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**LOVE**

*is the way*

***THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN***

**WEST END**

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
APRIL 21, 2024 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# GATHERING

Voluntary: Andante from *Italian Concerto*, BWV 971..... J. S. Bach

Welcome.....Carol Cavin-Dillon  
*Please take a moment to let us know you are here today by either filling out the attendance form in the pew or by visiting westendumc.org/attendance. If you are a first-time guest with us today, please share a way to connect so that we can share more information about West End UMC with you!*

Introit: Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord..... Hal Hopson

† Processional Hymn No. 57: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing.....Azmon  
*(verses 1-5, 7)*

† Call to Worship .....Stacey Harwell-Dye

Liturgist: Good Shepherd, you lead us in love.

**People: Let us follow you with joy and thanksgiving.**

Liturgist: You guide us toward abundant life even in the darkest valleys.

**People: We trust in your care even as we acknowledge our hurts and fears.**

Liturgist: You gather us in your presence to know your everlasting mercy and goodness.

**People: We worship you and seek to dwell in your house all the days of our lives!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

**God of Goodness and Mercy,**

**we acknowledge that, like aimless sheep, we have gone astray from you.**

**With prideful distraction, we have numbed our senses to the nudges of your Spirit.**

**Amidst uncertain paths, we have settled for the directions of our own strength, intellect, and resourcefulness.**

**In our self-preservation, we have not joined you as you journey with the suffering ones of your flock.**

**Forgive us, we pray and, by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew us in love that we might know the voice of our Good Shepherd calling us by name.**

† 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 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.**

Anthem: Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep ..... John Rutter

Loving shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb, in safety keep;  
nothing can thy power withstand, none can pluck me from thy hand.

I would praise thee every day, gladly all thy will obey,  
like thy blessed ones above, happy in thy perfect love.

Loving shepherd, ever near, teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;  
suffer not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest I would go, walking in thy steps below,  
till before my Father's throne I shall know as I am known.

(Jane Leeson)

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 Cecy 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, Cecy, 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 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.**

† Hymn No. 292: What Wondrous Love Is This..... Wondrous Love

Children's Moment

*Children's church is located in Scales Chapel, which is down the hall from the sanctuary.  
If it's your first time, a grown-up should please follow us after the children's moment to drop off.  
Pick up will at the same location immediately following the service.*

Sermon: Love in Action .....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith, No. 883 ..... Will McLeane

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.  
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made Flesh, to reconcile and make  
new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.  
We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim  
Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.  
We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns of the Church

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: How Firm a Foundation .....Dan Forrest

*(Text found in the hymnal, No. 529)*

† 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

Prayer for General Conference

† Recessional Hymn No. 557: Blest Be the Tie That Binds .....Dennis

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks ..... Alleluia No. 1  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to his name.**

Voluntary: Fugue from *Sonata No. 2 in C Minor* ..... Felix Mendelssohn  
*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.*

## ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

*The altar flowers are given by Celeste Marie Reed in memory of Celeste Casey (Cecy) Reed, whose birthday would have been April 22nd, and in honor of Celeste Casey (Cecy) Wilson, whose baptism we celebrate today.*

*A rose is on the table in honor of Charlotte Grace Couche, born on January 19th to Sarah and Steven Couche. She is also welcomed by big sister Claire.*

*A rose is on the table in honor of Bennett Emory Riebeling, born on March 17th to EmilyGrace and Michael Riebeling. He is also welcomed by big sister Margot.*

*Celeste Casey (Cecy) Wilson, daughter of Bob and Anne Walker Wilson, is presented for baptism today.*

*Grant Dallas Weiner, son of Jeff and Stephanie Weiner, was presented for baptism at the early service.*

*Today's liturgy was written by Reverend Will McLeane.*

## Music Participants

The Chancel Choir  
Matthew Phelps: Director / Assisting at Organ  
Andrew Risinger: Organist and Accompanist  
Carol Poston: Piano  
Emma Jackson: Soprano

## Today's Music

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds* begins by stating that the body of Christ is bound together by love. The second and third stanzas of this hymn elaborate on the idea of suffering and rejoicing together, and the hymn concludes with the hope that this unity will not be permanently broken by death or parting. These themes are found in a lengthy passage in one of Paul's letters. He closed a short section on the unity and diversity of the body of Christ with this thought: "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it" (1 Cor. 12:26-27 ESV). A few verses later, he began the great chapter on love (1 Cor. 13).

## Bulletin Cover

Today's bulletin cover was designed by WEUMC Communications Director Shelley Kuhlmeier over part of an ancient manuscript of 1 John.

