

## GATHERING

Voluntary: Meditation (from *Organ Symphony no. 1*) .....C. M. Widor

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: In Thee is Gladness.....Giovanni Gastoldi

In thee is gladness, gone is all sadness, Jesus sunshine of my heart.  
By thee our given the gifts of heaven, thou the true redeemer art.  
Our souls thou makest, our bonds thou breakest, who trust thee surely  
Hath built securely and stands for ever. Alleluia!

† Processional Hymn No. 88: Maker, in Whom We Live.....Diademata

† Greeting.....Anita Peebles

Liturgist: *Come! Come and worship,*  
People: **we who woke early and we who slept late,  
we who come often, and we who don't.**

Liturgist: *Whether we are first or last or somewhere in between,*  
People: **there is room for all of us in God's kingdom,  
and more than enough grace to go around.**

All: **Let us worship God together!**

Anthem: Sing to the Lord.....Liz Rose & David Bone

Sing to the Lord! Sing to the Lord! For God has triumphed gloriously.  
Our God is the hope of all the world, so we sing our thanks and praise.  
Our God is the hope of all the world, so we sing our thanks to God.  
Dance to the Lord our God! Praise God's name! Dance to God!  
Dance your thanks and praise. Dance to God! Dance your thanks to God!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**It seems we cannot decide, Gracious God.  
We say we will live to serve others,  
but end up meeting only our needs.  
We claim to live in a way that honors Christ,  
but we do not take him to work, school, home.  
We believe that the gospel can transform lives,  
even, and especially, our own.  
Forgive us, Holy One.  
Instead of grumblers,  
may we be ambassadors of grace.  
Instead of continual complaining,  
may we carry compassion to the hurting.  
Instead of whiners,  
may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,  
to reach out and bring the kingdom of God  
to everyone we meet.**

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

† 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.**

† 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: Shine on Me.....Traditional Spiritual, arr. Rollo Dilworth

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 these children 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 them with a community  
of love and forgiveness, that they may grow  
in their service to others. We will pray for them that  
they may be true disciples who walk in the way  
that leads to life.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Commendation and Welcome

† Liturgist: *Members of the household of God, I commend Wright Hastings  
and Helena Elizabeth 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.**

† 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 (*in unison*).....Kathi Whalen

**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 Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16.....(pew Bible, page 801)

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: "That's Not Fair!" .....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Nancy Parker

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.....Kirby Davis

Offertory: Psalm 117.....Greg Knauf

*Laudate Dominum omnes gentes* O Praise the Lord all ye nations.  
*Laudate Eum omnes populi* Praise him all ye people.  
*Quoniam confirmata est* For his merciful kindness  
*super nos misericordia eius.* Is ever more towards us.  
*et veritas Domini manet* And the truth of the Lord  
*In aeternum.* Endureth forever.

† 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!**

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. 127.....Cwm Rhondda  
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

† Benediction

† Benediction Response.....St. Clement  
The Day Thou Givest, Lord, is Ended (vs. 2)  
**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: Allegro con Spirito.....Frank Bridge  
*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.*

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The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Marie and Buck Cowan  
by their son, Tommy Cowan.

The rose on the Communion Table is to celebrate the birth of  
Helena Louise Martin, born September 12 to Allison and Travis Martin.  
She is also welcomed by her grandmother, Pat Holdridge.

Wright Hastings Goodridge, son of David Walker Goodridge and  
Heather Woodroof Goodridge, is presented for baptism today.

Helena Elizabeth Noble, daughter of Jack Henry Noble and  
Sondra Dunn Noble, is presented for baptism today.

Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps,  
director and assisting at the organ. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew  
Risinger, organist and accompanist. The Asbury and Chapel Choirs. Melissa  
Gramling, conductor. Lee Levine, clarinet. The Youth Vocal Ensemble.  
Music Associate, Allison Williams, director.

Hymnic Notes: Each of the first three stanzas of the processional is devoted to  
a person of the Trinity whose key attribute is paraphrased in the second line:  
'creating love,' redeeming grace,' and 'heart-renewing power.' The final  
stanza is in praise to the undivided Trinity. Charles Wesley composed 220  
hymns on the Trinity, most of them invitations for the Trinity to come  
and dwell in the faithful.

The vigorous closing hymn draws upon strong biblical metaphors,  
especially from Exodus 13 and 16: "manna," "crystal fountain," "fire and  
cloudy pillar," "crossing the river Jordan to Canaan's side." The tune's  
name CWM RHONDDA, (coom HRON-tha), literally Rhondda Valley,  
is a coal mining district in South Wales. *(Hymnic Notes by Carlton Young)*



*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!*

**Sunday Activities**

Service Times.....8:45 and 11 a.m.  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
College Lunch.....12 - 1 p.m.  
Youth Choir Rehearsal\*.....12:15 - 1 p.m.  
Adult Handbells.....1:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
Youth Small Groups\*.....5 - 7 p.m.

**Weekly Activities**

Meal.....Wednesdays, 5 - 6:30 p.m.  
Class Offerings.....Wednesdays, 6 p.m.  
Children's Choir and Youth Handbell Rehearsals.....Wednesdays, 6 - 7 p.m.  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9 p.m.  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal.....Thursdays, 7:15pm - 9:15 p.m.

For a complete listing and additional information on Sunday and Weekly  
Activities, please visit our website at [www.westendumc.org](http://www.westendumc.org) or see the  
bulletin insert.

\*Meal provided.

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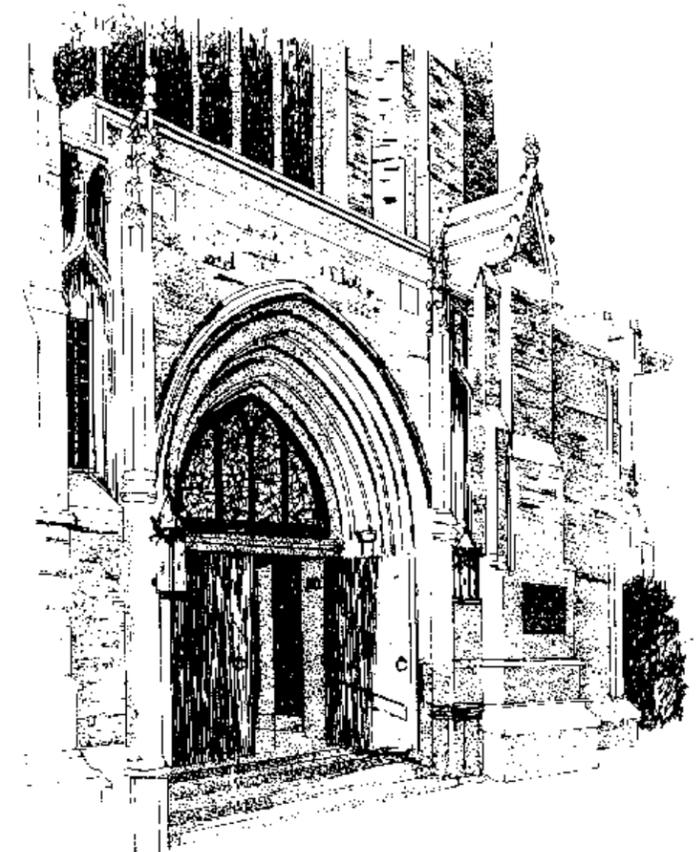
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