

# WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP April 7, 2024 at Eight Forty-Five Second Sunday of Easter

#### **GATHERING**

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! † Processional Hymn No. 327: Crown Him with Many Crowns...... Diademata † Call to Worship ......Shannon Baxter Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; Leader: break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people People: and will have compassion for his suffering ones. † 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



## **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination .......Laura Creekmore 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 iov what you say to us today. Amen.

Response to the Lesson

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

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.

Meditation: Forgiveness Is Not What You Think ......Tammy Lewis Wilborn

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

Offertory: We Walk by Faith ......Kenneth T. Kosche

We walk by faith and not by sight; No gracious words we hear from Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke; But we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod; but in his promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.

That when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are with full and endless sight. (Henry Alford, 1844)

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!

† 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.

#### † Sanctus and Benedictus



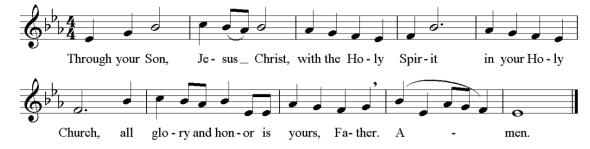




## Prayer of Remembrance



#### **Prayer of Consecration**



#### 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: *UMH* 630, 635, 636, and \*TFWS 2196

<sup>†</sup> Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

† 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**

† Benediction

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to his name.

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

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

#### **ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE**

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Travis and Elsie Dubree by their daughter, Marilyn Dubree.

Today's Call to worship was adapted from Isaiah 49:13 (and the Book of Worship 379).

A rose on the table is to celebrate the birth of a precious goddaughter on March 23rd with Brooke Ackerly and Bill Zinke.

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#### **Music Participants**

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

## **Today's Music**

In 1868, George J. Elvey composed the tune, *Diademata*, specifically for the hymn text, *Crown Him with Many Crowns*. Albert Bailey writes, "This is another of those hymns that can be sung at different paces, but which don't lend themselves to changes in volume. Rather, *Crown Him with Many Crowns* builds with pomp, the second half of each verse making you want to stand to sing" (*The Gospel in Hymns*, 76).

### **Bulletin Cover Art**

"Joseph's Brothers Beg for Help," by Jacopo Carucci da Pontormo, later known as "Pontormo." He lived from 1494 to early 1557, and this painting was created around 1515. He knew and, as a youth, had apprenticeships under several well-known artists in Florence, Italy, including Leonardo da Vinci. His work was often supported by the Medici family.

#### **WEST END STAFF**

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 BaxterPastor	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
	Minister of Music
Andrew Risinger	Associate Minister of Music
Nico Zavala	Music Intern
	Director, HR & Operations
Shelley Kuhlmeyer	Communications Director
Lazaro Kapella	Church Financial Officer

Jim Raver	Property Operations Manager
Corye Nelson	Preschool Executive Director
Christina Shoptaw	Preschool Operations Manager
Cheryl Reeves	Preschool Curriculum Coordinator
Karina Gurgenidze	Childcare Coordinator
Cindy Siemer	Senior Administrative Assistant
Julie Catterton	Assistant to Senior Pastor
Andrew Callis	Administrative Assistant
Tosha Jackson	Receptionist
Devon Bardo	Receptionist
Chase Bencin	Media Coordinator
Cin Tuang	Media Assistant
Open	Building Engineer
Sam Bady	Safety and Security Coordinator
Richard Thomas	Custodian

#### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Sunday, April 7		
8:45 a	Children's Church	Scales Chapel
8:45 a	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:45 a	Sunday School	•
11:00 a	Children's Church	Scales Chapel
11:00 a	Worship Service	Sanctuary
1:15 p	Hand Bell Rehearsals	410
5:00 p	Confirmation Class	406
5:00 p	Youth Small Groups	Youth Center
Monday, April 8		
10:00 a	Sunny Day Club	McWhirter Hall
Tuesday, April 9		
7:30 a	Morning Bible Study	310
5:30 p	Ministry Table	310
Wednesday, April 10		
6:15 p	Children's Council	310
7:30 p	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
Thursday, April 11		
7:00 p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
Friday, April 12		
5:30 p	Parents' Night Out	Gym/McWhirter Hall

