

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
 January 10, 2021 at Eight Forty-five
 First Sunday after Epiphany
 Baptism of the Lord

GATHERING

Voluntary: Praise to You, Jesus ChristEdvard Grieg

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: Make me a Clean Heart, O God George Thalben-Ball
 Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right sprit within me.

† Opening Hymn No. 139: Praise to the Lord Lobe Den Herren

† Call to WorshipStacey Harwell-Dye
 Liturgist: *We hear a voice in the wilderness calling out to us,*
People: come and gather at the water in the name of God.
 Liturgist: *We hear a voice from the heavens whispering,*
People: you are my beloved children.
 Liturgist: *We see a dove descending,*
People: and know the Spirit of God is among us this day.

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
God of love,
you created us in your image.
You have called us by name.
You have shown us the way to abundant life through Jesus.
You have blessed us with your Spirit.
And yet, too often we go our own way.
We betray your image within us and within all people
as we hurt each other with words meant to injure,
actions that cause harm, and apathy that causes us to turn
away.
We have forgotten your call to love you with all our hearts,
and instead we put ourselves at the center of our choices.
We have forgotten your call to love our neighbors as ourselves
as we ignore the poor, the oppressed, the hurting.
Forgive us, God. Have mercy on us.
Call us back to the water, to our baptism,
that we might hear again your voice claiming us as your
beloved children and be empowered to live in such a way that
glorifies you. 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.....RJ Gilliland
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: Mark 1:4-11

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

Children's Moment

Sermon: Claimed and Driven.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant and the Sacrament of Baptism

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Reaffirmation of Faith

Hymn No. 252: When Jesus Came to Jordan..... Complainer

Joys & Concerns of the ChurchBrandon Baxter

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: Nunc Dimittis in C.....Ralph Vaughan Williams
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel. 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. (Luke 2:29-32)

† 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. 500: Morecambe
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Spirit of the Living God Daniel Iverson

Voluntary: "The people respond - Amen!" from *Rubrics* Dan Locklair

† *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 today are given to the glory of God from the West End United Methodist Flower Fund. Many thanks to those who have contributed to the fund. Donations designated for this fund are used on Sundays when there are no individual donors.



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 Maggie Jarrell.

Cover Art: "Bayou Baptism" by Lauren at Lewp Studio. "Jesus is stretching out of the frame inviting the viewer to celebrate their own mysterious and wonderful calling from God as he basks in his own. I chose to paint a pelican for the Holy Spirit's descent, because the scriptural texts leave some room for interpretation; the descending figure is described as 'like a dove.' So, I decided to paint a pelican, which is native to the bayou and was also used to depict Christ's sacrifice in medieval Christian art. God the Creator is represented as the sun, with voice waves radiating from the center, expressing how pleased God is with Jesus."

Media Team: Chase Bencin and Mac Pirkle

Music Participants: Chamber Choir. Matthew Phelps is organist-director. Andrew Risinger is organist.

Today's Music: The hymn tune Morecambe was written in 1870 by Frederick Atkinson as a setting of the famous hymn "Abide with Me." It was first published in 1887 and takes its name from a coastal town on the Morecambe Bay near Lancaster, England. This was close to the town of Bradford where Atkinson worked as an organist. The tune is mostly associated now with "Spirit of God Descend Upon my Heart," the hymn we sing at the conclusion of service today.

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