

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



GATHERING

Voluntary: Amazing Gracearr. George Shearing

Welcome Carol Cavin-Dillon

Introit: Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing..... Gelobt Sei Gott
 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King,
 to all the world glad news we bring. Alleluia!

† Hymn No. 117: O God, Our Help in Ages Past.....St. Anne

† Call to Worship.....Erin Racine

Liturgist: Ever-present God, we find ourselves scattered about,
 and we feel separateness. Even so, you gather us for this
 shared moment of worship.

**People: You call us to be still like the water,
 to know peace like the pasture.**

Liturgist: We find ourselves under immense stress, wondering when fear
 might subside, and we feel discouraged. Even so, you
 walk alongside us.

**People: You teach us to be still like the water,
 to know peace like the pasture.**

Liturgist: We find ourselves eager to reach out and seek justice,
 but we feel helpless. Even so, you reveal places where
 love can abide and grow.

**People: Let us offer stillness like the water,
 and peace like the pasture.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Merciful God, we confess
 that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

We have failed to be an obedient church.

**We have not done your will,
 we have broken your law,
 we have rebelled against your love,
 we have not loved our neighbors,
 and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.
 Free us for joyful obedience,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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,
 we will now exchange signs of reconciliation and love.
 The peace of Christ be with you.*

People: And also with you.

† An Act of Praise

Antiphon



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo-ple on earth.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Easter Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)..... Tate Dillon

**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 Old Testament: Psalm 23 King James Version (*in unison*)

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside
 the still waters.**

**He restoreth my soul:
 he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff
 they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
 thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

Response to the Lesson

Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Communion Meditation: A Song of Assurance..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith:..... No. 883
 A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

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

The Offering

Offertory: Bread of the World.....Ian Brentnall

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,
 By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are
 dead. Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners
 shed, and by thy feast to us the token, that by Thy grace our souls are fed.
 (Reginald Heber)

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

May 3, 2020 at Eight Forty-five
 Fourth Sunday of Easter

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† 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!**

† Thanksgiving

Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: *Lift up your hearts.*
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

† Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

† Sanctus and Benedictus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
ful of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Remembrance

People:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Prayer of Consecration

People:

Through your Son, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in your Ho - ly
Church, all glo - ry and hon - or is yours, Fa - ther. A - men.

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.**

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

Communion Hymn: No. 138..... St. Columba
The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Prayer after Receiving

Celebrant: *You have given yourself to us, Lord.*
People: **Now we give ourselves for others.**
Celebrant: *Your love has made us a new people;*
People: **as a people of love we will serve you with joy.**
Celebrant: *Your glory has filled our hearts;*
People: **help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

Celebration of our 2020 Graduates

† Recessional Hymn No. 381..... Bradbury
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

† Benediction

Postlude: SortieRichard Knight

*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.*

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The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in memory of
David Hunter Sewell by his parents, James and Charlotte Sewell.

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with permission.

Liturgy composed by Will Compton.

Music Participants: Chamber Choir. Matthew Phelps is director and assisting at
the organ. Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist.

Today's Music: Many versifications of Psalm 23 act as hymns of assurance and
confessions of trust. We know the text well - "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall
not want." "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us," attributed to Dorothy Thrupp,
differs from those texts. Rather than an assertion of our faith, it is a prayer that
stems from our faith. Every verse of this hymn contains a promise we have from
God and a prayer we make because of that promise.



*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 everyone:
every age, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic and family status,
ethnicity, and mental and physical ability.
We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!*

Note all activities are postponed as we practice social distancing to slow the
spread of COVID-19. Please visit westendumc.org for the latest news and
updates as we continue our ministry.