

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
April 10, 2016 at Eleven o'clock
Third Sunday of Easter

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: Allegretto from *Sonata IV* Felix Mendelssohn

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: Ye Sons and Daughters.....Volckmar Leisring
Ye Sons and daughters of the King, Christ is upraised rejoice and sing.
Alleluia.

† Processional Hymn No. 62 (vs. 1, 2, 3, and 7).....Lasst Uns Erfreuen
All Creatures of Our God and King

† Greeting.....Erin Racine
Liturgist: *Hear this morning the voice of the Lord.*
People: **Let our hearts be moved by the promptings of the Word.**
Liturgist: *See this morning the love of the Lord.*
People: **Let our minds be illuminated by the light of God.**
Liturgist: *Be changed this morning by the grace of the Lord.*
People: **Let our souls turn again to the path of Christ.**

Anthem: All Things Bright and Beautiful.....Carol Huffman Dickerson
with Thank You.....Ken Medema

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small.
All thing wise and wonderful the Lord God made them all.
Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings.
God made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings.

Thank you, God for people, for friends and family.
Thank you for loving everyone and for loving me.
I know that you listen every time I pray. Teach me how
to love you more and more each day.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**God of plenty,
we confess that we do not trust your abundance.
Hoarding our possessions for ourselves,
we forget what it is to share.
God of the lost,
we do not embrace your love.
Turning instead to meaningless pleasures,
we miss our welcome in community.
Remind us of your provision,
recall us to your kingdom,
help us to rediscover our whole selves in you.**

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 Out With Joy.....Mark Patterson

Sing out with joy, sing out with joy! Christ the Lord is risen.
Sing out with joy, sing out with joy! Jesus is alive!
Clap your hands, shout for joy! People lift your voice and sing;
now he lives forevermore. Christ has won the victory!
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia; he is risen indeed.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Liturgist: *Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
and include this child now before you in your care?*

People: **With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.
We will surround this child with a community
of love and forgiveness, that she may grow
in her service to others. We will pray for her that she
may be a true disciple who walks in the way
that leads to life.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Commendation and Welcome

† Liturgist: *Members of the household of God, I commend Katherine James
to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase
her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.*

† People: **We give thanks for all that God has already
given you, Katherine James, 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.**

† Musical ResponseNo. 611, st. 1

**Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign:
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.**

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 21:1-19.....(pew Bible, page 883)

Response to the Lesson

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

† Hymn No. 311: Now the Green Blade Riseth.....French Carol
*The children are invited to come forward to join Michael at the chancel
during the last stanza of the hymn.*

Sermon: Three Strikes You're In.....Michael Williams

† The World Methodist Social AffirmationNo. 886

Joys & Concerns of the Church Nancy Hawthorne

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: Pilgrims' Hymn.....Stephen Paulus

Even before we call on your name to ask you, O God, when we seek for the words to glorify you, you hear our prayer; unceasing love surpassing all we know. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe your name, and through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in you; endless your grace beyond all mortal dream. Both now and for ever, and unto ages and ages, Amen. (Michael Dennis Browne)

† DoxologyNo. 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. 182.....Liebster Jesu
Word of God, Come Down to Earth

† Benediction

† Response: Alleluia, Alleluia (refrain, all sing) No. 162Alleluia No. 1
**Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to his name.**

Voluntary: Trumpet Tune in D-flat Major.....William Fuhrer
*All are invited to remain seated for a time of reflection.
If you leave, please do so quietly.*

† *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 Joyce Daniel Hill
by her family.

Katherine James Fowler "Kate",
daughter of Christopher Brice Fowler and Katherine Teague Fowler,
is presented for baptism.

Carlisle Francis Smith,
daughter of Phillip Francis Smith and Kelly Kirk Smith,
was presented for baptism at the 8:45am service.

The rose on the altar is in celebration
of the birth of Bradford Banker Pendergrass
who was born April 4, 2016 in Charlotte, NC
to Ann Banker Pendergrass and Pearson Pendergrass.
He is welcomed also by his grandparents,
Jean Ann & Barry Banker.

Today's liturgy was written by Jayme Yeo.

Today's Music:

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir, Minister of Music Matthew Phelps is director and assisting at the organ. Associate Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist. The Asbury Choir and Youth Vocal Ensemble, David Bone is conducting. Susan Harrell, piano. The Chapel Choir. Caitlin Dowling, conductor.

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April 10, 2016
Preaching: Michael Williams
"Three Strikes You're In"

John 21:1-19

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