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: Make Me a Clean Heart…….....….....G. Thalben-Ball

† 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!**

† 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.**

(*You are invited to pass the peace of Christ to those around you.)*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*.....Haynes Lynch

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.**

† Gloria Patri.....No. 71

The children are invited to come forward during the singing of the Gloria Patri to join Carol at the chancel.

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.)

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: Jubilate Deo…….....E. W. Naylor

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord, he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation. 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.

† 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: Amen …….....Peter C. Lutkin

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.*

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, will be presented for baptism at the 11am service.

Helena Elizabeth Noble, daughter of Jack Henry Noble and Sondra Dunn Noble, will be presented for baptism at the 11am service.

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Head Ushers: John Nance and Byron Burrus

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Ben Troxler, bass. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, is directing. Music Associate, Allison Williams, is assisting at the organ.

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)*

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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 or see the bulletin insert.

*Meal provided.

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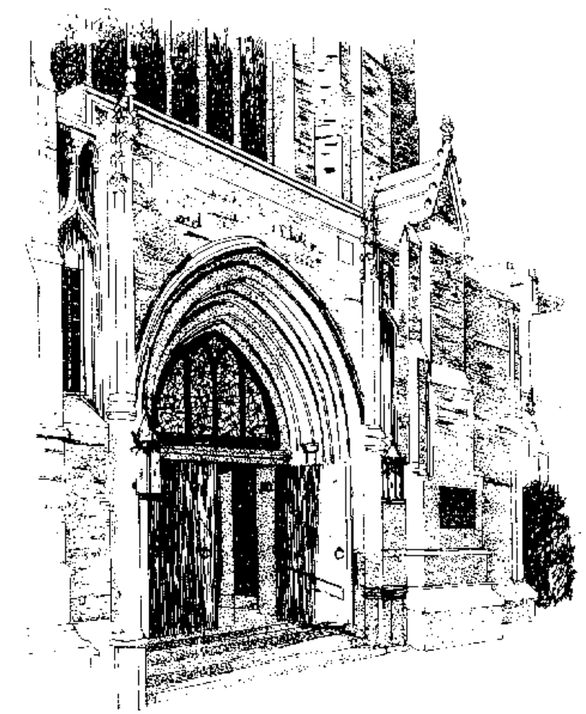

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