

GATHERING

- Voluntary: Meditation in FMichael Helman
- Welcome.....Erin Racine
- Introit: Make Me a Clean Heart.....G. Thalben-Ball
- † Processional Hymn No. 139.....Lobe Den Herren
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
- † Greeting.....Carol Cavin-Dillon
Liturgist: *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*
People: **Therefore we will not fear.**
Liturgist: *The Lord of hosts is with us.*
People: **The God of Jacob is our refuge.**
Liturgist: *Come, behold the works of the Lord,*
People: **who makes wars cease to the end of the earth.**
Liturgist: *"Be still, and know that I am God."*
People: **The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Most gracious God,
**you have created us to be in relationship with you
and with one another.**
You have given us the gift of prayer,
**that we might commune with you
and be transformed into your likeness.**
Yet we neglect and dismiss your gift.
We tell ourselves that we are too busy.
We convince ourselves that we do not know how to pray.
Forgive us, O God.
**Help us to be still and to trust that you will be there
when we turn to you in prayer.**
Lead us into prayer for the world, for others, and for ourselves.
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.**

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 her with a community of love and
forgiveness, that she may grow in her service to others.
We will pray for her that she 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 Lucy Mei to your
love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm
her hope, and perfect her in love.*
- † People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you,
Lucy Mei, 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*).....Elizabeth Saum
**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: Luke 18:1-8(pew Bible, pages 853)

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.**

Sermon: Why Pray?.....Erin Racine

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 888

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Anita Peebles

Prayers of the People

*Several readers will share prayers followed by silence. After each moment of
silence, the congregation is invited to sing "Hear us, O God" to the tune below:*



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: If I Forget, Yet God Remembers!.....Daniel Pederson
If I forget, yet God remembers! If these hands of mine cease from
their clinging, yet the hands divine hold me so firmly that I cannot fall.
And if sometimes I am too tired to call for him to help me, then he
reads the prayer unspoken in my heart and lifts my care.
(Robert Browning)

† DoxologyNo. 95

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. 415: Take Up Thy Cross.....Germany

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Amen.....Peter C. Lutkin

Voluntary.....Felix Mendelssohn
Allegro Maestoso e Vivace (from Sonata IV)

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

*Livestream and video recording happen during our church services
and worship events.*

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Lucy Mei McGuire, daughter of John O'Brien McGuire, Jr.
and Elizabeth Pagano McGuire, is presented for baptism today.

The flowers on the altar are given by John and Elizabeth McGuire
in honor of Peaches Blank and Lisa Grubbs, two loving and cherished
Godmothers to Lucy Mei McGuire.



West End United Methodist Church

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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. Music Intern, Melissa Gramling, conductor. Music Associate, Allison Williams, organist. Youth Bell Choir. Carla Fox, director.

Hymnic Notes: "Take Up Thy Cross" is based on Mark 8:34-35, "if any want to be my followers, let them deny themselves and take up thy cross." It was first included in hymnals for the Dutch Reformed Church, but gained widespread popularity when it was included in the 1861 publication *Hymns Ancient and Modern*.

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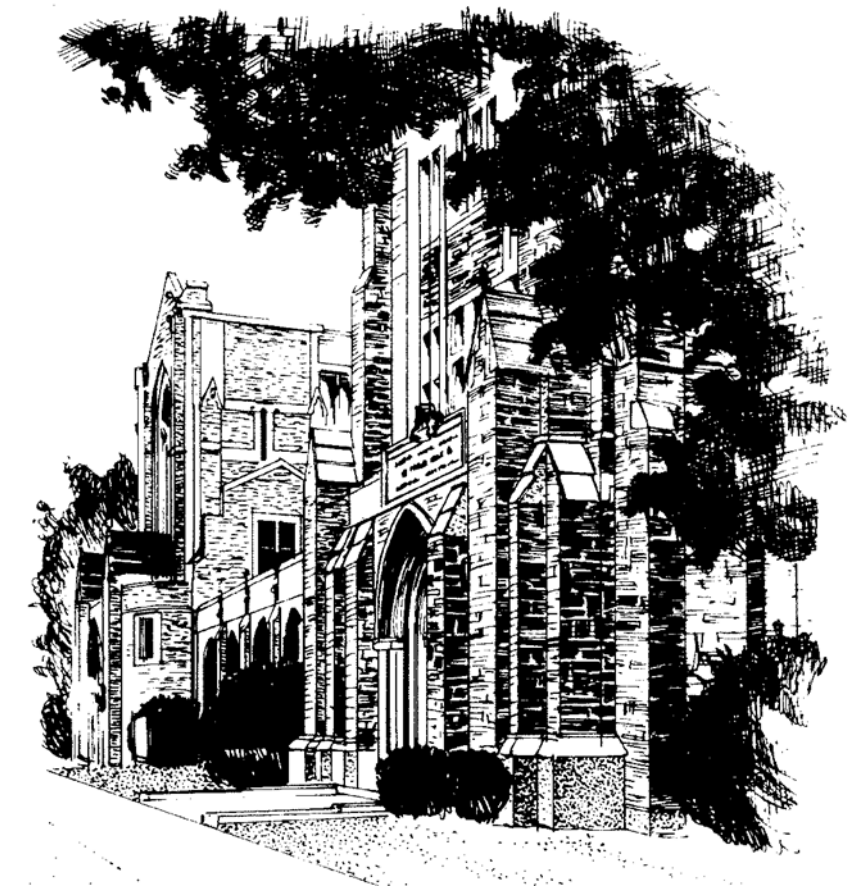
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