## WEST END STAFF

Members of West End United Methodist Church..... Ministers

Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon.....Senior Pastor  
Rev. Will McLeane .....Pastor of Spiritual Formation  
Rev. Maggie Jarrell.....Pastor of Children and Families  
Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye ..... Pastor of Mercy and Justice  
Rev. Shannon Baxter ..Pastor of Congregational Connection  
Rev. Aimee Baxter.....Pastor of Young Adults  
Emily C. Robbins.....Minister of Youth  
Molly Borneman ..... Pastoral Fellow  
Dr. Tammy Lewis Wilborn.....Congregational Care Intern  
Matthew Phelps.....Minister of Music  
Andrew Risinger .....Associate Minister of Music  
Nico Zavala.....Music Intern  
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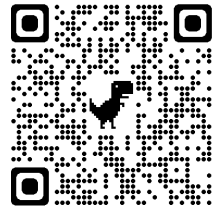


## A WARM WELCOME TO WEST END

Welcome to West End United Methodist Church! 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!

Scan this QR Code or visit [westendumc.org/links](https://westendumc.org/links) to register your attendance with us, find out more about our Sunday Morning Classes, sign up for our weekly email, and learn more about the different ways to give at West End.



## PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

♦ **Sympathies** to the family and friends of our congregation member Peggy Groos, as we mourn her death on April 7th. A Memorial Service is planned for Thursday, June 13 at 2:30 pm, with visitation beginning at 1:30 pm.

♦ **Sympathies** to Helen Sanders and family as they mourn the death of Helen's mother, Ann Dizikes of Santa Cruz, CA, on April 9th. A service of remembrance will be planned for a later date

♦ **Sympathies** to John & Linda Murdock as they mourn the death of John's mother, Joanne Murdock Cromer. A service of remembrance will be planned for a later date.

♦ **Prayer Requests:** Kathy Osten; Stacie Denton; Dr. Will Noel; Dr. Alex Townes; Crystal Vines; Mark Owen; Gina Dixon; Tennessee State Legislature Session; individuals in the hospital having procedures, recovering from illness, those in treatment, and the families that are caring for them; those mourning the loss of a loved one; peace in Palestine/Israel and Ukraine

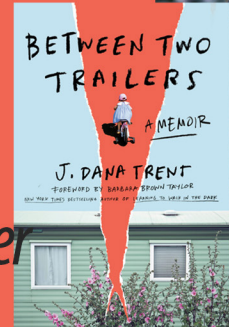
If you have an emergency and need to contact one of the Pastors after hours, please call 615.321.8500, Ext. 8853. The Pastor-on-Call for April 22-28 will be Rev. Maggie Jarrell. To submit a prayer request, visit [westendumc.org/prayerrequest](https://westendumc.org/prayerrequest).

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP STARTING

Beginning Monday, May 6 at 6 pm in the Bishop's Parlor, we will partner with The Counseling Center to offer a six-week Grief Support Group here at the church. The purpose of this gathering is to provide an opportunity for those working through their grief to build community with those traveling the same road and receive some professional guidance. Cara Lindell of The Counseling Center, will convene each session. To register for the group, please visit [westendumc.org/support](https://westendumc.org/support) or reach out to Shannon Baxter at [sbaxter@westendumc.org](mailto:sbaxter@westendumc.org) for more information.

# Dana Trent Book Talk

Sunday, April 21 ♦ 4th Story Theater



Today at 4 p.m., West End will host author J. Dana Trent in the 4th Story Theater during the Nashville stop of her upcoming book tour for her new book [Between Two Trailers](#). Dana Trent is a speaker, professor, award-winning spirituality author, and minister. Her new book focuses on finding peace with our past and reconciling with painful experiences of “home.” Dr. Trent will offer abiding wisdom as West End continues to become a place of belonging for all God's children.

## WEST END FAMILY MEET UP :: APRIL 28

Join us for the next West End Family Meet Up at Tailgate Brewery at 5 p.m. on April 28. We'd love to see current and visiting families for fun, food, games, and fellowship! 7300 Charlotte Pike, Nashville, TN 37209

## MAY: MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

To highlight the importance of our own mental health and it's effect on our spiritual growth, West End UMC is sponsoring two events that we hope many of you will participate in!

♦ The first is the NAMI (National Association of Mental Illness) Walk to be held on Saturday, May 18 at the Nashville Sounds baseball stadium. Festivities include a kids “run the bases” event! If you would like to join the walk team or just make a donation to support the work of NAMI, visit our team site at [westendumc.org/namiwalk](https://westendumc.org/namiwalk).

