

GATHERING

Voluntary: Come Thou Fount.....Paul Manz

Welcome.....Emily C. Robbins

† Processional Hymn No. 400.....Nettleton  
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

† Greeting.....Mary Frances Harrell

Liturgist: *The God of all has called us here.*  
People: **We come today, celebrating God’s love for us.**  
Liturgist: *Jesus gave his life so we can know what love is.*  
People: **We come today, thanking Jesus for his witness and his teaching.**  
Liturgist: *The Holy Spirit moves through us, bringing us new hope.*  
People: **We come today ready to love God in return.**

† Call to Confession.....RJ Gilliland

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)  
**Lord, we take your love for granted over and over.**  
**In the middle of having so many blessings,**  
**we complain about not having enough.**  
**When we are surrounded by adversity,**  
**we don’t trust your continuing love.**  
**When you prepare a table for us, we don’t even notice your efforts.**  
**Call us back to you and help us to trust your caring presence**  
**so that our actions can show others your love.**

† 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.)*

† Gloria Patri.....No. 71  
**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.)*

Anthem: Cantique de Jean Racine.....Faure, arr. Tucker

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 him with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he 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 Riley Cole to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.*

† People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you, Riley Cole, 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.....Tate Dillon

**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: 1 John 3:16-24 .....(pew Bible, page 990)

Response to the Lesson

Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: Now the Green Blade Rises.....French Carol, arr. Burkhardt  
(Text can be found in hymnal, no. 311)

Children’s Time.....Richard Ferrara  
*The children are invited to come forward to join*  
*Richard at the chancel.*

Sermon.....Carly Horner, Haynes Lynch, Elizabeth Saum,  
Annlyn Zinke, Eli Horton and Emma Ryan

† 2018 Seniors’ Affirmation from Confirmation.....Seniors

**We believe God created our universe and everything in it.**  
**We believe God has created and is continually creating.**  
**We believe Jesus was a divine being, God in human form.**  
**He was born to Mary and Joseph as a tiny and vulnerable baby.**  
**He was sent to become a teacher for our lives on earth.**  
**We believe Jesus suffered and died on a cross for us**  
**to take away our sins.**  
**We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus as he overcame death.**  
**We believe the Holy Spirit is always active in the world**  
**and in our lives.**  
**We believe the Holy Spirit guides us through life.**  
**We believe God loves the world**  
**and that God loves everyone unconditionally.**  
**We believe God is always there for us**  
**and we are able to pray to God at any time.**  
**We believe Jesus calls us to serve others**  
**and make a difference in our world.**  
**We believe the Church is a community of faith**  
**that will support and uphold us**  
**as we continue on our journeys of faith.**

Prayers of the People..... Hilde Medovich

Liturgist: *The Lord be with you.*  
People: **And also with you.**

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.**

Call for the Offering.....Martha Dillon

Offertory: Only Love Can Do That.....Mark Miller  
Darkness cannot drive out darkness,  
Hatred cannot drive out hate.  
Only love can do that.  
(Martin Luther King, Jr.)

† Doxology.....No. 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.*

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SENDING FORTH

- † Recessional Hymn No. 451: Be Thou My Vision.....Slane
- † Benediction.....Rachel Ballenger
- Voluntary: Great Day .....Adolphus Hailstork
- † *The congregation is invited to stand.*

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The altar flowers are given today from the wedding of Julia Shore Edwards and Thomas Michael O'Lynnger. They are given to the glory of God and in honor of good friends at West End United Methodist Church.

Riley Cole Tatum, son of Joseph Austin Tatum and Jessica Albright Tatum, is presented for baptism today.

Thanks to the youth of West End UMC for preparing today's liturgy.

Thanks to John Tettleton and Adam Troxler for their work with this morning's youth ushers.

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Greeters and Ushers: Elena Cline, Miles Troxler, Rachel Ballenger, Meredith Whitman, James Seabury, RJ Gilliland, Hudson Gilliland, Isabelle Sanders, Don Pierce, Martha Dillon and Maeve Tettleton.

Music Participants: Youth Vocal Ensemble. Music Associate, Allison Williams and Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, directors. Youth handbell choir. Carla Fox, director.

