

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

July 23, 2017 at Eleven o'clock  
Seventh 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: Two Elevations

Andante Con Moto.....Louis-James-Alfred Lefebure-Wely  
Elevation in E-flat.....Paul Benoit

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: Sing Unto the Lord.....Hasidic Folk Tune, arr. Hopson

† Processional Hymn No. 578.....Unser Herrscher  
God of Love and God of Power

† Greeting.....Emily C. Robbins

Liturgist: *The Lord knows each and every one of us and loves each one dearly.*

People: **Sometimes it feels as though God has drifted away from us.**

Liturgist: *Be strong! Look for the ways in which God is present to you.*

People: **Given all the troubles of the day, we often look more closely at them.**

Liturgist: *Come, open your hearts and spirits to God's love and presence*

People: **Lord, help us to see your presence in all of life's circumstances.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Patient Lord,**  
**it is so easy for us to focus on all the things that are wrong.**  
**We spend much time and energy in anger and sorrow,**  
**leaving behind the possibilities of hope and service to you.**  
**Ease our hearts, O Lord.**  
**Forgive our willingness to get caught up in the negative.**  
**Direct our steps toward positive actions**  
**that will produce growth and peace.**  
**We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ.**  
**Amen.**

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: The Lord is My Light.....Frances Allitsen

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 Marshall McLaughlin to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, his hope, and perfect him in love.*

† People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you, Marshall McLaughlin, 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: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.....(pew Bible, pages 795)

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Hymn No. 121: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy.....Wellesley

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

Sermon: God's Garden .....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.....Brandon Baxter

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: Lamb of God.....German Chorale, arr. Christiansen

Lamb of God most holy, who on the cross didst suffer, patient still and lowly, thyself to scorn didst offer; Our sins by Thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken: have mercy on us, O Jesus!

† Doxology.....No. 95

SENDING FORTH

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

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Awake O Sleeper vs. 5 (All Sing).....Amazing Grace  
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: Trumpet Tune in C.....Mark Shepperd  
*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 Flower Fund provides flowers for West End's worship service when none have been donated. Today's flowers are made possible by this fund.  
If you would like to contribute, please mark your check or envelope  
"Flower Fund."

The rose on the Communion table is to celebrate the birth of  
Amos William Matheny, born July 3, 2017  
to Logan and Leslee Matheny.

Marshall McLaughlin Ledbetter, son of Clement and Katie Ledbetter,  
is presented for baptism today.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps,  
is organist and director. Ethan Bennett, baritone. The cast of Moses and the  
Freedom Fanatics. Carol Poston, director. Christy Perkey, accompanist.

Hymnic Notes: The processional, bearing many similarities to Harry  
Emerson Fosdick's "God of grace and God of glory," on the facing page, is  
described by the author as reflecting the evangelistic themes of that time (ca.  
1939). 'There's a wideness in God's mercy,' consists of four stanzas of the  
poet's thirteen composed in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, that express God's  
unqualified, unending love, mercy, healing and acceptance for every person,  
which implicitly challenge the church to be as well as proclaim these  
attributes of Deity. The recessional, by prominent hymn writer Sister Deloris  
Dufner, Saint Benedict's Monastery, St. Joseph, MN, is replete with action  
verbs: bring, comfort, help, serve, that challenge us to live out the gospel.  
*(Hymnic notes by Carlton Young)*

**July 23, 2017**  
**Preaching: Carol Cavin-Dillon**  
**"God's Garden"**

*Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

## West End United Methodist Church

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