

## GATHERING

Voluntary: Prelude on “Spirit of the Living God” ..... Malcolm Archer

Welcome ..... Carol Cavin-Dillon  
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Introit: Come, Holy Ghost Our Souls Inspire .....Plainsong

† Processional Hymn No. 475 .....Down Ampney  
Come Down, O Love Divine

† Call to Worship ..... Frances Merritt  
*Leader: The Day of Pentecost is here!*  
**People: May the flames of faith dance in our hearts.**  
*Leader: The Day of Pentecost is here!*  
**People: May our confused speech become Good News for the world.**  
*Leader: The Day of Pentecost is here!*  
**People: May compassion be seared into our souls.**  
*Leader: The Day of Pentecost is here!*  
**People: May the people of God rejoice. Alleluia!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)  
**O God, you are always doing a new thing,  
yet we confess that we sometimes close windows  
against the fresh air of new ideas,  
against the noise of other people’s worries,  
against the winds of change.**  
**God of every place and time,  
we confess that we often draw the curtains  
against people who are different,  
against the needs of others  
in our community and around the world.**  
**Forgive us for insulating ourselves in our homes  
and in our hearts.**  
**Open our lives to the fresh wind of your Spirit,  
that you might do a new thing  
in and through us.**

† 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, so that he may grow in service with others. We will pray for him 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 Jack William to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.*  
† **People: We give thanks for all that God has already given you, Jack William, 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.....Michael Weaver  
**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 Old Testament .....Nehemiah 2:11-13, 17-18

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

Children’s Moment

Sermon: Let Us Rebuild!.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Shannon 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: Come Thou, Lord, Creator Spirit.....Jeffrey Rickard  
Come thou, Lord, creator spirit, tune the humble heart to thee.  
From the flame of love now kindle flame in spirits born for thee.

Thou the father of thy children; thou the orb of liberty.  
Thou the treasure we do cherish; thou our hope and destiny.

Come thou, Lord, in all thy splendor, let the wall of temple ring.  
Seraph’s cry allow to render clear the anthem we would sing.

Thou so mighty, now recover for thyself thy majesty.  
Thou, so gentle, now deliver for thyself thy people free.  
*Douglas C. Bowman*

† 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

Welcoming of New Members

Sacrament of Baptism

Liturgist: *Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Jennifer 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 Jennifer with a community of love and forgiveness, so 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.**

Commendation

Liturgist: *Family of God, Emily, Lauren, and Jennifer are now entrusted to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.*

People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you 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.**

† Recessional Hymn No. 500..... Morecambe  
Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Spirit of the Living God ..... 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: Toccata in B Minor.....Eugene Gigout

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

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

*Livestream and video recording happen during our church services  
and worship events.*

*If you need assistance in hearing the worship service,  
a hearing device is available for you in Reed Hall or the Narthex.*

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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 today are given by Earl and Helen Gaye Brewster  
in memory of Helen's mother, Martha Helen Lord Ashworth.*

*A rose on the table celebrates Charlie May Chamberlin,  
born on May 20, 2023, to Ellie and John Chamberlin.*

*Jack William Mobley, son of Mark and Lisa Mobley,  
is presented for baptism today.*

*Jennifer Fox is presented for baptism today.*

*We welcome new members to West End UMC:  
Emily Schleh, Lauren Ward, and Jennifer Fox at our 8:45 service  
&  
Sydney Crowley, Paul Cook, and Cate Clem at our 11 o'clock service.*

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Liturgy was adapted by Erin Racine from resources on the  
RevGalBlogPalswebsite.

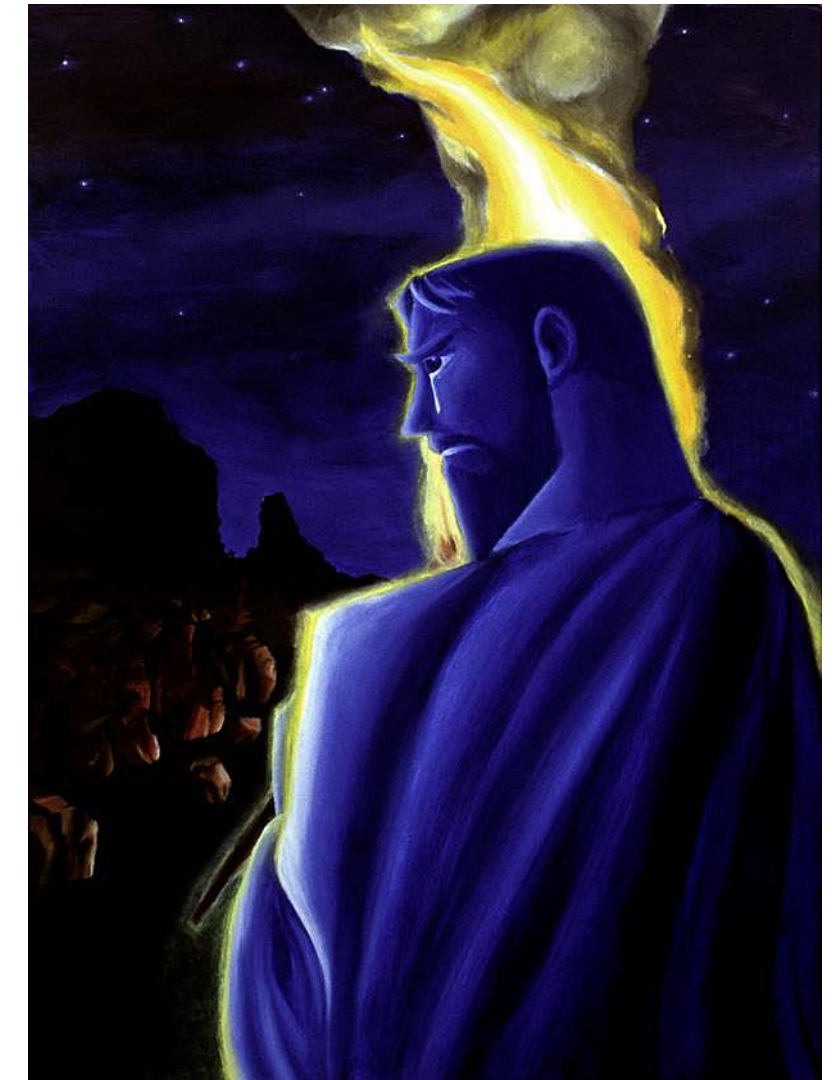
Bulletin Cover: "Nehemiah's Night Journey," created by contemporary artist,  
Robert H. Flores, in 1999.

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Andrew Rising is organist-director  
and Matt Phelps is assisting at the organ.

Today's Music: Bianco da Siena was an Italian monk who wrote poems  
called *laudi spirituali* in the fourteenth century. A collection of his poems was  
published in 1851 at Lucca. One of these, "Discendi, amor santo," is the basis  
for the English translation of "Come Down O Love Divine," by Richard F.  
Littledale in *The People's Hymnal* in 1867. Littledale translated four of the  
original eight stanzas, but most hymnals omit his third (beginning "Let holy  
charity") for a consistent three-stanza text. This hymn is addressed to the Holy  
Spirit. Although the third Person of the Trinity is not specifically named until  
the very last line of the hymn, it is clear through the terms "O Love divine" and  
"O Comforter" that the Holy Spirit is the one to whom this prayer is addressed.

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