

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
July 25, 2021 at Eleven o'clock
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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GATHERING

Voluntary: Franz Joseph Haydn
Pieces for a Musical Clock, nos. 1, 4, and 5

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.

Commissioning and Blessing of Guatemala Team
Almighty God, whose love for the whole family of humankind has been made known to us through Jesus, send your blessing upon these your servants soon to go forth to join you in mission with the people of Guatemala. Grant that they be guided and strengthened for their task; that they be open to new truths and insights from their hosts, and that they be given good health and traveling mercies; to the end that your name be glorified in all the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Introit: Lord Jesus Christ Be Present Now 17th Century German
Lord Jesus Christ be present now, our hearts in true devotion bow.
Thy Spirit send with grace divine and let thy truth within us shine.

† Opening Hymn No. 102: Now Thank We All Our God Nun Danket

† Call to Worship Stacey Harwell-Dye
Liturgist: *Praise the Lord Jesus Christ.*
People: **Praise the Lord our Provider.**
Liturgist: *Praise the Lord who hears the roar of hungry stomachs.*
People: **Praise the Lord who expects his disciples to help others.**
Liturgist: *Who are the disciples of the Lord?*
People: **We who follow the Risen Savior, we are the disciples of Christ!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
God of Abundance,
we confess we have not trusted you with all our needs.
We have let fear dictate our actions and,
upon hearing the cries of our neighbors,
have held tightly to that which we have received.
We have underestimated your concern for us,
and in our fear of abandonment,
we have looked for safety and security apart from you.
Forgive us, Loving God.
Free us from the stronghold that scarcity and fear have wrapped
around our hearts.
Maker of Mountains, you are more than enough to satisfy our needs.
Embolden us, your church, to convey the abundance of your kin-dom
that all of creation may know of your overflowing care and
love. 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.

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 Virginia Allen 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, Virginia Allen, 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 Response No. 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 J.L. Nave
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: John 6:1-15

Response to the Lesson

Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Moment

Sermon: Abundantly Blessed Carol Cavin-Dillon

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Brandon 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: Offertory.....John Ness Beck

With what shall I come to the LORD and bow myself before the God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings? Shall I come before him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Will I give him my first born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sins of my soul. He has shown you O man, he has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. (adapted from Micah 6:6-8)

† 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.**

SENDING FORTH

† Closing Hymn No. 617: I Come with Joy Dove of Peace

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Amen..... No. 898



Voluntary: Fanfare.....Jacques Lemmons

† *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 Robert Norling and Kirk Norling by their family.

Virginia Allen Schneeweiss, daughter of Colin and Olivia Schneeweiss, is presented for baptism today.

Dax James Mattie Darling, son of Scott and Ashley Darling, was presented for baptism today in the early service.



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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Call to worship adapted from Rev. Dr. Kwasi I. Kena. Prayer of Confession written by Sarah McCain.

Music Participants: Members of Chancel and Sanctuary Choirs. Matthew Phelps is organist-director.

Today’s Music: This text to “Now Thank We All Our God” was written by Martin Rinkhart sometime around the Thirty Years War in the 1630s, although it wasn’t published until 1663. His inspiration for the first two stanzas comes from the *Apocryphal Book of Ecclesiasticus*, chapter 50:22-24, which reads in part, “Now bless the God of all, who in every way does great things.” The third stanza is a paraphrase of the *Gloria Patri*, originally composed in Greek in the fourth century, although some of it was written as early as 95 A.D.



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