

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 Generosity (Matthew 20: 1-16)

Assisting in Worship...

Rev. Dr. Mary Beth Bernheisel
Pastor

Steve Caldwell
Liturgist

Kathy Kail
Choir Director

Tori Armstrong
Children's Ministry Director

Clare Bernheisel
Video

Steve Guttery
Audio

Upcoming Events

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
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

Tuesday, September 26

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

Wednesday, September 27

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast – FH

Thursday, September 28

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

Saturday, September 30

10:00 a.m. Pickleball – FLC

Sunday, October 1

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

FLC – Family Life Center

FH – Fellowship Hall

MS – Music Suite

TR – Trinity Classroom



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2023

✚ Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Welcome and Centering Words

Generous God, you come to us again and again, no matter how late it is in the day or in our lives. You call to us; you gather us in. You give us your good work to do, daily bread and boundless grace. We celebrate your salvation not only in our lives but also in the lives of other people, even those we had not imagined would be included in the kingdom you are bringing. Align us with your ways and help us receive your gift of justice and mercy as good news. In Jesus' name, Amen.

✚ Hymn WS 3177 *Here I Am to Worship* HERE I AM TO WORSHIP
(vss. 1, 2)

Pastoral Prayer

In your mercy,
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 20:1-16 CEB

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

✠ Doxology 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
*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!*

✠ Hymn WS 3104 *Amazing Grace* MY CHAINS ARE GONE
 (vss. 1 - 4)

✠ Scripture Lesson Matthew 20:1-16 CEB
 “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.’ ¹³But 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.”

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

Special Music Congregational Hymn Sing

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.

Sermon Notes...

✠ Invitation to Christian Discipleship

✠ Hymn UMH 130 *God Will Take Care of You* MARTIN
 (vss. 1, 2, 4)

✠ Announcements

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude

