

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
October 2, 2016 at Eleven o'clock
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

Everyone is welcome at West End! We seek to be the loving light of Christ in Nashville and beyond. We gather as the people of God with a wide range of religious backgrounds, education levels, political and theological perspectives, and we value that diversity. We welcome and celebrate the gifts God has given to all without regard to gender, race, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnicity, or mental or physical ability. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!

GATHERING

Voluntary: Jesu Meine Freude BWV 610.....J.S. Bach

WelcomeMichael Williams
Please take a moment to record your attendance in the registration pad found near the center aisle, pass it to your neighbor, and then pass the pad back to the center. First-time guests are encouraged to list your address and telephone number or e-mail address so we may share additional information about our church with you.

Introit: Praise, Praise, Praise the LordTrad. Cameroon
Praise, praise, praise the Lord. Praise God's holy name Alleluia.

† Processional Hymn No. 185.....Laudes Domini
When Morning Gilds the Skies

† Greeting.....Nancy Parker
Liturgist: *Today we gather around world to come to God's Table.*
People: **We are the people of God.**
Liturgist: *Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition*
People: **We are sisters and brothers in Christ.**
Liturgist: *For there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.*
People: **We are one in God's Spirit.**
Liturgist: *Together we remember our Lord Jesus.*
People: **Come, let us worship the God of our salvation.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Merciful God, we confess
that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

† Words of Assurance

Liturgist: *Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!*
People: **In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!**

† Passing of the Peace
Liturgist: *As a forgiven and reconciled people,*
let us exchange signs of reconciliation and love.
The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
(*You are invited to pass the peace of Christ to those around you.*)

† An Act of Praise
Antiphon (Choir and Congregation)



Choir: *Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*
All: **(Antiphon)**
Choir: *Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*
All: **(Antiphon)**
Choir: *You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.*
All: **(Antiphon)**
Choir: *For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.*
All: **(Antiphon)**
Choir: *With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*
All: **(Antiphon)**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)
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.

Lesson from the Gospel: Luke 17:5-10..... (pew Bible, page 852)

Response to the Lesson
Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Communion Meditation.....Michael Williams
Jesus and the Mustard Seed

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Erin Racine

The Offering

Offertory Anthem: Prayer.....Gabriel Faure
If the voice of a child can ascend unto Thee, O my Father, hear Thy son, Jesus Christ, see him kneel, heed his prayer for Thy favor. If Thou hast chosen me to teach Thy holy laws here below Thee, I shall serve Thee, O Lord, most holy King of kings, light eternal. On my lips let there sound the holy truths which lead to salvation. They who are plagued by doubt, give them humility to adore Thee. Forsake me not, O Lord, give me strength, give me hope, give me courage. Help me to right the wrongs of the world and dispel all its sorrow. Reveal Thyself to me, O Lord, in whom I trust. Give Thy blessing: for Thee I'll suffer pain, suffer death on the cross for redemption. (Stephan Bordese)

† Presentation of the Offering and the Elements

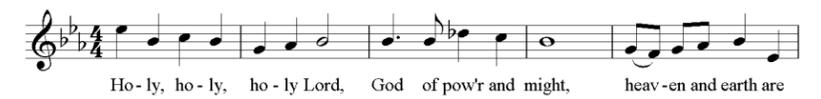
† Doxology No. 94

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!

† Thanksgiving
Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: *Lift up your hearts.*
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

† Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

† Sanctus and Benedictus (*Choir and Congregation*)



Prayer of Remembrance

People:

Prayer of Consecration

People:

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.**

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during communion: 618, 2011 TFWS, & 678, 620.

† Prayer after Receiving

Celebrant: *You have given yourself to us, Lord.*
People: **Now we give ourselves for others.**
Celebrant: *Your love has made us a new people;*
People: **as a people of love we will serve you with joy.**
Celebrant: *Your glory has filled our hearts;*
People: **help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 557: Blest Be the Tie that Binds.....Dennis

† Dismissal with Blessing

Celebrant: *Go forth in peace.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*
People: **Amen**

† Response No. TFWS 2014: Amen (all sing)..... Taizé Alleluia

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TAIZÉ ALLELUIA
Irregular

Voluntary: Allegro con Spirito Frank Bridge

*The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship.
All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.*

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

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Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God
and in loving memory
of Charles R. Bym, Jr., Charles R. Bym, III, and W. Lambeth Lester
by their family.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, is director and assisting at the organ. Associate Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist.

Today's music spans different cultures as we reflect on World Communion Sunday. Our introit is African; the processional hymn is English; our anthem is French; our communion hymns are American, Latin American, and Asian; our recessional hymn is Swiss; and our benediction response is from the Taizé Liturgy. As we sing music of other cultures, we are reminded of our unity with Christians all over the world.

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October 2, 2016
Preaching: Michael Williams
"Jesus and the Mustard Seed"

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. 'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"'

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