

GATHERING

Voluntary: If You Will Only Let God Guide You.....arr. Craig Phillips

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: Jubilate Deo.....Laszlo Halmos
Jubilate Deo! Everybody listen! Sing a song of praise all you who love Christ, sing a song of praise!

† Processional Hymn No. 103: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise...St. Denio

† Call to Worship.....Brandon Baxter
Liturgist: *God speaks to us in visions and through ordinary people.*
People: **Let us listen for the voice of God!**
Liturgist: *God welcomes us with open arms in the waters of baptism.*
People: **Let us share the gift of welcome as we open our hearts to others.**

Liturgist: *God invites us to bring our whole selves to worship.*
All: **Let us respond with joy to the gifts of God!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Welcoming God,
we confess that too often we fail to show hospitality to others.
In our judgement and fear
we insulate ourselves and our resources,
seeking protection from those who are different.
Forgive us, Gracious God.
Speak to us again of the abundance of your kingdom.
Remind us again that you created all people and called them good.
Open wide the doors of our hearts,
that we might welcome others with generosity and love.
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!**
All: **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: Now the God of Peace.....Gerald H. Knight
Now the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work, to do his will; working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; through the same Jesus Christ to whom be glory for ever and ever, Amen.
(Hebrews 13:20-21)

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 Vera Pearl 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 Vera Pearl, 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*).....Robin Moore
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 New Testament: Acts 16:9-15.....(pew Bible, page 900)

Response to the Lesson

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

† Hymn No. 400: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing.....Nettleton
The children are invited to join Erin at the chancel for the Children's Moment during the last stanza of the hymn.

Sermon: A Vision in Purple.....Erin Racine

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

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 Peace of Christ.....K. Lee Scott
Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by supplication with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. For peace with God above and every sin forgiven, for all our hope of heaven, we lift our hearts in love. The peace of God be ours enfolding every part, possessing thought and heart, the will and all its powers. The God of peace defend and keep us all our days unwearied in his praise, whose peace shall never end.
(Philippians 4:6-7; Tim Dudley Smith)

† DoxologyNo. 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. 102: Now Thank We All Our God.....Nun Danket

† Benediction

† Benediction Response.....Ralph Vaughan Williams
**God be with you till we meet again, loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.**

Voluntary: Postlude on Now Thank We All Our God.....David Cherwein

*The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship.
All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.*

† *The congregation is invited rise in body or in spirit.*

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

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The altar flowers are given today by Earl and Marilyn Henry
to the glory of God and in memory of Lt. Commander Earl O'Dell Henry,
lost-at-sea in the sinking of the USS Indianapolis,
and in memory of his wife, Jane Henry.

Vera Pearl Hall, daughter of Randy W. Hall and Elizabeth Walton Hall,
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.
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.

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services! However if needed,
childcare is available during worship for children 5 and under on the 1st floor
in the following rooms: infants 105, toddlers 104, twos and threes 110, and
fours and fives 112.

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 www.westendumc.org or see the bulletin insert.

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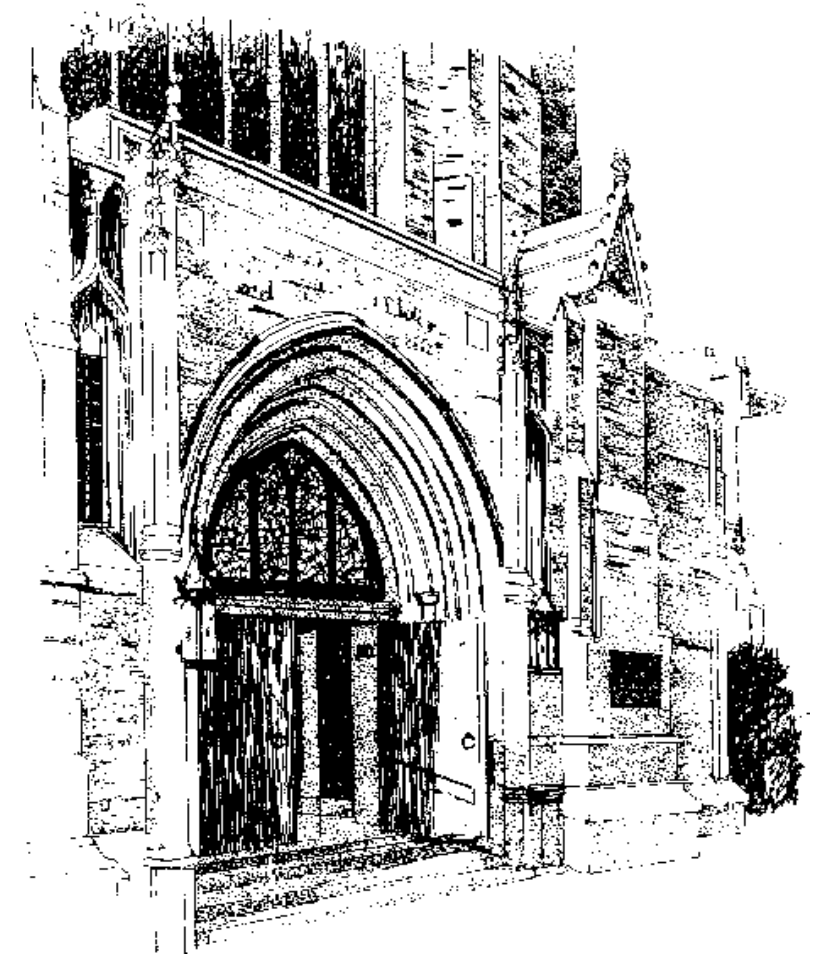
Liturgy: Erin Racine

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps,
director and assisting at the organ. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew
Risinger, organist/accompanist.

Today’s Music: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise,” first appeared in six
stanzas with the title, “Now Unto the King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, the
Only Wise God,” in Walter Smith’s *Hymns of Christ and the Christian Life*,
published in 1867. After being revised multiple times, it was included in *The
English Hymnal*, 1906, where it first appeared with the Welsh tune St. Denio
which we still use today. “Now Thank We All Our God,” was written as a two
stanza family table grace during the Thirty Years War. The hymn is known as
the “German Te Deum,” and is sung universally as a thanksgiving hymn or as a
general hymn of praise.

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