



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
OCTOBER 1, 2023 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

Voluntary: The Peace May Be Exchanged from *Rubrics* Dan Locklair

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: Bless the Lord, O My SoulMikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov

† Processional Hymn No. 89: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee..... Hymn to Joy

† Call to WorshipStacey Harwell-Dye

Liturgist: God of all people, today we offer ourselves as living sacrifices for the sake of your kin-dom,

People: for you call us to a worship that is embodied by the way we live.

Liturgist: We give thanks that you call us to live not for ourselves, but for the benefit of those around us.

People: Change our hearts today as we worship so that your love and mercy become evident to all!

Liturgist: Let your Spirit flow through us as we lift up prayers and songs and are filled with your Word.

All: God of all people, today we offer ourselves as living sacrifices for the sake of your kin-dom!

† 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.

† 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.

† An Act of Praise

Antiphon



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo-ple on earth.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for IlluminationHarper Barnes

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 Romans 12:1-18

Response to the Lesson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Communion Meditation: The Grace of Uncertainty..... Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39, No. 887..... Will McLeane

*Liturgist: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress,
or persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword?*

People: No!
**In all things we are more than conquerors
through the One who loved us.**
**We are sure that neither
death nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**
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

Offertory: O Sacrum Convivium..... Robert Edward Smith

*O sacred banquet,
in which Christ is received,
the memory of his passion is recalled,
the mind is filled with grace,
and the pledge of future glory
is given to us. Alleluia!*
(sung in Latin)

† 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!**

† 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

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during communion: 618, 678, 557.

† 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.

† Recessional Hymn: Canticle of the Turning.....Star of County Down

1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . . age to age, we re -
God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -
won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.
You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the
weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be
name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.
Refrain
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.
Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

SENDING FORTH

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Awake, O Sleeper (v.5) Amazing Grace
**For us Christ lived, for us he died, and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.**

Voluntary: Festival Voluntary Flor Peeters

*The voluntary 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.

* *TFWS—The Faith We Sing (Pew Edition)*

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICES

*The altar flowers are provided by West End's Flower Fund. Designated donations for this Fund are used to provide the flowers when there are no individual donors.
Many thanks to those who contribute to the Flower Fund.*

Today's Call to Worship was written by Shannon Baxter.

Music Participants

Sanctuary Choir
Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist
Matthew Phelps: Assisting at Organ

Today's Music

The music for today's service reflects the many cultures of our world Christian community. *Bless the Lord, O My Soul* is by Russian composer, Ippilitov-Ivanov. *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* is based on German composer Ludwig van Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. *Let Us Break Bread Together* is from the spiritual tradition. *Rise to Greet the Sun* is a Chinese hymn tune. Flor Peeters was a Belgian composer. *The Peace Shall Be Exchanged, Jubilate Deo* and *Canticle of the Turning* are by American composers Dan Locklair, Peter Angela and Rory Cooney, respectively.

Bulletin Cover Art

"World Communion Sunday" was painted by Stushie, a Scottish pastor and artist now living and painting in East Tennessee.

WEST END STAFF

Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon..... Senior Pastor
Rev. Will McLeane Pastor of Spiritual Formation
Rev. Maggie Jarrell..... Pastor of Children & Families
Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye..... Pastor of Missions & Outreach
Rev. Shannon Baxter Pastor of Congregational Connection
Rev. Aimee Baxter..... Pastor of Young Adults
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
Emily C. Robbins..... Minister of Youth
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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 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

♦ **Prayer Requests** - Habitat for Humanity Build, Dean McIntyre, Noelle McIntyre, Jewel McGhee-Rader, Don Pierce, John Howard, Jr., John and Emily Townes

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 October 2-9 will be Rev. Shannon Baxter. To submit a prayer request, Visit westendumc.org/prayerrequest.

2023 ANNUAL TOWN HALL MEETING - OCTOBER 1

Join us for this year's annual Town Hall meeting today at 9:45 a.m. in the 4th Story Theater or online. Presenters from various ministry teams will share updates, and we'll celebrate the many ways God has been at work in and through West End in 2023. We'll share financial updates and budget plans for 2023; reports from worship, Sunday School, small groups, and ministry teams. Time to celebrate 2023 and look ahead to 2024!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - OCTOBER 1

Pets bless our lives and we want to bless them! Join us for our Blessing of the Animals this afternoon at 3 p.m. on the West Lawn at West End UMC (weather permitting - we will cancel if it is raining). Please make sure that any animals you bring are on a leash or in a cage. Do not bring aggressive pets. You are responsible for your pet while you are on campus, including cleaning up any messes made. West End cannot be held responsible for the behavior of animals, so come at your own risk and help us mitigate the risk of your own pet. Bring your own chair or blanket to sit on for this brief service of worship and blessing.

We will be receiving donations or financial offerings to support the work of Pawster Nashville. Pawster Nashville's mission is to end pet homelessness before it begins through crisis foster care. When pet owners are in crisis, we house their dog or cat in a loving foster home until the owner is back on their feet. To support Pawster's mission, you can: 1) Sign up to foster a dog or cat at pawsternashville.org/foster; 2) Make a tax-deductible gift at pawsternashville.org/give; or, 3) Offer an in-kind donation or shop Pawster's Chewy Wish List at bit.ly/pawster.

