



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP
APRIL 14, 2024 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

GATHERING

Voluntary: Improvisation Noah Phelps
There Is a Balm in Gileadarr. by Berry and Valey

Welcome..... Emily Robbins
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. 451: Be Thou My Vision Slane

† Call to Worship Elijah Bakker
Liturgist: We are called to be God’s children.
People: God’s love has been poured on us through Jesus Christ!
Liturgist: Fear and doubt are gone. Where we once felt alone and lost,
People: Christ has come to walk again with us, eat fish with us, and talk with us.
Liturgist: Joy and celebration ring in our hearts!
People: Come let us raise our voices in song!
All: Hallelujah! Amen. How joyful it is to celebrate the Good News of God’s love!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession Robert Harrell
Welcoming God,
we confess that we have journeyed far from you.
Our doubts and fears often override our hopes and faith.
We have traveled far from your love and justice.
We have neglected the stranger in our midst;
we have doubted your presence with us.
Help us to remember the promise of new life here and now.
Restore us to a life of community and a love that works toward acceptance of all.

† 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..... Harrison Wilson
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.**

Hand Bell Anthem: Amazing Gracearr. by Berry and Valey

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination Sam Wilson
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 Gospel Luke 24:36-48

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

Anthem: Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread..... Stuttgart, arr. Phelps
Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;
Savior abide with us, and spread Thy table in our heart.
There dine with us in love divine; Thy body and Thy blood,
That living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.
(James Montgomery)

Children’s Moment Margo Jenkins
*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: Open-Minded Hope Brazier Pierce and Mary Peacock

† 2024 Graduates' Confirmation Affirmation of Faith Wilson Rutterer
We believe in an all-powerful, merciful God who is an everlasting bundle of love that is always with us.
We believe Jesus is the Son of God who protects us and gives everyone a chance for redemption.
We believe the Holy Spirit connects us to the love of God through Jesus. The Holy Spirit listens to us wherever we go.
We believe the Church is a place to worship and to grow closer to God and the community of faith.
We believe a disciple of Jesus Christ gives comfort and care to others.
We believe Jesus' disciples are called to stand up for others and welcome everyone into the Church community.
We believe the Bible, the Word of God, teaches us different aspects about our lives as people of God.

Joys and Concerns of the Church

Salutation Peter Bigelow
Liturgist: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Liturgist: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer
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.

Offering Clayton Jenkins

Offertory Anthem: Only Love Can Do That Mark Miller
Darkness cannot drive out darkness,
hatred cannot drive out hate,
only love can do that.
(Martin Luther King, Jr.)

† 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

Blessing of the Sensory Chapel..... Ella Peacock
Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Recessional Hymn No. 389: Freely, Freely Freely, Freely

† Thank you Molly Borneman

† Benediction Ella Gambill

† 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: Fantasy in C, BWV 570..... J. S. Bach
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*

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth Murrey and George S. Dibrell, Elizabeth Dibrell and Alden H. Smith, George Dibrell Smith, Alden H. Smith Jr, and Judith Gray Walton Smith, by their family.

Today's liturgy was written by the WEUMC youth.

A special "thank you" to Jessica Estes, Ian Quillen, Jenn Fox, and Robb Bigelow for coming alongside our youth as they prepared this liturgy and for helping our youth usher today.

Music Participants

Youth Vocal Ensemble

Matthew Phelps: Director/Organist

Youth Bell Choir

Andie Smith: Director

Today's Music

Composer of today's Offertory Anthem, Mark Miller, believes passionately that music can change the world. He also believes in Cornel West's quote that "Justice is what love looks like in public." Mark is Associate Professor of Church Music and Composer In Residence at Drew University in Madison, NJ, and is a Lecturer in the Practice of Sacred Music at Yale University. He is also the Minister of Music of Christ Church in Summit, New Jersey, and Composer-in-Residence of Harmonium Choral Society in NJ. From 2002-2007, he was Director of Contemporary Worship at Marble Collegiate Church and, from 1999-2001, was Assistant Organist and Music Associate at the Riverside Church, both in New York City. Since 1999, he has traveled to every part of the country delighting congregations with the power and joy of music making. Mark received his Bachelor of Arts in Music from Yale University and his Master of Music in Organ Performance from The Juilliard School.

Bulletin Cover Art

Today's bulletin cover was created by WEUMC youth, Isabel Baxter. Isabel is a 9th grade student at James Lawson High School and daughter of pastors Shannon and Aimee Baxter.