♦ The second will be a presentation by our Congregational Care Intern, Dr. Tammy Lewis Wilborn, called Mental Health 101. It will be an opportunity to learn terminology, get acquainted with our Mental Health Initiative team, and ask questions about resources and support on Sunday, May 19 at 4 pm in the 4th Story Theater.

For more info, please contact Rev. Shannon Baxter at [sbaxter@westendumc.org](mailto:sbaxter@westendumc.org).

## APRIL COMMUNION OFFERING BENEFITS RESTORATION POINTE

Our communion offering in April will go toward Restoration Pointe, a nonprofit that encompasses and directs several ministries that provide services for our displaced and homeless neighbors in Nashville/Davidson County. These ministries flow out and are housed in our mother church, McKendree UMC.

## CHAT AND CHEW LUNCH - UNDERGRAD AND GRAD STUDENTS

All undergrad and graduate students are invited to join us for free lunch after the 11 a.m. service. Meet Pastor Aimee in the back of the church after the service, and we will head out to eat together.

## ATTENTION SPRING COLLEGE GRADUATES

If you are graduating from one of our local colleges/universities this Spring and want to be recognized at our Senior Sunday on April 28 at the 11:00 service, please let Pastor Aimee know via email ([abaxter@westendumc.org](mailto:abaxter@westendumc.org)) by Monday, April 22.

## QUIET PLACE TO REOPEN THIS WEEK

The Quiet Place is a ministry of the church that serves as an outreach program for the local unhoused community. About a year ago, due to some security concerns, the Quiet Place was temporarily shut down while the concerns were addressed. The church is now ready to reopen the Quiet Place this coming week with even more security efforts than before. Scan this QR code to read the letter from leadership that was emailed earlier this week.



## LEARN MORE ABOUT THE UPCOMING GENERAL CONFERENCE

The General Conference of the United Methodist Church will take place this week in Charlotte, North Carolina. To learn more about General Conference and the structure of the UMC, pick up a hand out or visit [westendumc.org/generalconference](http://westendumc.org/generalconference).

# SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGE

Sunday School ♦ 9 a.m.  
Worship ♦ 10 a.m.  
Special Events ♦ 11 a.m.

*Change effective May 26 thru July 28*

# Creation Care Recycle Day

Saturday, May 4  
9 a.m. to Noon ♦ Rain or Shine



Document Shredding :: E-Waste :: Fabric & Notions :: Donations :: Medications  
Find out more at [westendumc.org/recycle](http://westendumc.org/recycle)

## It's time for Project Transformation

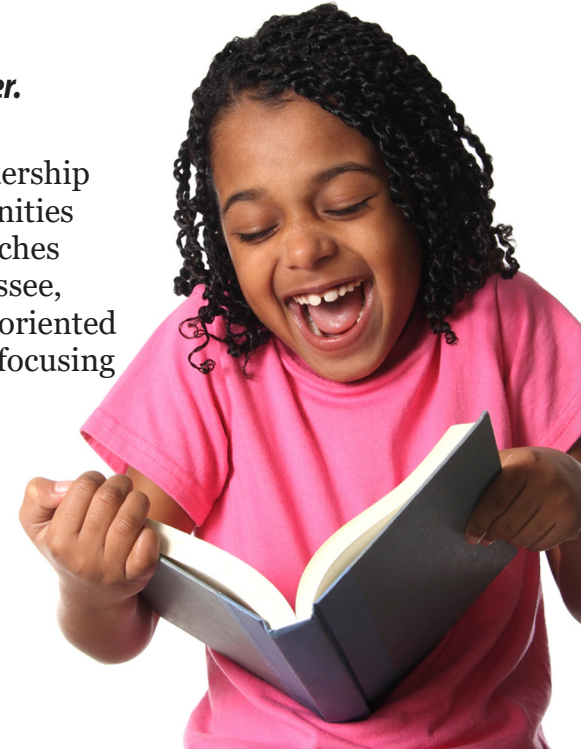
**West End is partnering with  
Project Transformation TN for its 13th summer.**

Project Transformation is a United Methodist-affiliated ministry that provides leadership development and ministry exploration opportunities to college-age young adults. Working with churches in low-income neighborhoods in Middle Tennessee, these emerging leaders coordinate community-oriented programs for under-served children and youth focusing on literacy and social-emotional learning.

There are several ways you can be involved this summer,

- ♦ Reading with kids
- ♦ Providing meals for interns
- ♦ Letter writing

There is also an Amazon wishlist for supplies and donations. To find out more and sign up, visit [westendumc.org/pt](http://westendumc.org/pt).







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