

GATHERING

Voluntary: Improvisation on "Jesus Loves Me"arr. Albert L. Travis

WelcomeBrandon Baxter

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: May Christians All With One Accord Gelobt Sei Gott

† Processional Hymn No. 660: God Is Here.....Abbot's Leigh

† Greeting.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

Liturgist: *Today, Christians gather around the world to come to God's Table.*

People: **We are the people of God.**

Liturgist: *Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition,*

People: **we are sisters and brothers in Christ.**

Liturgist: *For there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.*

People: **We are one in God's Spirit.**

Liturgist: *Together we remember our Lord Jesus.*

People: **Come, let us worship the God of our salvation.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Merciful God, we confess

that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† Words of Assurance

Liturgist: *Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!*

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

† 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.)

† An Act of Praise

Antiphon (Choir and Congregation)



PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*).....Richard Ferrara

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 21:23-32 (pew Bible, pages 802-803)

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Communion Meditation: Whose Authority?Brandon Baxter

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Lisa Gwock

The Offering

Offertory: Ubi Caritas.....Ola Gjeilo

Translation from Latin: Where there is charity and love, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

† Presentation of the Offering and the Elements

† 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!

† Thanksgiving

Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

† Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

† Sanctus and Benedictus (*Choir and Congregation*)



Prayer of Remembrance

People:



Prayer of Consecration

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.**

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during communion: 618, 2011 TFWS, & 678.

† Prayer after Receiving

Celebrant: *You have given yourself to us, Lord.*

People: **Now we give ourselves for others.**

Celebrant: *Your love has made us a new people;*

People: **as a people of love we will serve you with joy.**

Celebrant: *Your glory has filled our hearts;*

People: **help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 557: Blest Be the Tie that Binds..... Dennis

† Dismissal with Blessing

† Benediction Response: Amen.....Orlando Gibbons

Voluntary: Trumpet Tune in B-flat.....William Boyce
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 Mr. and Mrs. Gordon O. Swint, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. William W. Earthman, Jr. by their children, Sandra Swint and Bill Earthman.



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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Head Ushers: John Nance and Byron Burrus
Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, organist-director. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, assisting at the organ.

Today’s Music: Today’s music spans different cultures as we reflect on World Communion Sunday. Our Introit is German; the processional hymn is British; our communion hymns: African American, Latin American, and Asian respectively; and the recessional hymn is Swiss. As we sing music of other cultures, we are reminded of our unity with Christians all over the world.

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