

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



GATHERING

Voluntary: The King of Love My Shepherd Is Dan Forrest

Welcome Erin Racine
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: O Come Let Us Sing to the Lord Hal Hopson
 O come let us sing to the Lord,
 let us make a joyful noise to the God of our salvation.
 Sing to the Lord! Rejoice!

† Opening Hymn No. 730: O Day of God, Draw Nigh St. Michael

† Call to Worship Christopher Harris
 Liturgist: *Lift your voices in praise and worship for our Radiant God.*
 People: **God's love shines brighter than the rarest jewels.**
 Liturgist: *Open your hearts to the unconditional love offered to each of us.*
 People: **God's love is purer than the purest gold.**
 Liturgist: *Show up today, as you are, with all of who you are!*
 People: **God's love for us is clearer than the clearest crystal.**
 All: **We embrace the beauty of God's love for us today!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
God of Loving Light,
we confess that we try to build walls,
separating ourselves into categories.
It feels so much easier to make assumptions about others
than to take the time to know them.
Forgive us for the walls we build that strive to keep others
out of your holy presence.
Remind us today that you are greater than walls and buildings.
Help us work alongside you to heal the hurting within us
and around us.
May we be open to feeling your presence,
trusting that you are with us. 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 Laura Creekmore
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: Revelation 21:10, 22-27, 22:1-5

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

Children's Moment

Sermon: Living the Loving Light of Christ Erin Racine

† 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: The Lord is My Shepherd Thomas Matthews
 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 forever. (Psalm 23)

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 July 18, 2021 at Eight Forty-five
 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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† Doxology.....No. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Youth Mission Team Commissioning

SENDING FORTH

† Closing Hymn No. 733: Marching to Zion..... Marching to Zion

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Go With Us Lord and Guide Our Way...Tallis Canon
**Go with us Lord and guide our way through this and every coming day,
that in your spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.**

Voluntary: Festive Trumpet TuneDavid German

† *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 to the glory of God from the wedding of Park and
Andrea Roach.

Madeline Eliza Bach, daughter of Kevin and Jenny Bach, will be presented for
baptism in the 11 o'clock service 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 identity,
race, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnicity, or mental or physical
ability. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!*

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Liturgy written by Katie Minnis.

Cover Art: Today's bulletin cover for the sermon series theme is by Skye
Adamson, a young artist living in Lacey, WA. Skye, the oldest granddaughter
of West End members Julie and Heath Jones, grew up attending West End until
her family moved to Seattle when she was 17. More of her art can be found on
Instagram at @cosmic_donuts_art_ and Etsy at Honeyglazeddonuts .

Music Participants: Members of the Chancel and Sanctuary Choirs. Matthew
Phelps is organist-director. Patricia Cullum, solo.

Today's Music: "Come, We That Love the Lord" was a favorite hymn of singing
schools throughout early American hymnody and was matched with multiple
different tunes as late as 1857. In the twentieth century, as gospel hymns
became more accepted, Watts' text was able to be matched with "Marching to
Zion," a favorite of Sunday School, revival, and African American worship
experiences.



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