

GATHERING

Voluntary: What Wondrous Love is This Paul Manz

Welcome.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

Introit: Day By Day Harold Friedell
Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.

† Processional Hymn No. 292:.....Wondrous Love
What Wondrous Love is This

† Call to Worship.....Erin Racine
Liturgist: *We are God's children.*
People: **We are all siblings of one another.**
Liturgist: *We are people seeking understanding.*
People: **We want to know how to build a world
that stands on God's strong foundation of love.**
Liturgist: *We gather together to learn from God's Word,
and through each other.*
People: **Holy God, give us the courage to receive your direction.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Merciful God,
**We confess that we have often chosen the clearer path
through the broader gate.**
**It is so easy to follow calls that lead us astray,
whether down paths of excessive self-enrichment
or excessive self-denial.**
**We confess that we have ignored your words
when they were most important.**
**We have jeopardized the structural integrity
of the world you call us to build together.**
Forgive us for straying.
Call us back to the strong foundation of your Word.
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.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Lenten Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)
**O God, we offer all of our preconceptions about this Scripture, all of
our safe, familiar interpretations, to the flame of your refining fire.
Turn them into ashes, and let new meaning rise like the sun at the
dawn of a new day. Amen.**

Lectio Divina:.....Matthew 7:13-14, 24-29

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

Sermon: Christ the Solid Rock.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith:.....Hymnal #883
**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**
**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**
We trust in God.
**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**
**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Nancy Parker

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 Lord is My Shepherd.....Howard Goodall
The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want, he maketh me to lie down in green
pastures. He leadeth me besides the still waters. Yea, though I walk through
the valley of the shadow of death, I will hear no evil. For thou art with me.
Thou will comfort me. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow thee all the
days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23)

† DoxologyNo. 95

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 368: My Hope is BuiltSolid Rock

† Benediction

† Lenten Benediction Response:.....Tallis Canon
Voluntary: Chromatic Fugue.....Johann Pachelbel
*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 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 today were donated by the Foundations Class in memory of sweet
Frances "Francie" Marie Wiegand who was born to Jane and Martin Wiegand
on January 23, 2020.

Clara Elizabeth Pettigrew was born on March 10 to Sarah and Durham
Pettigrew. She is welcomed also by older siblings Charlie and Emma.

Hunter Elizabeth Perdue was born on March 21 to Mallory and Jim Perdue.

Theodore Russell Walker was born on March 22 to Allison and Bill Walker. He
is welcomed also by older sister Maggie.

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Liturgy: Rachel Ternes



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!

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

Music Participants: Chamber Choir. Minister of Music Matthew Phelps is organist-director.

Today's Music: As Edward Mote was walking to work one day in 1834, the thought popped into his head to write a hymn on the "Gracious Experience of a Christian." As he walked up the road, he had the chorus, "On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand." By the end of the day, he had the first four verses written out and safely tucked away in his pocket. Later that week, he visited his friend whose wife was very ill, and as they couldn't find a hymnal to sing from, he dug up his newly written verses and sang those with the couple. The wife enjoyed them so much she asked for a copy, and Mote went home to finish the last two verses and sent it off to a publisher, saying, "As these verses so met the dying woman's case, my attention to them was the more arrested, and I had a thousand printed for distribution."

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