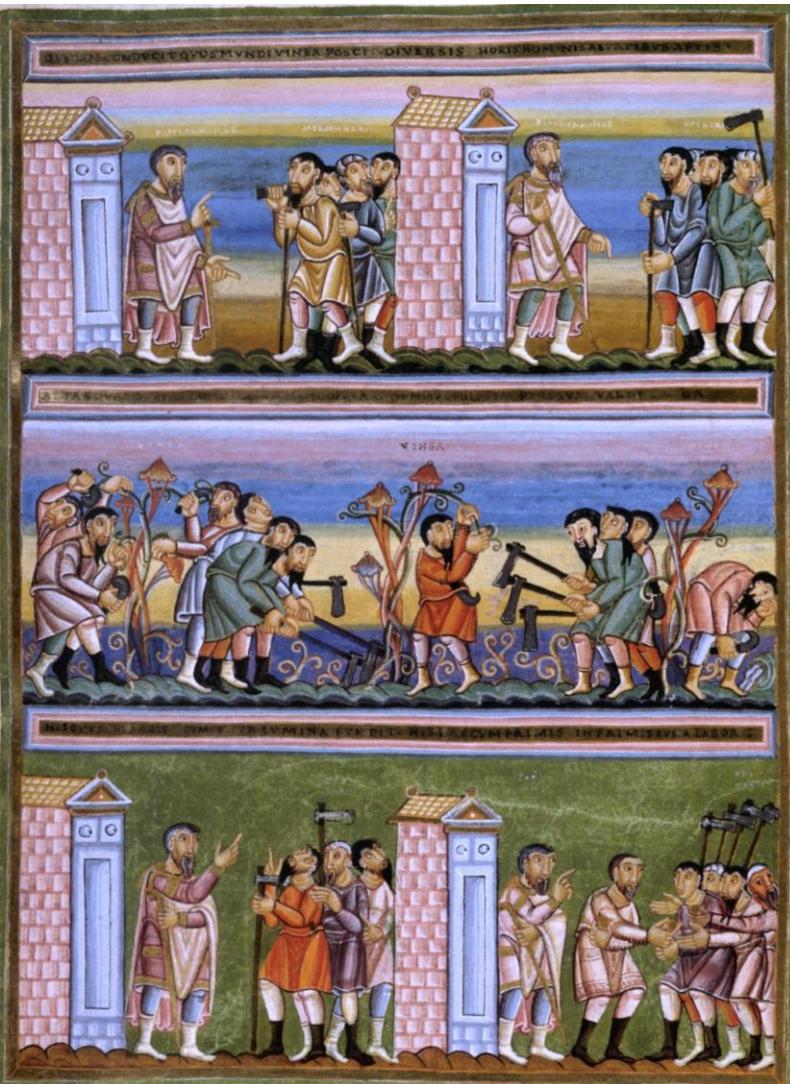


WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

September 27, 2020 at Eight Forty-five
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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GATHERING

Voluntary: Adoration Gaspar de Arabaolaza

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 Lord Alice 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.

† Opening Hymn No. 181: Ye Servants of God Hanover

† Call to Worship Sarah McCain

Liturgist: *Give thanks to the Lord and call on God's name.*
People: **Make known God's deeds among all people.**
Liturgist: *Sing to God, sing praises to the Lord.*
People: **Tell of all God's wonderful works.**
Liturgist: *Let hearts seeking the Lord rejoice.*
People: **God's strength and presence are with us always.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

God who loves us abundantly,
we confess that we like to be counted among those
who do what is right.
Doing good gives us a sense of pride and security.
Yet when others fail to live up to our standards,
we seek your approval of our moral superiority.
Forgive us, Loving God, for believing there is anything we
could do to increase your limitless affection for us.
When we are tempted to look to the left and to the right,
to evaluate our worth against the performance of our
neighbor, remind us that we are created in love,
clothed in love, sent in love.
There is nothing we can do to be separated from your love for us,
now and forever. 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

Prayer for Illumination..... Brandon Rich
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 Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Response to the Lesson

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

Children's Moment

Sermon: It's Not Fair! Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of FaithNo. 883
A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

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: Give Us a Pure HeartChristopher Willcock
Give us a pure heart that we may see you; give us a humble heart
that we may hear you; give us a heart of love that we may serve you;
give us a heart of faith that we may live in you.

† 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

† Closing Hymn No. 121: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy.....Wellesley

† Benediction

† Benediction Response:Tallis Canon
Go with Us Lord and Guide Our Way

Voluntary: Toccata in B Minor.....Eugène Gigout

† *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 to the glory of God and in loving memory
of Marie and Buck Cowan by their son, Tommy Cowan.



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!

Note: activities at the church are on a modified schedule 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.

Cover Art: The Workers in the Vineyard, by an unknown illustrator for *Codex Aureus Epternacensis*, a collection of the four Gospels produced around 1030-50 at an abbey in France.

Media Team: Chase Bencin and Mac Pirkle

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

Today's Music: Charles Wesley is the author of "Ye Servants of God." He wrote it in 1744 for *Hymns for Times of Trouble and Persecution* in the section titled, "Hymns to Be Sung in Tumult." The occasion for writing was a time of persecution for Methodists in England. They were accused of disloyalty to the British Crown, among other things, and were therefore subject to violent persecution.

The text originally had six stanzas, but two of them were quite specific to the Methodist persecution of the time and are therefore omitted in modern hymnals. Otherwise, the text has been passed down in a very consistent form. The four stanzas elaborate on the theme of God's glory and victorious power. The last two stanzas allude to eschatological passages throughout Revelation.

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