the evening, a flock of quail flew down and covered the camp. And in the morning, there was a layer of dew all around the camp. 14When the layer of dew lifted, there, on the desert surface, were thin flakes, as thin as frost on the ground.

<sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” They didn’t know what it was. Moses said to them, “This is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

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

‡ Hymn of Preparation  
 UMH 139      *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*      LOBE  
                                  (vv. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

✠ Gospel Lesson Matthew 20: 1-16 CEB

1“‘The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. 2After he agreed with the workers to pay them a *denarion*, he sent them into his vineyard. 3Then he went out around nine in the morning and saw others standing around the marketplace doing nothing. 4He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I’ll pay you whatever is right.’ 5And they went. Again, around noon and then at three in the afternoon, he did the same thing. 6Around five in the afternoon, he went and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you just standing around here doing nothing all day long?’ 7“Because nobody has hired us,” they replied. He responded, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ 8When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the workers and give them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and moving on finally to the first.’ 9When those who were hired at five in the afternoon came, each one received a *denarion*. 10Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But each of them also received a *denarion*. 11When they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12“These who were hired last worked one hour, and they received the same pay as we did even though we had to work the whole day in the hot sun.” 13“But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I did you no wrong. Didn’t I agree to pay you a *denarion*? 14Take what belongs to you and go. I want to give to this one who was hired last the same as I give to you. 15Don’t I have the right to do what I want with what belongs to me? Or are you resentful because I’m generous?’ 16So, those who are last will be first. And those who are first will be last.”

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Sermon *No Fair!*

‡ Affirmation of Faith  
 UMH 884 *Creed of the Korean Methodist Church*  
 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 *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.*

## Pastoral 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 430

MARYTON

*O Master, Let me Walk with Thee*  
(vv. 1, 2, 3, 4)

## ✚ Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

‡ Benediction

‡ Postlude