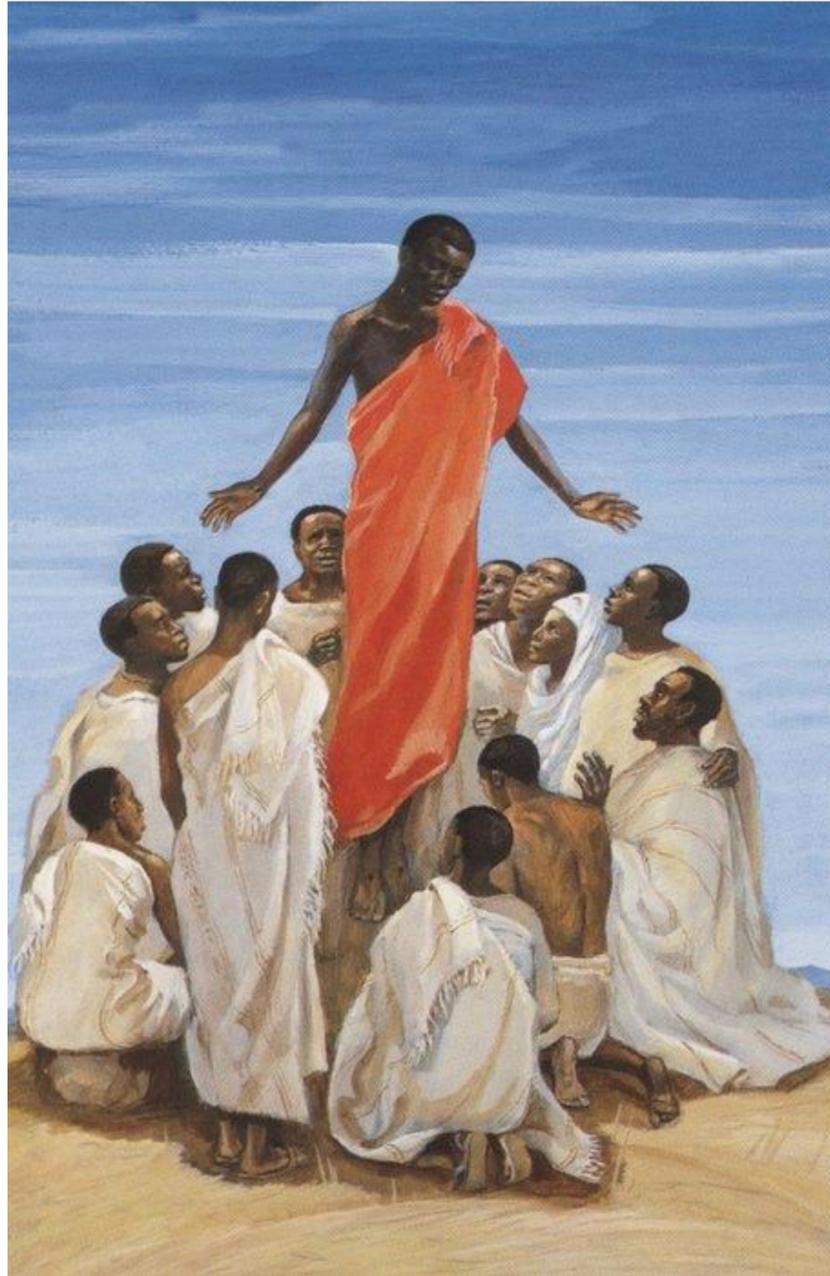


WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
May 24, 2020 at Eight Forty-five
Ascension Sunday

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GATHERING

Voluntary: Prelude on Llanfair Gilbert Martin

Welcome.....Carol Cavin-Dillon
Please take a moment to record your online attendance in the link provided in the comment section. First-time guests and other visitors 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: Come Ye That Love the LordAlice Parker
Come ye that love the Lord, and let your love be known.
Join in a song of sweet accord and thus surround the throne.

† Processional Hymn No. 312: Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise Llanfair

† Call to Worship.....Stacey Harwell-Dye
Liturgist: *God our Sustainer has gone out before us.*
People: **Even in the desert, God rains down provision for our needs.**
Liturgist: *Beloved, cast all of your anxiety on God.*
People: **God cares for me, for you, for all.**
Liturgist: *God will restore, support, strengthen, and establish us.*
People: **To God be the glory, forever and ever, Amen.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Loving God,
We confess that this season has left us like the disciples
at the Ascension, staring up at the heavens,
unsure if you are still present among us.
Our own fears are compounded by the ache of humanity;
there is so much need.
We long for tangible evidence that you have not abandoned us
or our world.
We are overwhelmed and uncertain, desperate for reprieve.
Yet we hear your angels say, "Why do you stand looking up
towards heaven?"
There is work to be done here.
May we resist the temptation to look away from our reality.
Instead, fill us with courage; fill us with compassion,
so that we may meet Christ in the faces around us,
and find the comfort of his love in our neighbors.
May we be renewed each day to bring about your Kingdom
on earth as it is in heaven.
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

Easter Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*).....Jenny Charles
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 New Testament: Acts 1:1-11

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

Children's Moment

Sermon: Who'll Be a Witness?Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith (*in unison*) The Apostles' Creed No. 881

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 Anthem: Ascendens ChristusG. P. Palestrina
Christ rose up and took captivity prisoner, Alleluia.
He gave gifts to all! Alleluia! (sung in Latin)

† 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!

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 188: Christ Is the World's Light..Christe Sanctorum
† Benediction
† Benediction Response: Ralph Vaughan Williams
God Be With You Till We Meet Again
Voluntary: Allegro Con Spirito.....Frank Bridge
† *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 children of
Jane Lawrence Stone (May 24, 1923-June 2, 2018)
in memory of their Mother and in honor of her birthday.

The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of James Michael Hardisty
who was born on May 16th to Holly and Brock Hardisty.
He is welcomed also by his big sister Piper.



*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.

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Liturgy by Sarah McCain.

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

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the life of Jesus, viewed by the artist as if the events had taken place in a village
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Today's Music: Rev. F. Pratt Green, author of "Christ Is the World's Light" is
one of the best-known of contemporary hymnwriters in the world. His writings
appear in practically every new hymnal and "hymn supplement" wherever
English is spoken and sung. Rev. Green was born in Liverpool, England, in
1903 and lived to the age of 97. Ordained in the British Methodist ministry, he
had been a pastor and district superintendent in northern and southern England.
He wrote hymns his entire life but began writing prolifically after retiring from
regular ministry. In his obituary he is quoted as saying, "Singing hymns is such
a dangerous activity...you get this glow which you can mistake for a religious
experience."

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