WEST END STAFF

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

Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon.....Senior Pastor
Rev. Will McLeanePastor of Spiritual Formation
Rev. Maggie JarrellPastor of Children and Families
Rev. Stacey Harwell-DyePastor of Mercy and Justice
Rev. Shannon Baxter ..Pastor of Congregational Connection
Rev. Aimee BaxterPastor of Young Adults
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Molly Borneman Pastoral Fellow
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Christina ShoptawPreschool Operations Manager
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Chase BencinMedia Coordinator
Cin Tuang Media Assistant
Open Building Engineer
Sam Bady.....Safety and Security Coordinator
Richard Thomas Custodian

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 14

8:45 a
 8:45 a
 9:45 a
 9:45 a
 11:00 a
 11:00 a
 1:15 p
 5:00 p
 5:00 p

Children's Church
 Worship Service
 Sunday School
 Membership Class
 Children's Church
 Worship Service
 Hand Bell Rehearsals
 Confirmation Class
 Youth Small Groups

Scales Chapel
 Sanctuary

 4th Story Theater
 Scales Chapel
 Sanctuary
 410
 406
 Youth Center

Monday, April 15

10:00 a
 5:30 p

Sunny Day Club
 Trustees Meeting

McWhirter Hall
 306

Tuesday, April 16

7:30 a
 1:30 p

Morning Bible Study
 Creative Hands

310
 305

Wednesday, April 17

7:30 p

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Music Suite

Thursday, April 18

7:00 p

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

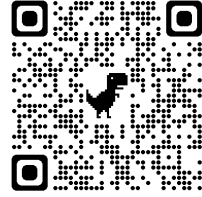
Music Suite

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 Bill Miller, Jennifer Hoffman, and family as they mourn the death of Bill's brother and Jennifer's Uncle, Robert Miller, on April 9th. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

♦ **Sympathies** to Rev. Erin, Dave, and Miles Racine, as they mourn the death of Erin's aunt, Ann Pier, on April 9th.

♦ **Sympathies** to Dr. Don Pierce and family as they mourn the death of Don's mother, Dr. Norma Fay Pierce of Mobile, AL on April 9th. A service of remembrance will take place in Mobile in May.

♦ **Sympathies** to Martha Harbuck and family as they mourn the death of Martha's sister-in-law, Becky.

♦ **Prayer Requests:** 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; 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 15-21 will be Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye. 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.

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) by Monday, April 22.

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 [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

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

MAY: MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

To highlight the importance of our own mental health and its 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.

♦ 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. That will take place Sunday, May 19 at 4 pm in the 4th Story Theater.

For more info, please contact Rev. Shannon Baxter at sbaxter@westendumc.org.

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.

**SUMMER
SCHEDULE
CHANGE**

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

Change effective May 26 thru July 28

Our newly updated **SENSORY PRAYER CHAPEL**

Members of our congregation have come together to create a sensory friendly space in the church by adding new additions to the Wilkerson Prayer Chapel. Sensory-friendly environments empower neurodivergent people to fully participate, engage, and rest in a space free of loud noises or busy crowds.

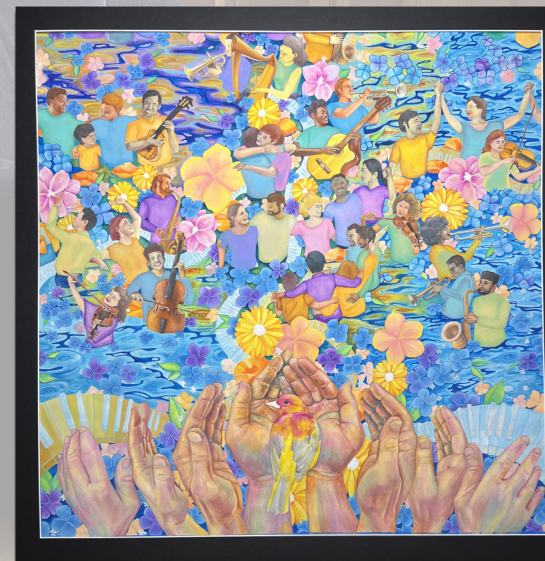
Resources that can be found in the prayer chapel include weighted blankets, fidgets, calming exercises, puzzles, sensory toys, noise canceling headphones, sensory involved prayer prompts, chairs that allow movement, and more!



Our newly commissioned **ARTWORK**

The West End Art Inclusion Task Force commissioned local artist Tin Nguyen to create an art piece for our church.

The new watercolor will be hung in our sensory prayer chapel for all to enjoy.





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