

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
October 23, 2016 at Eleven o'clock
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

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: All Creatures of Our God and King.....arr. Stephenson

Welcome.....Michael 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: O Be Joyful in the Lord All Ye Lands.....Edward Fissinger

† Processional Hymn No. 92: For the Beauty of the Earth.....Dix

† Greeting.....Emily Robbins

Liturgist: *The foolish say, "There is no God! We are alone, on our own."*

People: **We gather to declare the glory of God in our lives.**

Liturgist: *The foolish say, "It is your life; you are accountable to no one."*

People: **We gather, strengthened by the Spirit, trusting that Christ dwells in our hearts.**

Liturgist: *The foolish say, "Everything I have is mine; I owe nothing to anyone."*

People: **We gather to praise the One who calls us to serve others in love.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Creator God, we confess this day to engaging in habits that diminish the bounty of your creation.

Not satisfied with the goodness of your holy temple, your seas and mountains, your rain and soil, we have fashioned a system of sustenance that seems good to us, but cannot be sustained.

Be merciful to us, for we have sinned.

Answer us with awesome deeds of deliverance, oh Hope of the Earth.

Give us vision and a prophetic spirit.

Renew our vocation, as stewards of your creation. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

† Gloria Patri.....No. 71

**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. Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

Anthem: Sing a New Song to the Lord.....Hal Hopson

Sing a new song to the Lord. Sing a new song all the earth: Let all voices

join in singing, let all the bells join in ringing. Sing! Ring! O praise the Lord. Praise God for morning splendor, praise God for noontday sun. Praise God for hush of evening: Praise God who makes them all. Praise God for springtime freshness, praise God for summer joy. Praise God for fall and winter: praise God who makes them all. Alleluia!

PROCLAMATION AND 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.

Lesson from the Gospel: John 6:1-14.....(pew Bible, page 867)

Response to the Lesson

Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Hymn No. 369: Blessed Assurance.....Assurance

The children are invited to come forward to join Michael at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.

Sermon: Feeding the Five Thousand.....Michael Williams

Caring Moment.....Emily Robbins

† Affirmation of Faith of the United Church of Canada.....No. 883

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

Salutation

Liturgist: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Liturgist: *Let us pray.*

Prayers of the 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.**

Offertory: Set Thy Love..... Fred Bock

Set thy love to dwell within me, fill my song with notes divine. Let the spirit thou hast promised dwell within this heart of mine. Then begin my soul some heav'nly theme, and sing some glorious thing; praise him for the mighty works he hath done, all praise our eternal king! (Isaac Watts)

† 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!**

Reception of New Members

Liturgist: *Brothers and Sisters in Christ, these persons are now entrusted to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.*

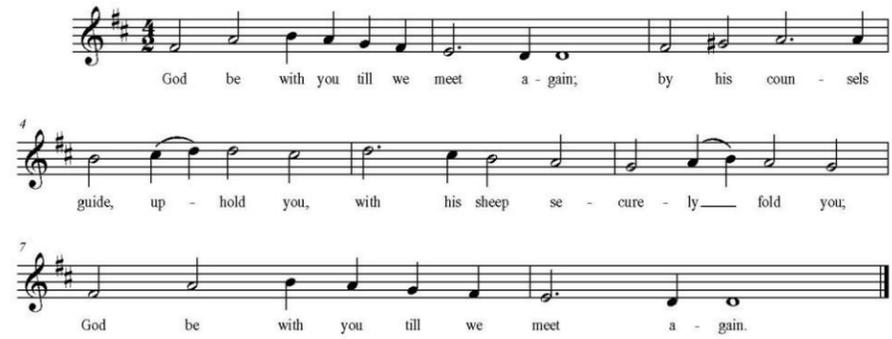
People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you, and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to participate faithfully in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 732: Come, We That Love the Lord.....St. Thomas

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: (all sing) No. 673:Ralph Vaughan Williams
God Be with You till We Meet Again



Voluntary: Toccata from Suite Gothique.....Léon Boëllmann
*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.*

Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Martha W. and P.G. Banker, Jr. and their son, Van Gordon Banker,
by Jean Ann and Barry Banker.

The rose on the altar is in celebration
of the birth of William Hawkins Dale
who was born September 28, 2016
to Caroline and Aaron Dale.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir, Joy Ringers, and Youth Vocal Ensemble. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps-director. Associate Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist. Caitlin Dowling is assisting at the organ.

HYMNIC NOTES: The processional hymn, with its memorable refrain, is one of the most popular, singable, and durable songs in our hymnal. The text came to the author as he sat on a hill overlooking Bath, England, recounting the gifts of God displayed in a panoramic view of that elegant city on the River Avon, and its environs. The stanzas remind us of the gifts of the natural world, audible and visible, human love without boundaries, God's church founded on Love Incarnate (the 'best Gift Divine'), whose birth was heralded by angels singing 'peace on earth.'

The recessional hymn, titled by the author, "Heavenly Joy on Earth" is a joyous and optimistic song of praise that invites God's family to celebrate the gifts of life in the here and now. Stanza four affirms our march 'through Emmanuel's fields' (our separate journeys on God's good earth), will take us to a different place where the best is yet to come. ST. THOMAS is an excerpt from a longer tune by Aaron Williams (1731-1776), a British music teacher. He is remembered as a prominent composer of simple settings of psalms, hymns, and anthems for village choirs and bands that performed before, within and after worship services in the balconies and on platforms in rural churches and chapels... often to the distraction of the preacher.
(Hymnic Notes are written by Carlton Young)

October 23, 2016
Preaching: Michael Williams
"Feeding the Five Thousand"

John 6:1-14

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

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