#### 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**

- Sympathies to Jim Culver and family as they mourn the death of his brother, Charles Culver in Dresden, TN on March 29.
- Sympathies to Dave Goodridge and family as they mourn the death of Dave's father, Malcolm Goodridge, of Hilton Head, SC, on March 29.
- Sympathies to the family and friends of our church member Barbara Love who died on April 3rd at the age of 89. Arrangements for a celebration of life are currently being put together.
- Sympathies to Eric, Ella, and Madeline Gambill as they mourn the death of Jodie Gambill on April 3.
- **Prayer Requests:** Rev. Bob Abstein; Kevin Walko; Andrew Callis; Mark Owen; Gina Dixon; Tommy Jones; Tennessee State Legislature Session; individuals in the hospital having procedures, recovering from illness, those in treatment, and the families that are caring for them; 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 8-14 will be Rev. Carol Cavin-Dillon. To submit a prayer request, visit *westendumc.org/prayerrequest*.

#### **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.

#### **HABITAT HOUSE DEDICATION:: APRIL 7**

We are excited to celebrate with Roman Steele and the Village by the Creek community at the dedication for his Habitat House this Sunday, April 7 at 2:30 p.m. Parking is available at Bass Street Missionary Baptist Church, 3447 Brick Church Pike. Please allow for a 10 minute walk to the neighborhood. Hope to see you there!



## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT :: APRIL 12

West End Kids is hosting a Parents' Night Out on Friday, April 12 from 5:30-8 p.m. in McWhirter Hall. We'll have a pizza dinner, games, and a movie night for the kids while parents can have a night out! A suggested donation of \$10 per child will go to Open Table Nashville, one of our ministry partners who works with people experiencing homelessness in Nashville.

Please register by April 10 at *westendumc.org/pno*. Dinner groups for parents during Parents Night Out are also being coordinated. If you are interested in participating in one of those groups, you can indicate that on the registration form.

## **WEST END HIKING MEET-UP:: APRIL 13**

A new walking group is forming at WEUMC The group's first gathering is going to be Saturday, April 13, at Edwin Warner Park. We will meet at the nature center at 2:00 pm. Join us for a moderate hike through the beautiful wildflowers of spring! Contact wmcleane@westendumc.org for more information.

## **NEW MEMBER CLASS:: APRIL 14**

If you are new to West End UMC and have questions about what it means to be a United Methodist or would like to become an official member of the church, consider attending the next New Members Class! The spring session will begin Sunday, April 14 from 9:45 am - 10:45 am and continue four consecutive weeks. During the class we'll get to know each other, hear a brief history of the West End congregation, and take a deep dive into what it means to join this congregation. Register for class at <code>westendumc.org/membership</code>, or email Rev. Shannon Baxter at <code>sbaxter@westendumc.org</code>.

# **TAIZÉ SERVICE OF PRAYER AND HEALING:: APRIL 21**

Our Taizé Services of Prayer and Healing combine a relatively new form of worship with very old ritual to create a time of quiet and calm, which is focused on healing for our mind, bodies, spirits, and world. Remaining true to the form of prayer worship developed in the community of Taizé in recent decades, our services include singing, silence, reading of scripture and spoken prayer. The addition of the ancient tradition of anointing with oil and the laying on of hands enhances the time of prayer and brings the clear intention of healing. Our next Taizé service will be Sunday, April 21 at 5 p.m.

#### **BETWEEN TWO TRAILERS WITH DANA TRENT:: APRIL 21**

On April 21 at 5 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 <u>Between Two Trailers</u>. 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

#### **CREATION CARE RECYCLE DAY :: MAY 4**

The annual Creation Care Recycle Day is Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon in the West End parking lot. Gather your e-waste, old medications, documents that need shredding and more and have it ready to bring with you. Find out about what will be and will not be accepted at *westendumc.org/recycle*.

### **GET INVOLVED WITH 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, such as reading with kids, providing meals for interns, and letter writing. There is also an Amazon wishlist for supplies and donations. To find out more and sign up, visit *westendumc.org/pt*.