AGO ORGAN CONCERT - OCTOBER 1

Join us this afternoon at 4 p.m. in our Sanctuary as we host the Hank Woerner Memorial Organ Concert, featuring Andrew Risinger and Peter Rogahn organists with orchestra conducted by Matthew Phelps.

PARENTING WORKSHOPS OFFERED

We have two Parenting Workshops about Technology and Connection coming the first week of October led by counselors from the Brentwood Counseling Center. Anyone is welcome at either workshop.

♦ **Parents of pre-teens and teens** - you are invited to come on Sunday, October 1 from 5:30-7 p.m. in McWhirter Hall.

♦ **Parents of younger kids** - you are invited to come on Wednesday, October 4 from 6:15-7 p.m. in McWhirter Hall.

IT'S TIME FOR HABITAT 2023

Our Fall 2023 Habitat Build is here! We need people to help bring snacks, breakfasts, waters, and lunches, as well as volunteer to build. Right now our dates for meals are Friday, October 6 and Saturday, October 7 and our dates for building are October 7 and October 21. To find out more or volunteer for the build or to provide a meal, visit westendumc.org/habitat.

OCTOBER'S COMMUNION OFFERING

October's communion offering will go to our prison ministry. This money funds holiday meals, gift packages, and other needs within Riverbend as well as asks of returning citizens.

BACK TO SCHOOL WITH HG HILL

United 4 Hope and West End UMC are once again partners with HG Hill Middle School to support the students and staff. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to work with the students as reading and math tutors. Our time with the students is 9-10 a.m. on the morning of the week that works for you. It's one hour, one day a week. The connection with each student is so important in their skill development and in their knowing that we care about them. You can make a difference! For information please contact Anne Underhill at 615.294.4745 or annerunderhill@gmail.com.

'CHAT AND CHEW' COLLEGE AND GRAD STUDENTS LUNCH

Join Pastor Aimee after the 11 a.m. service each week for free lunch at a nearby restaurant. Meet in the back of the sanctuary to find out where we're going. All undergraduate and graduate students are invited to attend! Contact Pastor Aimee at abaxter@westendumc.org with questions.

OVERNIGHT HOSTS AND BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Room in the Inn is starting back this fall and we have a lot of Wednesdays that will need overnight hosts and bus drivers. If you are interested in spending the night at the church and providing hospitality to our guests experiencing homelessness, please reach out to Pastor Stacey at sharwellldye@westendumc.org. Bus drivers are also needed. To drive our minibus, you need to be over 25, have a valid driver's license (no CDL required), and submit to a background check and short training that will include a driving portion to get you comfortable with the bus. Help us serve our neighbors through serving as an overnight host or bus driver at West End this year! We literally can't do it without these two vital roles.

YOU'RE INVITED!

On Sunday, October 15, 2023, we are having a Birthday Bash for West End UMC! We have events planned all day to celebrate 150 years of West End being the Loving Light of Christ in Nashville! Visit westendumc.org/birthdaybash to find out more!

Sunday School ♦ 9 a.m.

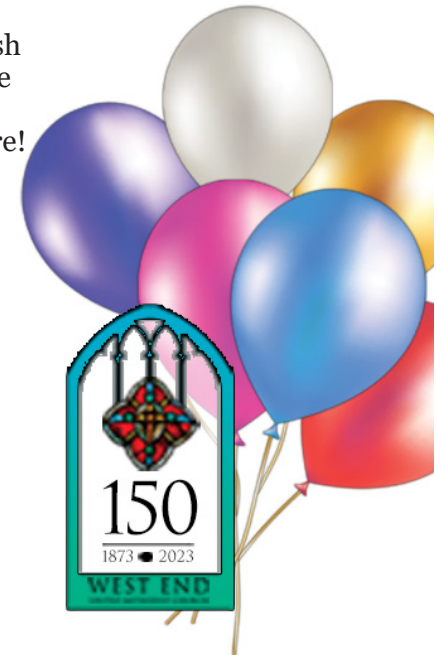
One Worship Service ♦ 10 a.m.

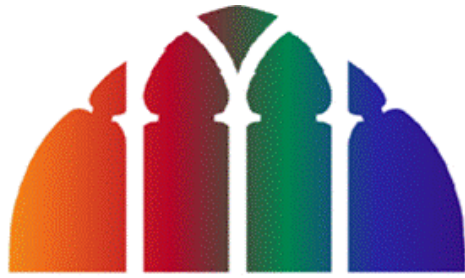
Celebration on the Grounds ♦ 2-4 p.m.

Hymn Sing ♦ 4 p.m.

150 YEARS OF GRATITUDE

What are you grateful for at West End? This week and next we invite you to write what you are grateful for at West End both past and present as we reflect on our past in our 150th anniversary. A board will be up in Reed Hall with post-it notes and markers for you to write what you are thankful for and post it on the board. We will use these responses in our 150th anniversary worship service and the board will be up for our birthday bash. Write as many as you'd like!





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