

GATHERING

- Voluntary: Prelude on Italian Hymn.....Carl Mueller
Tierce en Taille.....Pierre du Mage
- Welcome.....Carol Cavin-Dillon
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: In Thee Is GladnessGiovanni Gastoldi
In thee is gladness, gone is all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By thee are given thy gifts of heaven, thou the true redeemer art.
Our souls thy takest, our bonds thou breakest, who trust thee surely
hath built securely, and stands forever, Alleluia!
- † Processional Hymn No. 61: Come, Thou Almighty King.....Italian Hymn
- † Greeting.....Caroline Archer
Liturgist: *Welcome to worship!*
People: **All people are welcome here!**
Liturgist: *Young and old, rich and poor, first and last,*
People: **All people are welcome here!**
Liturgist: *When we welcome others, we welcome Jesus.*
People: **Let us welcome Christ Jesus as we worship together!**
- † Call to Confession
- † Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
God of all people,
We confess that too often we are preoccupied with status.
Our lives are marked by arrogance, rivalry, and greed.
We seek to be the first, the greatest, the winners,
while you call us to be last of all, and servants of all.
Forgive us, Holy One,
and grant us your wisdom.
Reshape our priorities,
that we might seek to be servants
marked by humility, compassion, and generosity,
who follow the example of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.
- † Silent Confession
- † 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.**

† 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.**

Anthem: More Love.....Mark Miller
Four simple words we sing today. With these four words we ought to pray, and take to heart this sacred phrase: "More love, less hate." It seems so easy on its face. Four words to heal the human race, and yet we struggle to create more love, less hate. For love we stand! More love in this land! Will you join? Come, take my hand, more love, less hate. When fear and violence touch our lives, hate separates, seeks to divide. Our faith in love won't be denied. More love, less hate. Just as the night gives way to dawn, justice shines forth before too long. Until that day we will sing on, more love, less hate.

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 this
child 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 Wiley Matthew 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,
Wiley Matthew, 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*).....Davis Turner
**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.....(pew Bible, page 821)
Mark 9:30-37

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

- † Hymn No. 402: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian.....I Want to Be a Christian
*The children are invited to come forward to join Carol at the chancel
during the last stanza of the hymn.*

Sermon: Disciples: They'll Welcome Anybody!.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

- † Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Erin Racine

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: The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee.....William Harris
The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord: and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand: and fillest all things living with plenteousness. The Lord is righteous in all his ways: and holy in all his works. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: yea all such as call upon him faithfully. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry and will help them. The Lord preserveth all them that love him. (*Psalm 145:15-20*)

- † 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!**

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. 206.....Houston
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: The Day Thou Givest (vs. 2).....690
*We thank thee that thy church, unsleeping while earth rolls onward
into light, through all the world her watch is keeping, and rests not now
by day or night.*

Voluntary: Trumpet Tune in B-flat.....Mark Shepperd
*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.*

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

+++

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory
of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Whorley by Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Stover.

The flowers in Reed Hall are given to the glory of God and in loving memory
of James Sandlin from his family.

Henry Stephen Sheaffer and Simon Ward Sheaffer, sons of Steve and Amanda
Sheaffer, were presented for baptism today in the early service.

Watson Joshua Ward and Suzanne Akins Ward, son and daughter of Josh and
Katie Ward, were presented for baptism today in the early service.

Wiley Matthew Merritt, son of Thomas and Jessie Merritt,
is presented for baptism today.



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.....	12:00 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.

Building Tours are offered on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30 AM, or immediately following the early service. Meet at the Welcome Center in Reed Hall, through the side doors of the Sanctuary.

For a complete listing and additional information on Sunday and Weekly Activities, please visit our website at www.westendumc.org or see the insert.

+++

Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

Cover art by Charles Hooper.

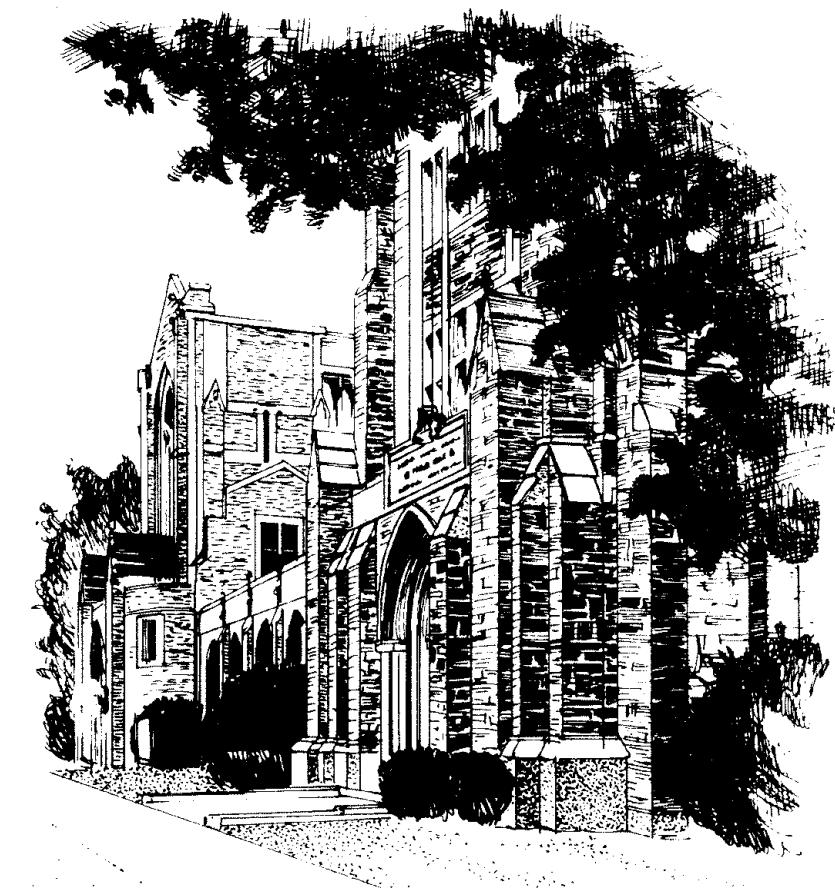
Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, is organist-director. The Youth Vocal Ensemble. Music Associate, Allison Williams, is directing.

Hymnic Notes: "Italian Hymn" was written by Felice de Giardini at the request of hymn writer Selina Shirly. The hymn was first published in 1769 and continues to be published in hymnals around the world and across denominations. At the time of the hymn's writing, Giardini was a world famous 18th century violinist who moved from Italy to England. He gave numerous concerts throughout Europe, but after a Russian tour his popularity and celebrity fell. He died in poverty in 1796.

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" was first published in a 1907 collection of folk songs from the African-American community by Frederick and John Work. The song originated in the mid-eighteenth century in Hanover, VA, when an African-American slave went to Presbyterian preacher, William Davies, seeking a conversion experience. According to the story, the gentleman said to Davies, "I come to you, sir, that you may tell me some good things concerning Jesus Christ and my duty to God, for I am resolved not to live any more as I have done...Sir, I want to be a Christian."

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
September 23, 2018 at Eleven o'clock
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

2200 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

615.321.8500
www.westendumc.org