

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.



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2023

✚ Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Welcome and Centering Words

✚ Hymn UMH 529 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION
(vss. 1, 2, 3, 4)

Pastoral Prayer

God, in your unfailing love,
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

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 NRSV

Then God spoke all these words, ²"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. ⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor." ¹⁸When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking,

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 8

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
11:30 a.m. Charge Conference – Sanctuary

Monday, October 9

6:30 p.m. Church Council – FH

Tuesday, October 10

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

Wednesday, October 11

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast – FH

Thursday, October 12

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

Saturday, October 14

10:00 a.m. Pickleball – FLC

Sunday, October 15

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. Blankets/Confirmation Class
4:00 p.m. Youth

FLC – Family Life Center

FH – Fellowship Hall

MS – Music Suite

TR – Trinity Classroom

Assisting in Worship...

Rev. Dr. Mary Beth Bernheisel
Pastor

Jerry Mack Roberson
Liturgist

Kathy Kail
Choir Director

Tori Armstrong
Children's Ministry Director

Clare Bernheisel
Video

Steve Guttery
Audio

they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance ¹⁹and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” ²⁰Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.”

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 UMH 368 *My Hope Is Built* THE SOLID ROCK
(vss. 1, 2 4)

✠ Scripture Lesson Philippians 3:4b-14 CEB
If anyone else has reason to put their confidence in physical advantages, I have even more: ⁵I was circumcised on the eighth day. I am from the people of Israel and the tribe of Benjamin. I am a Hebrew of the Hebrews. With respect to observing the Law, I’m a Pharisee. ⁶With respect to devotion to the faith, I harassed the church. With respect to righteousness under the Law, I’m blameless. ⁷These things were my assets, but I wrote them off as a loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸But even beyond that, I consider everything a loss in comparison with the superior value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have lost everything for him, but what I lost I think of as sewer trash, so that I might gain Christ ⁹and be found in him. In Christ I have a righteousness that is not my own and that does not come from the Law but rather from the faithfulness of Christ. It is the righteousness of God that is based on faith. ¹⁰The righteousness that I have comes from knowing Christ, the power of his resurrection, and the participation in his sufferings. It includes being conformed to his death ¹¹so that I may perhaps reach the goal of the resurrection of the dead. ¹²It’s not that I have already reached this goal or have already been perfected, but I pursue it, so that I may grab hold of it because Christ grabbed hold of me for just this purpose. ¹³Brothers and sisters, I myself don’t think I’ve reached it, but I do this one thing: I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me. ¹⁴The goal I pursue is the prize of God’s upward call in Christ Jesus.

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

Parish Choir Anthem

Matthew Stafford, Guest Artist

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 545 *The Church’s One Foundation* AURELIA
(vss. 1, 2, 4, 5)

✠ Announcements

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude

Sermon Notes...