

WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
 September 5, 2021 at Eleven o'clock
 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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GATHERING

Voluntary: The Peace May Be Exchanged..... Dan Locklair

Welcome Carol Cavin-Dillon

Introit: Here, O My Lord, I See Thee..... Benedictine plainsong

† Hymn No. 62: Lasst Uns Erfreuen
 All Creatures of Our God and King (vs. 1-3, and 7)

† Call to Worship Emily Robbins
 Liturgist: *What are your dreams, people of God?*
 People: **To be filled with laughter; to cry with joy.**
 Liturgist: *What are your hopes, people of God?*
 People: **To be free of chains that bind us; to shout with thanksgiving.**
 Liturgist: *Rejoice, people of God! The Lord has done great things for us!*
 People: **Let us worship the one who makes our hopes and dreams come true!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Merciful God, we confess
that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, we will now exchange signs of reconciliation and love. The peace of Christ be with you.*
 People: **And also with you.**

† An Act of Praise
 Antiphon



PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*).....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.

Lesson from the Old Testament: Psalm 126

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

Children's Moment

Communion Meditation: Bringing in the Sheaves..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Christopher Harris

The Offering

Offertory Anthem: Author of Life Divine Peter Aston
 Author of life divine,
 who hast a table spread,
 furnished with mystic wine
 and everlasting bread,
 preserve the life thy self has giv'n,
 and feed and train us up for heav'n.

Our needy souls sustain
 with fresh supplies of love,
 till all thy life we gain
 and all thy fullness prove,
 and, strengthened by thy perfect grace,
 behold without a veil thy face.
 ~ Charles Wesley

† 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.

† Thanksgiving
 Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*
 People: **And also with you.**
 Celebrant: *Lift up your hearts.*
 People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
 Celebrant: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*
 People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

† Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

† Sanctus and Benedictus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are
 ful__ of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes__ in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Remembrance

People:

Christ has died, Christ is__ ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Prayer of Consecration

People:

Through your Son, Je - sus__ Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in your Ho - ly
 Church, all glo - ry and hon - or is yours, Fa - ther. A - men.

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.**

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

Hymn after Communion No. 630:.....Gelobt Sei Gott
 Become to Us the Living Bread

Prayer after Receiving

Celebrant: *You have given yourself to us, Lord.*
 People: **Now we give ourselves for others.**
 Celebrant: *Your love has made us a new people;*
 People: **as a people of love we will serve you with joy.**
 Celebrant: *Your glory has filled our hearts;*
 People: **help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

† Closing Hymn No. 98: To God Be the GloryTo God Be the Glory

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Spirit of the Living God (all sing)Daniel Iverson

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
 Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Voluntary: Prelude in C Major, BWV 545J.S. Bach

*The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship.
 All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.*

† *The congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

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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!

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Brant Phillips in celebration of the 56th wedding anniversary of his parents, Wade and DiAnne Phillips.

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Cover Art: Today's cover is a drawing by Anne Marie (Annie) Vallotton (21 February 1915 – 28 December 2013), a Swiss and French artist best known for her illustrations in the *Good News Bible*, published by Harper Collins.

Music Participants: Members of the Chancel and Sanctuary Choirs. Andrew Risinger is organist-director.

All members of the Chancel Choir participating in today's service have been vaccinated against COVID-19.

Today's Music: In the year 1225, completely blind and nearing death, St. Francis of Assisi arrived at the Convent of St. Damian to bid goodbye to his dear friend, Sister Clara, the first woman to follow the call of St. Francis and take vows of the Order. Clara built him a small reed hut in the garden of her little monastery. It's said that at times St. Francis could be heard singing faint melodies from within the hut. It was at a meal with the sisters after having stayed for some time at the monastery that he wrote his famous text, "Canticle of the Sun," later paraphrased into "All Creatures of Our God and King," by William Draper in 1925.



VOLUNTEER AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

It takes multiple individuals to help us provide a warm and inviting environment each week at West End UMC, and while in the midst of a pandemic, more support is needed. To see weekly and special opportunities to volunteer and serve, visit our website at westendumc.org/volunteer. We've also highlighted a few needs below:

- **Habitat Volunteers** - The 2021 Habitat Build is happening this Fall. To find out more and see dates available to volunteer, visit westendumc.org/habitat.
- **Children's Sunday School Teachers** - Do you have a heart for children and want to help kids explore their faith in God? We would love to have you join the Children's Sunday School Team! Contact Maggie Jarrell at mjarrell@westendumc.org to find out more.
- **Livestream and Facebook Worship Hosts** - Help create a warm and welcoming community in the chat and comments sections on either Livestream or Facebook during worship each week. Training is provided. Contact Julie Catterton at jcatterton@westendumc.org to find out more.

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