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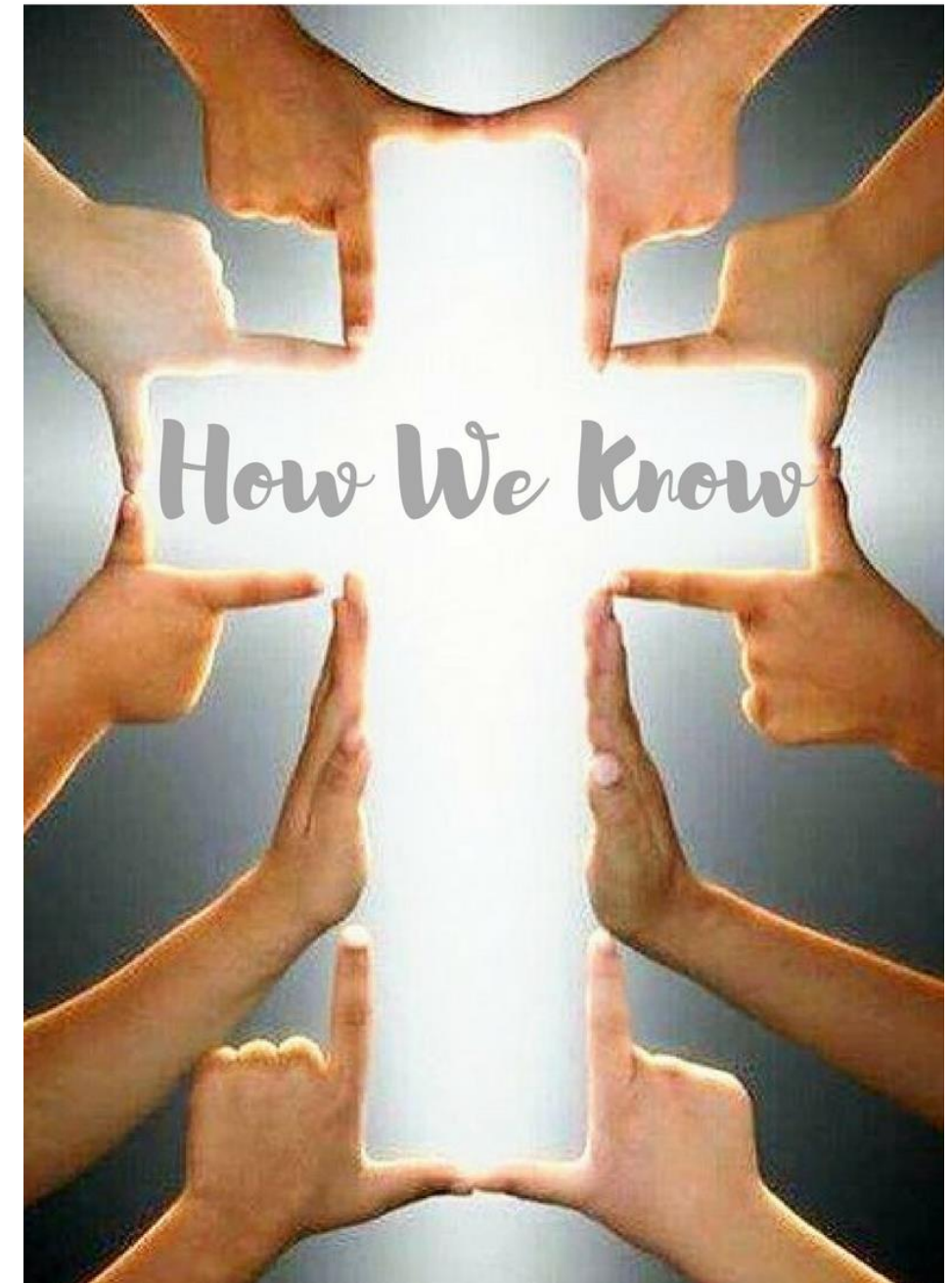
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WEST END UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
 April 22, 2018 at Eleven o'clock  
 Youth Sunday