

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
May 29, 2016 at Eleven o'clock  
Second 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: Holy Manna ..... Wilbur Held

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

† Processional Hymn No. 111: How Can We Name a Love.....Terra Beata

† Greeting.....Nancy Hawthorne  
Liturgist: *Greetings to our brothers and sisters in faith.*  
People: **We come to celebrate God's presence,**  
Liturgist: *and God's love expressed through Jesus Christ.*  
People: **We come remembering Christ's life and ministry,**  
Liturgist: *and the life we are called to live.*  
People: **We come as a pilgrim people,**  
**searching for ways to live out our faith.**  
Liturgist: *We come seeking the strength to carry on our journey.*  
People: **Let us rejoice in God's gift to us!**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)  
**God of Love, in the wrong we have done,**  
**and in the good we have not done;**  
**we have sinned in ignorance;**  
**we have sinned in weakness;**  
**we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.**  
**We are truly sorry.**  
**We repent and turn to you.**  
**Forgive us,**  
**and renew our lives.**

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.)*

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 he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him that he 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 Conrad Bradford to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.*

† People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you, Conrad Bradford, 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

**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 7:1-10.....(pew Bible, page 839)

Response to the Lesson

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

Lesson from the Psalter: Psalm 96:1-7.....(pew Bible, page 479)  
*The children are invited to come forward and join Michael at the chancel when he moves to the chair.*

Sermon: The Soldier and His Slave.....Michael Williams

† The World Methodist Social Affirmation ..... No. 886

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

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: Unto the Hills.....Howard Helvey

Unto the hills around do I lift up my longing eyes: O whence for me shall my salvation come, from whence arise? From God, the Lord, doth come my certain aid, the Lord who heaven and earth hath made. God will not suffer that thy foot be moved; safe shalt thou be. No careless slumber shall His eyelids close, who keepeth thee. Behold, He sleepeth not, He slumbereth ne'er, who keepeth Israel in his holy care. Jehovah is Himself thy keeper true, thy changeless shade; Jehovah thy defense on thy right hand, himself hath made. And thee no sun by day shall ever smite; no moon shall harm thee in the silent night. From every evil shall God keep thy soul from every sin; Jehovah shall preserve thy going out, thy coming in. Above thee watching, He whom we adore, He shall keep thee forever more.

(John Douglas Sutherland Campbell, based on Psalm 121)

† Doxology ..... No. 95

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. TFWS 2241.....Land of Rest  
The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

† Benediction

† Response (all sing): Awake O Sleeper vs. 5.....New Britain  
**For Us Christ lived, for us he died, and conquered in the strife.  
Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.**

Voluntary: Prelude in D minor.....Felix Mendelssohn  
*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 honor of their mother, Jane Lawrence Stone,  
by her children, Ellen Bland, Janie Stone, Mimi Milward and Mac Stone.

Conrad Bradford Miller,  
son of Brad Miller and Anna Margaret Miller,  
is presented for baptism.

Today's Music:

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir, Minister of Music Matthew Phelps  
organist-director. Caitlin Dowling is assisting at the organ.  
Emily Tyndall, clarinet.

The hymn tune Terra Beata was originally an English folk tune. Frank  
Sheppard of Philadelphia, PA arranged the tune to be used with the hymn  
"This is My Father's World," written by Maltbie Babcock. The tune first  
appeared in the Presbyterian Hymnal, *Alleluia*, in 1915. The text, "How Can  
We Name a Love," was written by American hymn writer Brian Wren in 1973.

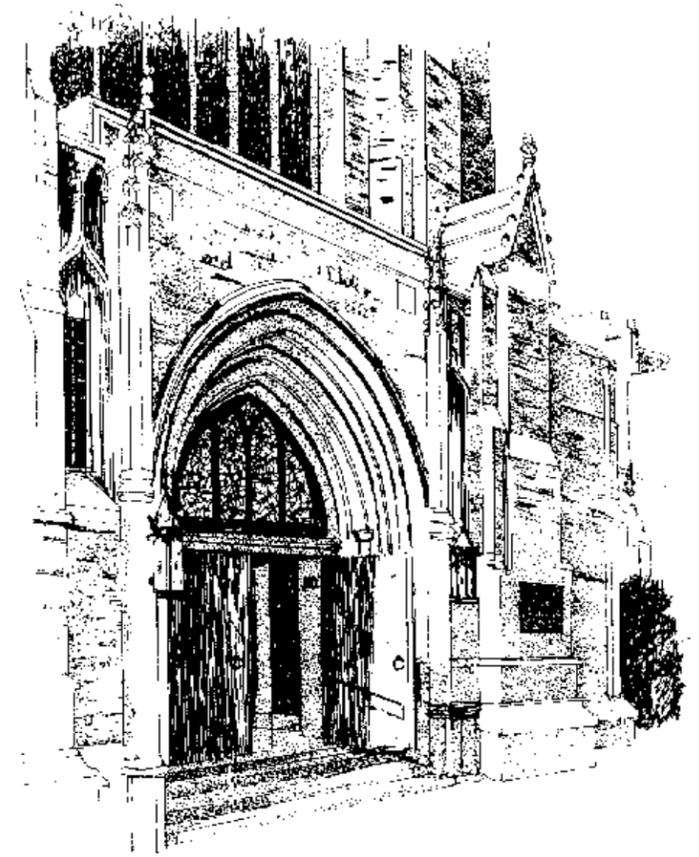
*Unto the Hills* was given to the Glory of God in honor of Val Brooks by the  
Wednesday Lunch Forum of which Val was a founding member.

May 29, 2016  
Preaching: Michael Williams  
*"The Soldier and His Slave"*

**Luke 7:1-10**

After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him, for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

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