

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
November 15, 2015 at Eleven o'clock
Twenty-fifth 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: Chorale Prelude on "Ach bleib bei uns"J. S. Bach

Welcome.....Michael Williams

Introit: Alleluia Gordon Young

† Processional Hymn No. 131: We Gather TogetherKremser

† GreetingLisa Gwock

Liturgist: *Come worship the Lord who is in our midst today.*

People: **There is no Holy One like our God.**

Liturgist: *We raise our voices to praise the Lord of strength.*

People: **There is no Rock like our God.**

Liturgist: *We prepare to listen and learn with open hearts and open minds.*

People: **There is no Source of knowledge like our God.**

Liturgist: *May the Son of our God lead us into faith.*

People: **There is no Guide like our God. Praise the Lord!**

Anthem: All Things Bright and Beautiful.....Susan Eltringham

(Text may be found on page 147 in the hymnal)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**O God, we confess our day-to-day failure,
to be truly a good neighbor.**

Too often, we fail to recognize your image in all.

**We fail to love extravagantly
because we do not fully understand what loving means,
and because we are afraid of risking ourselves.**

**We cut ourselves off from those in our communities
and around the world,
and we erect barriers of division.**

**We confess that by silence and ill-considered word,
we have built walls of prejudice.**

**We have sought our own security first,
and blamed others for their struggle for security.**

**We confess we have denied the pain of racism,
even when it confronts us.**

**We declare our support and solidarity
with the injured and hurting,
then drift back in our complacency
and feelings of helplessness... until the next broadcast.**

Holy Spirit, speak to us.

Help us to hear your words of forgiveness.

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.....Provencal Carol, arr. Ziegenhals
Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin.

Our voices raised triumphant, with flute and violin.

Singing praises! Singing praises! Gratefully sing thy praises,
With joy that hath no end.

From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky.

Our Christ has won the victory, our life to sanctify.

Singing praises! Singing praises! Gratefully sing thy praises,
With joy that hath no end.

We lift our hearts and voices, our notes of gladness blend.

To fill the air with music and joy that hath no end.

Alleluia, Amen, with joy that hath no end.

(John of Damascus, translated by John Mason Neale)

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 Epistle: Hebrews 12:14-17 (pew Bible, page 979)

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Hymn No. 408: The Gift of Love.....Gift of Love

*The children are invited to come forward to join Michael at the chancel
during the last stanza of the hymn.*

Sermon: Misreading Genesis.....Michael Williams

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

Joys & Concerns of the ChurchErin 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: The Majesty and Glory of Your Name.....Tom Fetke

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers; The moon and stars suspended in space. Oh what is man that you are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: the beasts of the field, the birds in the air, The fish of the sea. Oh what is man that you are mindful of him? O Lord our God the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens.O Lord our God, little children praise you perfectly, and so would we. Alleluia!

(Linda Lee Johnson, based on Psalm 8)

† 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. 102: Now Thank We All Our God.....Nun Danket

† Benediction

† Response (all sing) No. 690 Vs 2.....St. Clement
The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended

**We thank thee that thy church, unsleeping while earth rolls onward
into light, through all the world her watch is keeping, and rests not
now by day or night.**

Voluntary: Now Thank We All Our God.....Sigfrid Karg-Elert
*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 Sam McClary
by his parents, Alice and Wallace McClary.

A rose on the altar is in celebration
of the birth of Madeline Grace Duncan
who was born November 03, 2015
to Tony and Natasha Duncan.
She is welcomed also by
her brother, Will Duncan.

A rose on the altar is in celebration
of the birth of Margaret Rose Forester
who was born October 02, 2015
to Catie and Jason Forester.
She is welcomed also by
her brother, Jack Forester and
grandparents, Joey and Lalia Click.

Today's Music:

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir, Chapel Choir, and Youth Vocal
Ensemble. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, director. Associate Andrew
Risinger is organist/accompanist. Caitlin Dowling is assisting at the organ and
conducting the Youth Vocal Ensemble this morning. Carla Swank, flute.

The tune for Now Thank We All Our God was written by Johann Cruger
c.1647. It is one of the most widely sung hymn tunes in the western world. The
tune is so popular that it is the basis of many major works. J. S. Bach wrote an
entire cantata based on the tune. Felix Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 2 is
based on the chorale tune. The tune is also the theme of many organ pieces,
most notably by composers such as Dieterich Buxtehude, Sigfrid Karg-Elert,
and Max Reger.

November 15, 2015
Preaching: Michael Williams
"Misreading Genesis"
Hebrews 12:14-17

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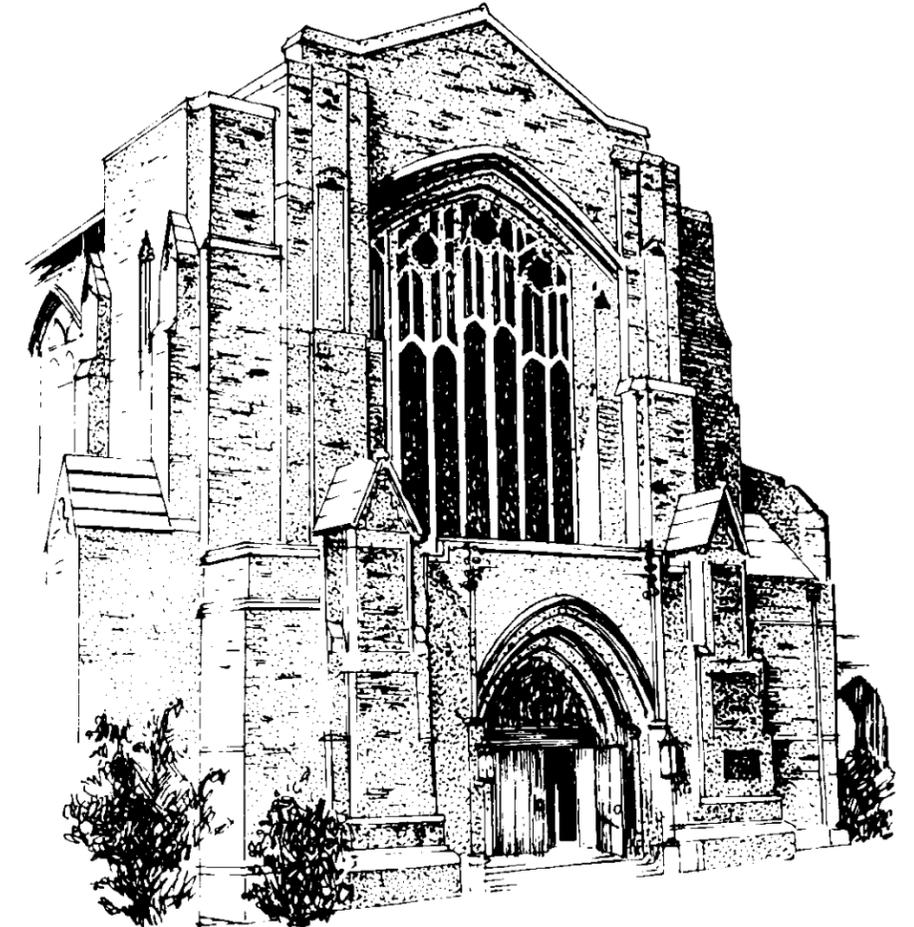
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