

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
September 11, 2016 at Eleven o'clock
Seventeenth 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: My Soul Forsakes Her Vain Delight Gardner Read

Welcome.....Chris Allen
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: Bless the Lord Mikhail Ippolitof-Ivanov
Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me bless his holy name.

† Processional Hymn No. 96: Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above..Amsterdam

† Greeting.....Lisa Gwock
Liturgist: *Rejoice with me, people of God.*
People: **God has gathered us in from the wilderness.**
Liturgist: *Rejoice with me, people of God.*
People: **God has swept away the darkness of the night.**
Liturgist: *Rejoice with me, people of God.*
People: **Today, there is joy in the presence of the angels.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Gracious and loving God,
we find it difficult at times to place our trust in you.
Too often we look at the world
and see only violence, pain, destruction,
and signs of hopelessness and despair.
Too often we rely on our own strength,
our own plans, our own devices,
rather than trusting in your hand to hold us,
your love to sustain us,
and your wisdom to see us through.
Forgive us, Holy One.
Help us turn to you when we are lost,
that we might find our way home.
Help us navigate the treacherous waters of this world,
that we might experience your abundant grace,
mercy, and love.
Help us put our trust in you,
that the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus
may shine in our lives for all to see. 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: If Thou Shalt Confess.....Charles Villiers Stanford
If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
(Romans 10:9, 11-13)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination Tom Lee
**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 15:1-10.....Common English Bible

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

† Hymn No. 2128 TFWS: Come and find the Quiet Center.....Beach Spring
The children are invited to come forward to join Michael at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.

Sermon.....Chris Allen
Jesus Teaches His Disciples about Losing and Finding Stuff

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Nancy Parker

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.

Mission Moment.....Zak Kelley

Offertory: Greater Love Hath No Man John Ireland

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. (Song of Solomon 8:7) Love is strong as death. (Song of Solomon 8:6b) Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends. (John 15:13) Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. (1 Peter 2:24a) Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus; (1 Corinthians 6:11a) ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9) I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (Romans 12:1)

† 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. 555: Forward Through The Ages.....St. Gertrude

† Benediction

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

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier
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TAIZÉ ALLELUIA
Irregular

Voluntary: Prelude in C Major, BWV 545.....J. S. Bach
*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 Flower Fund provides flowers for West End's worship service when none have been donated. Today's flowers are made possible by this fund.

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

Today's Music:

The hymn tune St. Gertrude was written by Arthur Sullivan for the text "Onward Christian Soldiers". While Sullivan is famous for his operettas that he wrote with W.S. Gilbert, he contributed quite a bit of sacred music to the English church. This tune first appeared in an advertisement for Joseph Barnby's *Hymnary* in 1874. It was named after St. Gertrude because it was written in the house of Sullivan's friend, Gertrude Clay-Ker-Seymour.

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Preaching: Chris Allen

"Jesus Teaches His Disciples about Losing and Finding Stuff"

Luke 15:1-10

All the tax collectors and sinners were gathering around Jesus to listen to him. The Pharisees and legal experts were grumbling, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose someone among you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them. Wouldn't he leave the other ninety-nine in the pasture and search for the lost one until he finds it? And when he finds it, he is thrilled and places it on his shoulders. When he arrives home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost sheep.' In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who changes both heart and life than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to change their hearts and lives. "Or what woman, if she owns ten silver coins and loses one of them, won't light a lamp and sweep the house, searching her home carefully until she finds it? When she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, joy breaks out in the presence of God's angels over one sinner who changes both heart and life."

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