

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

July 2, 2017 at Eight Forty-five
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: Prelude on Union Seminary.....Charles Callahan

Welcome Carol Cavin-Dillon
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: Here, O My Lord, I See Thee.....Benedictine Plainsong

† Processional Hymn No. 126.....Mit Freuden Zart
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

† Greeting Brandon Baxter
Liturgist: *Jesus Christ welcomes us this day!*
People: **Christ gathers us and gives us power.**
Liturgist: *to be healed and to heal, to be forgiven and to forgive,*
People: **to be freed from sin and to set others free,**
Liturgist: *to tell one another and the world that God's presence is at hand.*
People: **Let us worship God!**

Collect of Purity (*in unison*)
**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all people:
We acknowledge and bewail
our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time
most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed,
against thy divine majesty.**

**We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us.
Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us,
most merciful Father.
For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve
and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer for Pardon

Words of Assurance

The Peace
Liturgist: *The peace of Christ be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**

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.**

Scripture Lessons
Genesis 18:1-15.....(pew Bible, page 12)
Matthew 10:40-42.....(pew Bible, pages 791-792)

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

Meditation: Welcome at the TableCarol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith..... No. 882

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

The Offering

Anthem: Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life John Clements

Come, my way, my truth, my life! Such a way as gives us breath, such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death. Come, my light, my feast, my strength! Such a light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my joy, my love, my heart! Such a joy as none can move, such a love as none can part, such a heart as joyes in love.
George Herbert

† Presentation of the Elements and the Offering

† Doxology No. 95

† Sursum Corda
Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: *Lift up your hearts.*
People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant: *Let us give thanks unto the Lord.*
People: **It is meet and right so to do.**
Celebrant: *It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying:*

† Sanctus (*all shall sing*)..... No. 28
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Amen.

Prayer of Consecration

Prayer (*in unison*)
**O Lord, our heavenly Father,
we, thy humble servants,
desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
most humbly beseeching thee to grant that,
by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ,
and through faith in his blood,
we and thy whole Church may obtain
forgiveness of our sins,
and all other benefits of his passion.
And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice unto thee;
humbly beseeching thee
that all we who are partakers of this Holy Communion
may be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.
And although we be unworthy,
through our manifold sins,
to offer unto thee any sacrifice,
yet we beseech thee
to accept this our bounden duty and service,
not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty,
world without end. Amen.**

Breaking the Bread

Prayer of Humble Access (*in unison*)

**We do not presume to come to this thy table,
O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.**

**But thou art the same Lord,
whose property is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to partake of this Sacrament of thy Son Jesus Christ,
that we may walk in newness of life,
may grow into his likeness,
and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Agnus Dei (*all shall sing*) No. 30

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing
the following hymns: 616, 593, 624, and 453.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: *The peace of the Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: *Let us give thanks unto the Lord.*

All: **Almighty and most merciful God, from thee comes every good and perfect gift. We give thee praise and thanks for all thy mercies. Thy goodness has created us, thy bounty has sustained us, thy discipline has chastened us, thy patience has borne with us, thy love has redeemed us. Give us a heart to love and serve thee. Today we show our thankfulness for all thy goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to thy service, cheerfully submitting in all things to thy blessed will; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Celebration for Appointed Clergy

Congregational Prayer (*in unison*)

Eternal God, strengthen and sustain us in our ministries together with Carol, Brandon, Erin, Nancy, Lisa, and Becky, whom you have sent to serve with us at West End. Give us all patience, courage, and wisdom so to care for one another, and challenge one another, that together we might witness to the Loving Light of Christ in the world, living together in love, and offering our gifts in your service. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

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

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Amen.....Dresden

Voluntary: Carillon Louis Vierne

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 Ushers: John Nance and Byron Burrus

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God
and in loving memory
of Florence Cox McFerrin, Carol Cox Brandon
and Reverend James Reed Cox by Dr. James Reed McFerrin.

The communion texts used in today's service are adapted from sources that date back to 1549. This historical continuity reminds us of our connection to those who have celebrated this holy meal before us. In eloquent and poetic language, these texts also remind us of our personal relationship with God. Before we come to the table, we are reminded of our need for God's mercy. God's forgiveness enables us to come to the table. United in this forgiveness, we come to the table as a forgiven and reconciled community in love and charity with each other.

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, is directing. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, is assisting at the organ.

July 2, 2017
Preaching: Carol Cavin-Dillon
"Welcome at the Table"

Genesis 18:1-15
Matthew 10:40-42

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