

GATHERING

Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in A Major, BWV 536.....J. S. Bach

Introit: Easter Introit.....Richard Proulx
Alleluia! The stone which the builders rejected has become the
cornerstone. Alleluia!

† Easter Proclamation
Liturgist: *Christ is risen!*
People: **Christ is risen indeed!**
Liturgist: *Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!*
Exult, all creation around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation!
People: **Rejoice, heavenly powers!**
Sing, choirs of angels!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

† Processional Hymn No. 302 Easter Hymn, arr. Johnson
Christ the Lord is Risen Today, verses 1-3, 5

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

(Interlude)

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

(Interlude)

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

† Greeting.....Erin Racine
Liturgist: *Turn from fear and darkness! Hope is on the move!*
People: **Run to tell the world, Christ is risen!**
Liturgist: *Do not be afraid. Jesus has conquered death!*
People: **Let us proclaim with confidence that God's love has won!**
Liturgist: *Alleluia!*
People: **Alleluia!**

Voluntary: Toccata no. 2.....Kevin McChesney

Call to Confession

Easter Collect (*in unison*)
God of Hope,
on this day when we have gathered together
to celebrate the joy of Easter,
we acknowledge the depth of our stubbornness and fear.
Forgive us for the ways we have obstructed the power of love
in the face of darkness and despair.
Forgive us for the times
we have failed to tell the good news
in the face of diminishing hope.
Free us of our sin and shame
that we might proclaim with boldness that Christ is Risen,
that death has been defeated,
and that we have new life through Christ.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Easter Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)
Resurrecting God, open our hearts to your Holy Word
so that we may truly understand; and understanding,
that we may believe; and believing, that we may follow
Jesus Christ in all faithfulness and obedience,
seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. Amen.

† Lesson from the Gospel: Mark 16:1-8.....(pew Bible, pages 829-830)

† Response to the Lessons
Liturgist: *Great is the mystery of the Gospel.*
People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Hymn No. 304: Easter People, Raise Your Voices.....Regent Square

Easter people, raise your voices,
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices;
heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us
from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us to
triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter,
with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster
to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

Sermon: Why Tell?.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith (*in unison*).....No.888
This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:
Christ died for our sins, was buried,
was raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe Jesus is the Christ,
the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation,
the firstborn from the dead,
in whom all things hold together,
in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit.
Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God.
Amen.

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

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.

Offertory Anthem: Worthy is the Lamb (from Messiah).....G. F. Handel
Worthy is the lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by his
blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and
honor, and blessing. Blessing and honor glory and power be unto him
that sitteth upon the throne and unto the "Lamb, forever and ever.
Amen. (Revelations 5:12-14)

† 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. 327: Crown Him with Many Crowns.....Diademata

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Hallelujah Chorus from *Messiah*..... G. F. Handel

Voluntary: Toccata from *Fifth Organ Symphony*.....Charles-Marie Widor

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

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

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The altar flowers this Easter morning are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Burton Wilkerson Rice, his mother, Helen Wilkerson Rice,
and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Burton Wilkerson,
by Judith, William, and Elizabeth Rice.



*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 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 & Byron Burrus (8:45), Barbara Cragg (11:00)

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir and Joy Ringers. Minister of Music,
Matthew Phelps, is director. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger
is organist. Brass quartet: Emery Hicks, Jeffrey Kitchens, Jon Warburton,
Roy Agee. Colleen Phelps, timpani.

Alleluia



HE IS RISEN

Easter Sunday
April 1, 2018