

GATHERING

Voluntary: Trumpet Minuet.....Alfred Hollins

Welcome.....Erin Racine
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: O Let Us Praise TheeRichard Farrant

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

† Greeting.....Emily C. Robbins
Liturgist: *Though the dark clouds cover us and the violent storms assail,*
People: **God seeks us out and protects us;
God brings us to the safe shelter of compassion.**
Liturgist: *When we feel lost and alone, wondering who will save us,*
People: **God reaches out in love,
healing our wounds and transforming our lives.**
Liturgist: *Thank God who loves us so much.*
People: **Praise God who searches for us and brings us home.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Merciful God,
we get so caught up in our own lives and needs
that we fail to see others for whom we might provide
some help and relief.
You challenge us to feed those who are hungry
and to quench the thirst of those who are parched.
You ask us to bring clothing to those who have none
or for whom the clothing is inadequate for the weather;
to visit people who are sick, alone, alienated,
who are imprisoned either in cells with bars
or in conditions of hopelessness and poverty
that they see no way out;
to welcome the stranger
and reach out to those who are marginalized;
to always bring your words of healing and redeeming love.
We have failed in these tasks –
we ignore the opportunities
and claim that we are too busy to help, too busy to care.
How this attitude must sadden you, O Lord.
You lavish your gifts upon us
that we might use them for the betterment of your realm,
and we treat them as inconveniences.
Forgive us, O God.
Forgive us and heal our wounds of greed and selfishness.
Let us greet this day when the hope of the Reign of Christ
can be made manifest,
and we can be part of this glorious kingdom
of peace and compassion.
In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

† 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*).....James Sewell
**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 25:31-46.....(pew Bible, pages 807-808)

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 Erin 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: Gut Check.....Erin Racine

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Brandon Baxter

Salutation
Liturgist: *The Lord be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**
Liturgist: *Let us pray.*

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.....Neethu Thampy

Offertory: Christ's Flock.....Martin Shaw
In Christ's own flock let love be surely placed, from Christ's own flock
let concord hate expel; of Christ's own flock let love be so embraced,
as we in Christ, and Christ in us may dwell. Christ is the author of all
unity, from whence proceedeth all felicity. O sing unto this glitt'ring
glorious king. Let heart and voice like bells of silver ring. Alleluia!
Alleluia! (*Francis Kimmelwershe*)

† 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!**

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 159: Lift High the Cross.....Crucifer

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Amen.....John Stainer
Voluntary: To You God, We Will Sing.....Max Reger
*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 Dr. Robert Deaver Collins, Sr. by his family.

A rose on the Communion table celebrates the birth of
Vera Marie Flick on November 13, 2017 to Ben and Jamie Flick.



West End United Methodist Church

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WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
 November 26, 2017 at Eight Forty-five
 Christ the King Sunday

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.
 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, is directing. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, is assisting at the organ.

Hymnic Notes: "We Gather Together" can certainly be sung as a hymn related to the Thanksgiving holiday; however, the hymn is originally of Dutch origin. It was written around 1600 to celebrate the freedom of the Netherlands from Spanish rule. In the singing of this hymn, we petition for God's assistance and then offer thanks for answered prayers. The tune for "Lift High the Cross" was written by Sydney Nicholson. Nicholson was an English organist and choirmaster who is mainly remembered as the founder of the Royal School of Church Music.