

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
August 14, 2016 at Eleven o'clock  
Thirteenth 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: Andante in D.....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: Jubilate Deo ..... Laszlo Halmos  
Jubilate Deo! Everybody listen! Sing a song of praise all you who love Christ!

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

† Greeting.....Erin Racine  
Liturgist: *Come and listen to the voice of the Lord.*  
People: **May we bend our ears to the calling of our God.**  
Liturgist: *The Lord is the one who guides you.*  
People: **May we follow the leading of Christ.**  
Liturgist: *It is Christ who gives rest to your souls.*  
People: **May our souls take comfort in the word of the Lord.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Christ our Teacher,**  
**you have apprenticed us to your love,**  
**but we have dedicated ourselves to our own aspirations.**  
**You have led us on the path of your forgiveness,**  
**but we have strayed into anger, resentment, and willfulness.**  
**You have initiated us into your hope,**  
**but we have taken shelter in our fears and anxieties.**  
**Let us return once more to your gentle instruction.**  
**Teach us to release our desire, bitterness, and apprehension,**  
**and find our soul's rest 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: The King of Love My Shepherd Is.....Charles Gounod

*(Text can be found in your hymnal, #138)*

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 these persons 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 them with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Commendation and Welcome

† Liturgist: *Members of the household of God, I commend Diana Jane, Phoebe Claire, and Kai Benjamin 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.**

† Musical Response.....No. 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 (*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.**

Lesson from the Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 .... (pew Bible, page 537)

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Hymn No. 534: Be Still, My Soul.....Finlandia  
*The children are invited to come forward to join Michael at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.*

Blessing of the Backpacks

*(O Lord of Life and Love: **Hear our prayer**)*

Sermon: To Everything There Is a Season.....Michael Williams

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Stacy Gonzalez

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: A Gaelic Blessing.....John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you, deep peace of the flowing air to you, deep peace of the quiet earth to you, deep peace of the shining stars to you, deep peace of the gentle night to you, moon and stars pour their healing light on you, deep peace of Christ, the light of the world, to you.

*(adapted from an old Gaelic rune)*

† Doxology.....No. 95

**SENDING FORTH**

† Recessional Hymn No. 577.....Cwm Rhondda  
God of Grace and God of Glory

† Benediction

† Response No. 898: Amen (all sing) ..... Danish



MUSIC: Danish

Voluntary..... C.V. Stanford  
Allegro non troppo from *Six Short Preludes and Postludes Op. 101*  
*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 Mr. and Mrs. James H. Winters, Mr. and Mrs. William I. Edwards, and William I. Edwards, IV by Susan Winters Edwards and William I. Edwards, III.

Phoebe Claire Williams and Kai Benjamin Williams, children of Brent Williams and Becca Williams, are presented for baptism.

Diana Jane Fata, daughter of Paul Mitchel Fata, Jr. and Cynthia Romer Fata, is presented for baptism.

Today's liturgy was written by Jayme Yeo.

Today's Music:

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music Matthew Phelps is organist-director. Caitlin Dowling is assisting at the organ. Tim Foster, bass soloist. Christina Egan, piano.

As summer winds to a close and you begin making your plans for the fall, we'd love for you to consider musical opportunities that are available for you and your family at West End UMC. Our Chancel and Sanctuary Choirs always welcome new members. Our Children's Choir program, available on Wednesday nights, is a great opportunity for your family to be involved, meet other families at West End, and give your children a wonderful singing and spiritual experience. Our Youth Vocal Ensemble, for grades 7-12, will begin its second year with the hopes of building on a great first year! It meets on Sundays at 12:15 p.m. immediately following worship. Lunch is provided. Our youth and adult handbell ensembles are always looking for great ringers as well. West End's tradition of great music is only possible with your commitment and support; so consider joining us and making music to the glory of God this season!

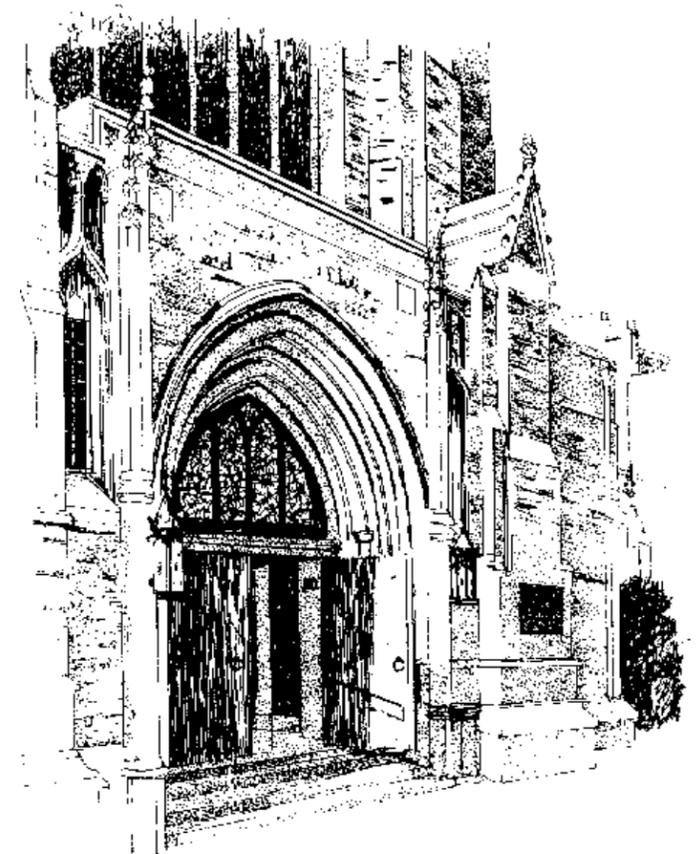
August 14, 2016  
Preaching: Michael Williams  
*"To Everything There Is a Season"*

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-15**

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with.

He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by.

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