

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
July 31, 2016 at Eleven o'clock  
Eleventh 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..... J. S. Bach  
Chorale Prelude on "Lord Jesus Christ, Turn to Us" BWV 709

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: Day by Day..... Harold Friedell  
Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.

† Processional Hymn No. 57: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing.....Azmon

† Greeting.....Bill Miller  
Liturgist: *Give thanks and praise to the Lord!*  
People: **For God has dealt mercifully with us!**  
Liturgist: *Even when we turned our backs on God,*  
People: **God forgave us and restored us to life.**  
Liturgist: *Rejoice in God's abundant love.*  
People: **We will continually praise God who heals and loves us.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Merciful God,**  
**it is easy to forget that all we have**  
**you have graciously provided.**  
**We get caught up in thinking**  
**that whatever comes our way is just for us.**  
**We seek to hold on to what we have received**  
**through the opportunities and experiences of life.**  
**We treat your gracious provisions**  
**as ours to do with as we want.**  
**We forget your invitation to join you**  
**in sharing graciously with others**  
**so that all your children may have enough.**  
**Forgive us for our failure to remember**  
**that we are blessed to be a blessing to others.**  
**Open our eyes to see the ways**  
**in which the resources you have entrusted to us**  
**can express the fullness of your love.**

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: Amazing Grace.....American Hymn Tune arr. Walters

*(Text can be found in hymnal number 378)*

**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: Luke 12:13-21.....(pew Bible, page 847)

Response to the Lesson

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

† Hymn No. 420: Breathe on Me, Breath of God ..... Trentham  
*The children are invited to come forward to join Chris at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.*

Sermon: Jesus and the Rich Fool.....Chris Allen

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Lisa Gwock

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: Treasures in Heaven..... Joseph Clokey

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Ask, and it shall be given you. Seek, and ye shall find. Knock, and it shall be opened to you. For every one that asketh receiveth. And he that seeketh findeth. And to him that knocketh it shall be opened. (Matthew 6:19-21; 7:7-8)

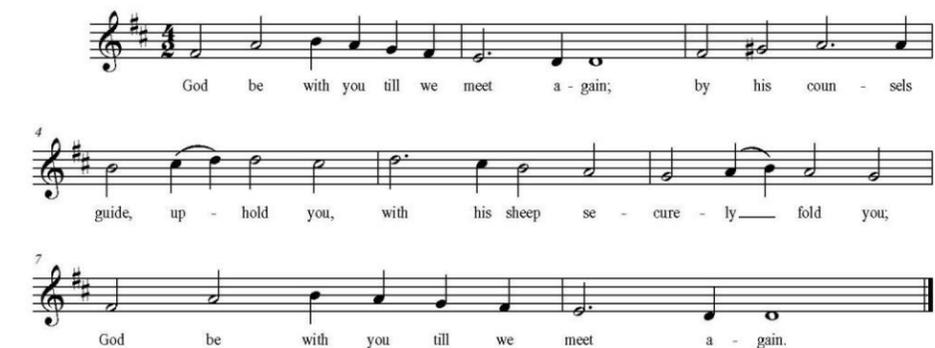
† Doxology ..... No. 95

**SENDING FORTH**

† Recessional Hymn No. 399: Take My Life, and Let It Be.....Messiah

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: (all sing) No. 673 .....Ralph Vaughan Williams  
God Be with You till We Meet Again.



Voluntary: A Festival March.....Alec Rowley

*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

**West End United Methodist Church**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
from the wedding of  
Shannon Teets and Scott Olivo.

**WEST END**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Today's Music:

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music Matthew Phelps is director. Associate Minister of Music Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist. Andrew Campbell, soloist.

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. Our Chancel Choir and Sanctuary Choir always welcome new members. Our children's choir program, available on Wednesday nights, is a great opportunity for your family to be involved at West End, meet other families, and give your children a great 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. Our youth and adult handbell ensembles are always looking for great ringers. 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.

July 31, 2016  
Preaching: Chris Allen  
*"Jesus and the Rich Fool"*

**Luke 12:13-21**

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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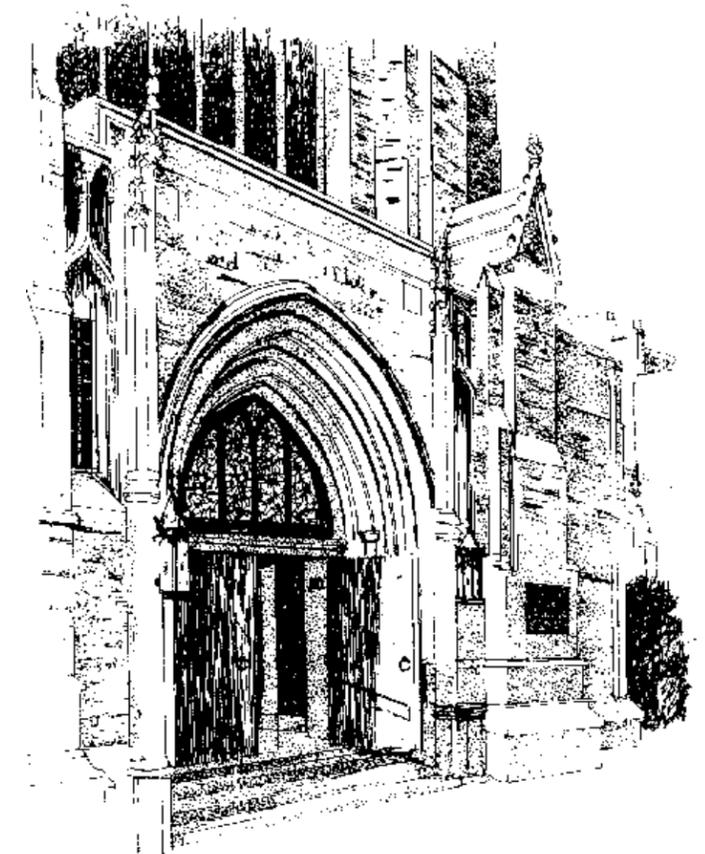
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