

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
October 30, 2016 at Eleven o'clock  
Twenty-fourth 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: Folk Tune..... Percy Whitlock

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: Jubilate Deo.....Laszlo Halmos  
Jubilate Deo! Everybody listen! Sing a song of praise all you who love Christ!

† Processional Hymn No. 110: A Mighty Fortress is our God...Ein' Feste Burg

† Greeting.....Chris Allen  
Liturgist: *God calls us here to this place, a refuge for healing and hope.*  
People: **We come with the pain of our burdens; we come to hear God's Word for us.**  
Liturgist: *In this place our pain is filled with Light.*  
People: **Let us drink from the well of life!**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)  
**God of mercy and grace,  
we forget that we live and have our being in you.  
We say we love you but we do not keep your word.  
We ignore our brothers and sisters who are different than us.  
We rush by those in need without a thought.  
We are deafened to your words that heal.  
Lord, forgive us.  
Help us focus again on you and the healing of the world around us.  
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: Everywhere I Go .....Natalie Sleeth

Everywhere I go, the Lord is with me. If I call upon Him, He will hear me. Never will I fear, for the Lord is near, everywhere I go. In the dark of night, when things alarm me, ever in His sight no ill may harm me. I will be of cheer, for the Lord is near, everywhere I go. He is with me day by day. He will be my strength and stay. From His path I will not stray, but follow in His way. In the coming days of joy or sadness, I will praise His name with songs of gladness. For to me it's clear, that the Lord is near, everywhere I go.

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 4:1-30.....(pew Bible, pages 864-865)

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

† Hymn No. 400: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing.....Nettleton  
*The children are invited to come forward to join Michael at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.*

Sermon: The Samaritan Woman.....Michael Williams

Caring Moment.....Sarah Williams

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Becky Peeler

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: Jubilate Deo.....Peter Anglea  
*Jubilate Deo omnis terra;  
servite Domino in laetitia.  
Introite in conspectu ejus  
in exultatione.*  
  
*Quoniam suavis est Dominus:  
in aeternum misericordia ejus,  
et usque in generationem  
et generationem veritas ejus.*  
(Psalm 100: 1, 2, 5)

Make a joyful noise  
Unto the Lord all ye lands.  
Serve the Lord with gladness:  
Come before his presence  
with singing.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting,  
and his truth endureth  
to all generations.

† 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!**

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 127.....CWM Rhondda  
Guide Me, Oh Thou Great Jehovah

† Benediction

† Benediction Response (all sing) .....Amazing Grace  
**Rebuild your people with your love, renew us every day, with hearts  
renewed in all our work our lives shall sing your praise**

Voluntary: Postlude on Ein' Feste Burg.....Charles Callahan  
*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 Ann Hardeman Fort, Combs Lawson Fort, and Combs Lawson Fort, Jr. by Linda and Hal Moses.

Jubilate Deo was given to the glory of God by the Sunny Day Ministry in honor of Carol Crowell Bayer.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, is directing and assisting at the organ. Associate Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist. Chapel Choirs I & II. Caitlin Dowling, conductor.

Hymnic Notes: Luther's famous, stirring hymn titled "A hymn of comfort," may have been written as a response to a number of circumstances including the reoccurrence of the plague in Wittenberg, and the martyrdom-death of a friend. It has been translated into 53 languages including at least 100 English versions, and appears in most hymnals, including Roman Catholic ones. The hymn's central theme expressed in battle language, 'God in Christ is our only protection from the worldly forces of evil,' continues to strengthen believers' faith and resolve. It is one of the first hymns to 'Christianize' Hebrew psalms. In this instance, Psalm 46. As is the tradition of identifying chorale tunes, the tune name is from the first line of the German text, "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott."

The vigorous closing hymn draws upon strong biblical metaphors, especially from Exodus 13 and 16: "manna," "crystal fountain," "fire and cloudy pillar," "crossing the river Jordan to Canaan's side." The tune's name, CWM RHONDDA, (coom HRON-tha), literally means Rhondda Valley, which is a coal mining district in South Wales.

(Today's hymnic notes were written by Carlton Young)

October 30, 2016  
Preaching: Michael Williams  
"The Samaritan Woman"  
**John 4:1-30**

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, 'Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John' — although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized — he left Judea and started back to Galilee. But he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his

flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

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