

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
June 25, 2017 at Eleven o'clock  
Third Sunday of 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: The Peace May Be Exchanged.....Dan Locklair

Welcome.....Michael Williams

Introit: Come Ye That Love the Lord.....Alice Parker  
Come ye that Love the Lord, and let thy love be known;  
Join in a song of sweet accord and thus surround the throne.

† Processional Hymn No. 327.....Diademata  
Crown Him with Many Crowns

† Greeting.....Nancy Parker  
Liturgist: *We have gathered to worship God.*  
People: **We have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community, and insight.**  
Liturgist: *We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence in our midst.*  
People: **We have come to offer up the seasons and the turnings in our lives, and to ask God's help in our learning and in our growing.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)  
**Gracious God,**  
**our sins are too heavy to carry,**  
**too real to hide,**  
**and too deep to undo.**  
**Forgive what our lips tremble to name,**  
**what our hearts can no longer bear,**  
**and what has become for us**  
**too heavy to carry anymore.**  
**Set us free from a past that we cannot change;**  
**open to us a future in which we can be changed;**  
**and grant us grace to grow more and more**  
**in your likeness and image.**

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: Deep River.....American Spiritual arr. Hogan

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.**

A lesson from the Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13 .....(pew Bible, page 934)

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: The Greatest of These Is Love .....Michael Williams

† A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada.....No. 83

† Passing of the Peace  
Liturgist: *As a forgiven and reconciled people,  
let us exchange signs of reconciliation and love.  
The peace of Christ be with you.*  
People: **And also with you.**  
*(You are invited to pass the peace of Christ to those around you.)*

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: May Thy Spirit Rest Upon Us.....Quirino Gasparini  
May thy spirit rest upon us, and give us grace to follow Thee,  
That we in all our ways may serve Thee, and glorify Thy Holy Name,  
And at the last deserve Thy peace. (*Laurence Swinyard*)

† Doxology.....No. 95

Reception of New Members

Liturgist: *Brothers and Sisters in Christ, these persons are now entrusted 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.**

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 2008 TFWS.....The Ash Grove  
Let All Things Now Living

† Benediction

† Response No. 673: God Be With You Till We Meet Again.....Randolph  
**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

Voluntary: Festival Toccata.....Franklin Ritter  
*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 memory of  
Reverend Margaret H. Howell and Stephen D. Howell  
by John F. Howell and family.

Devin Tre Hargrove, son of Timothy Poe Hargrove,  
was presented today for baptism at the 8:45am service.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps,  
is directing and assisting at the organ. Associate Andrew Risinger is  
organist/accompanist. Laura Webb, mezzo soprano.

Hymnic Notes: The processional is a hymn of praise to the ascended and reigning Christ. Each stanza is a lyrical elaboration on one of Christ's names: 1) the Lamb upon the throne; 2) the Virgin's Son; 3) the Lord of Love; 4) the Lord of Peace; 5) the Lord of Years; 6) the Lord of Heaven. The well constructed and stirring tune DIADEMATA (named after the Greek word for "crowns"), was composed for the text.

The words of the joyous recessional were composed to the unique metrical structure of the Welsh Harp tune LLWYN ONN (The Ash Gove), and together first appeared as a choral work. It is one of very few successful adaptations of the words and music of a choir anthem as a congregational hymn.  
*(Hymnic Notes by Carlton Young)*

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**Preaching: Michael Williams**  
**"The Greatest of These Is Love"**  
**1 Corinthians 13: 1-13**

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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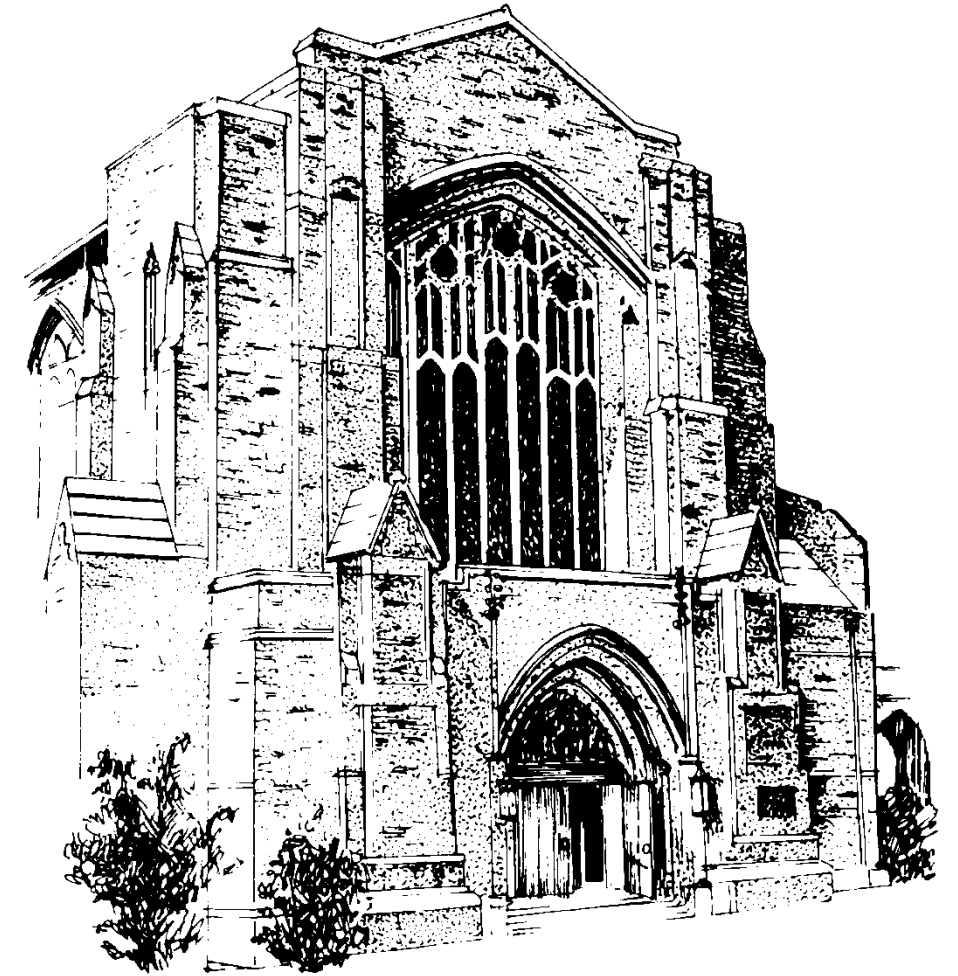
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