

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

July 9, 2017 at Eleven o'clock

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: Meditation.....Gabriel Dupont

Welcome.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

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: Prelude on Union Seminary.....Charles Callahan

† Processional Hymn No. 131: We Gather Together.....Kremser

† Greeting.....Erin Racine

Liturgist: Welcome this day to a time of rest.

People: We come bearing burdens and cares.

Liturgist: Trust in God who is always with you.

People: We come in faith, seeking God's healing mercies.

Liturgist: Place your lives in the loving hands of God.

People: May God heal our spirits and strengthen us!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God,

we confess that too often,

we do not come to you with our burdens.

We put our time and energy into plans and schedules,

but do not take time to be still and know that you are God.

We become preoccupied with our own fears and anxieties,

and overlook your invitation to find comfort in community.

We seek control rather than trust, overwork rather than rest,

and we live in a spirit of scarcity,

rather than abundance, generosity, and joy.

Forgive us, Loving God. Help us to place our hope in you.

Open our hearts and spirits again to your healing powers,

that you might give us rest.

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.)

Solo: O Lord Most Holy.....Franz Abt

O Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O loving Savior Thee would we be praising with joyful lips: For Thou hast redeemed us by thy grace and mercy. Teach us to know Thee. Teach us to love Thee. Make us to follow after holiness. So in temptation and in the hour of sadness we shall find comfort and help in Thee. Guide us O Savior. Amen.

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 Brian Thomason 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, Brian Thomason, 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.

Psalm 131.....John Goss

(Text can be found in the pew bible, page 500)

Lesson from the Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30(pew Bible, pages 879)

Response to the Lesson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

† Hymn No. 358: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind.....Rest

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

Sermon: The Gift of Rest.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

† 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.....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.

Ministry Moment: Project Transformation.....Natalie Ferguson

Offertory: Dona Nobis Pacem.....Michael Scott

Dona nobis pacem, grant us peace. (traditional Latin text)

† Doxology.....No. 95

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 534: Be Still, My SoulFinlandia

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Together Met, Together Bound.....Land of Rest
**Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
And as his people in the word, we'll live and speak his praise.**

Voluntary: "Little" Prelude and Fugue in C BWV 553.....J. S. Bach
*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 celebration of
the baptism of Brian Thomason "Thomas" Freeman, Jr.
by parents Katie and Brian Freeman.

Brian Thomason "Thomas" Freeman, Jr.,
son of Brian Thomason Freeman, Sr. and Katherine "Katie" Davis Freeman,
is presented for baptism today.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps,
director and assisting at the organ. Associate Andrew Risinger is organist and
conducting this morning. Christina Egan, soprano.

Hymnic Notes: The processional hymn has roots in a Dutch poem written at
the end of the 16th century to celebrate the Protestant Northern provinces'
newly won freedom from Spanish rule. It was later set to a traditional
melody. Early in the 20th century, translator/arranger Theodore Baker's
stirring anthem setting, music taken from Eduard Kremser's earlier work,
was adapted as a hymn and entered the American public repertory of
religious/nationalistic/patriotic songs/hymns.

The recessional is a hymn of assurance and hope in times of doubt and despair
that is set to Sibelius's stirring finale of his Finnish patriotic tableau composed
in 1899 in reaction to increasing censorship by the Russian regime.
(Hymnic notes by Carlton Young)

July 9, 2017
Preaching: Carol Cavin-Dillon
"The Gift of Rest"

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying
heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke
upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and
humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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