

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
April 25, 2021 at Eight Forty-five
Fourth Sunday after Easter

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GATHERING

Voluntary: Prelude on Blessed Assurance Franklin Ashdown

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: Where Charity and Love Prevail Dundee
Where charity and love prevail there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love by love are we thus bound.

† Opening Hymn No. 327: Crown Him with Many Crowns..... Diademata

† Call to WorshipErin Racine
Liturgist: *We worship God when we live lives of love.*
People: **We are commanded to love one another.**
Liturgist: *Christ set the example of what love is.*
People: **We are commanded to love one another.**
Liturgist: *As Christ lay aside his life for us,*
People: **we are commanded to love one another.**
Liturgist: *We are called to respond boldly to this command.*
People: **We are commanded to love one another.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
O Loving Christ,
we confess that we have struggled for generations with your
command to love one another.
When we are called to act boldly, we fall back on words instead.
Forgive us for the times we have refused to help our siblings.
Forgive us for choosing to surround ourselves in materialistic
comforts so we don't have to see the hurting world around
us.
Forgive us for the times we forget to abide in you.
You give us this commandment again today.
May we respond boldly, receiving your loving and guiding Spirit.
May we act when there is a need.
May we fight for truth and justice when the system is failing.
May we be people of love, generosity and conviction.
May we believe in your mission and ministry so that we might
continue doing the work you have started.

† 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.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Liturgist: *Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?*

People: **With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in service with others. We will pray for her to be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Commendation and Welcome

† Liturgist: *Members of the household of God, I commend Clara Elizabeth to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.*

† People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you, Clara Elizabeth, and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to participate faithfully in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

† Musical ResponseNo. 611, st. 1
Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign:
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination Brant Phillips
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 New Testament: 1 John 3:16-24

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

Children's Moment

Sermon: Love Letter, Part 1Carol Cavin-Dillon

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

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: From Life’s Bright Dawn K. Lee Scott
From life’s bright dawn to eventide shall faith and hope and love abide;
when earth and heaven shall fade and flee there still shall stand these virtues
three. What through the road be steep and long, yet faith in Christ shall tune
my song; my home in heaven seems faint and far, yet hope in Christ be
guiding star. But more than these this grace impart: let love for Christ
possess my heart, until in heaven God’s face I see who loved and gave
himself for me.

† 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. 369: Blessed Assurance Assurance

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Bind Us Together
**Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together Lord, bind us together, bind us together in love.**

Voluntary: Carillon.....Louis Vierne

† *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 in celebration of the
baptism of Clara Elizabeth Pettigrew, daughter of Sarah and Durham
Pettigrew.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Ann Frances Kuhlman to Rob and
Katy Bowers Kuhlman on April 2nd in Washington DC. She is welcomed also
by big brother Charlie, aunt Amy Bowers Myers, and grandparents Nan and
Greg Bowers.

Clara Elizabeth Pettigrew, daughter of Sarah and Durham Pettigrew, is
presented for baptism today.



*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 written by Katie Minnis.

Cover Art: “Much Love” by Elizabeth Chapman. Her other works can be found
at www.elizabethchapmanartwork.com.

Media Team: Chase Bencin and Mac Pirkle

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

Today’s Music: The text for, “From Life’s Bright Dawn,” was written by
Timothy Dudley-Smith and is based on Paul’s letter to the Corinthians. The
music is written by composer K. Lee Scott, an internationally renowned
composer and conductor who resides in Birmingham, Alabama.



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