

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
November 13, 2016 at Eleven o'clock
Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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, race, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnicity, or mental or physical ability. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!

GATHERING

Voluntary: Andantino Frank Bridge

Welcome.....Michael Williams
Please take a moment to record your attendance in the registration pad found near the center aisle, pass it to your neighbor, and then pass the pad back to the center. First-time guests are encouraged to list your address and telephone number or e-mail address so we may share additional information about our church with you.

Introit: Come Let Us Sing to the Lord.....Hal Hopson
Come let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Sing and rejoice!

† Processional Hymn No. 131: We Gather Together.....Kremser

† Greeting.....Dane Van Eys

Liturgist: *We gather together as one to call on Christ, the redeemer of the world.*

People: **May the forgiveness of Christ enliven our hearts.**

Liturgist: *Together we turn to Christ, the sacrifice for the world.*

People: **May the love of Christ enfold our souls.**

Liturgist: *Together we rest in Christ, the comforter of the world.*

People: **May the peace of Christ sustain our lives.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God our comfort, we confess that we have failed to extend your love to those who suffer. Instead, we have cultivated loneliness in the world, forgetting your deep sympathy with all humankind. Let us be reborn as peace-bearers, and teach us how to accept for ourselves and extend to others your consolation in our grief, your love in our weakness, your healing in our brokenness.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

† 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.**

(Please be seated.)

Anthem: Jesus Loves Me This I Know.....Traditional American Hymn
Text can be found in the UMH, No. 191.

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah.....Nan Grantham
When I don't know what to say, and I need some help to pray,
Guide me O thou great Jehovah, God will show the way.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination

**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: John 15:1-17.....(pew Bible, page 878)

Response to the Lesson

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Hymn No. 463: Lord, Speak to Me.....Canonbury
The children are invited to come forward to join Michael at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.

Sermon: The Vine and the Branches.....Michael Williams

Caring Moment.....Jeff Howerton

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Chris Allen

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: For the Beauty of the Earth.....John Rutter
Text can be found in the UMH, No. 92.

† 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

† Recessional Hymn No. 428.....CWM Rhondda
For the Healing of the Nations

† Benediction

† Response No. TFWS 2014: Amen (all sing).....Taizé Alleluia

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TAIZÉ ALLELUIA
Irregular

Voluntary: Now Thank We All Our God.....Siegfried Karg-Elert
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 stand.*

Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in honor of all veterans on Veterans Day, and to the memory of Lieutenant Commander Earl Henry, lost-at-sea in the sinking of the USS Indianapolis, by Earl and Marilyn Henry.

Madeline Grace Duncan, daughter of H. Anthony Duncan and Natasha Bilbrey Duncan, was presented for baptism at the early service.

Today's liturgy was written by Jayme Yeo.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps is director. Associate Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist. The Asbury Choir. Matthew Phelps and Bethany Wilson, co-directors. Bethany Wilson is conducting.

Hymnic Notes

We Gather Together

Our opening hymn has roots in a Dutch hymn written at the end of the 16th century to celebrate the Protestant Northern provinces' newly won freedom from Spanish rule. It was later set to a traditional melody. Early in the 20th century, translator/arranger Theodore Baker's stirring anthem setting, music taken from Eduard Kremser's earlier work, was adapted as a hymn and entered the American public repertory of religious/nationalistic/patriotic songs/hymns. It is a fitting expression of the will of a people which, in the words of the Declaration of Independence (4 July 1776) assumed 'among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and Nature's God entitle them.'

Hymnic Notes written by Carlton Young.

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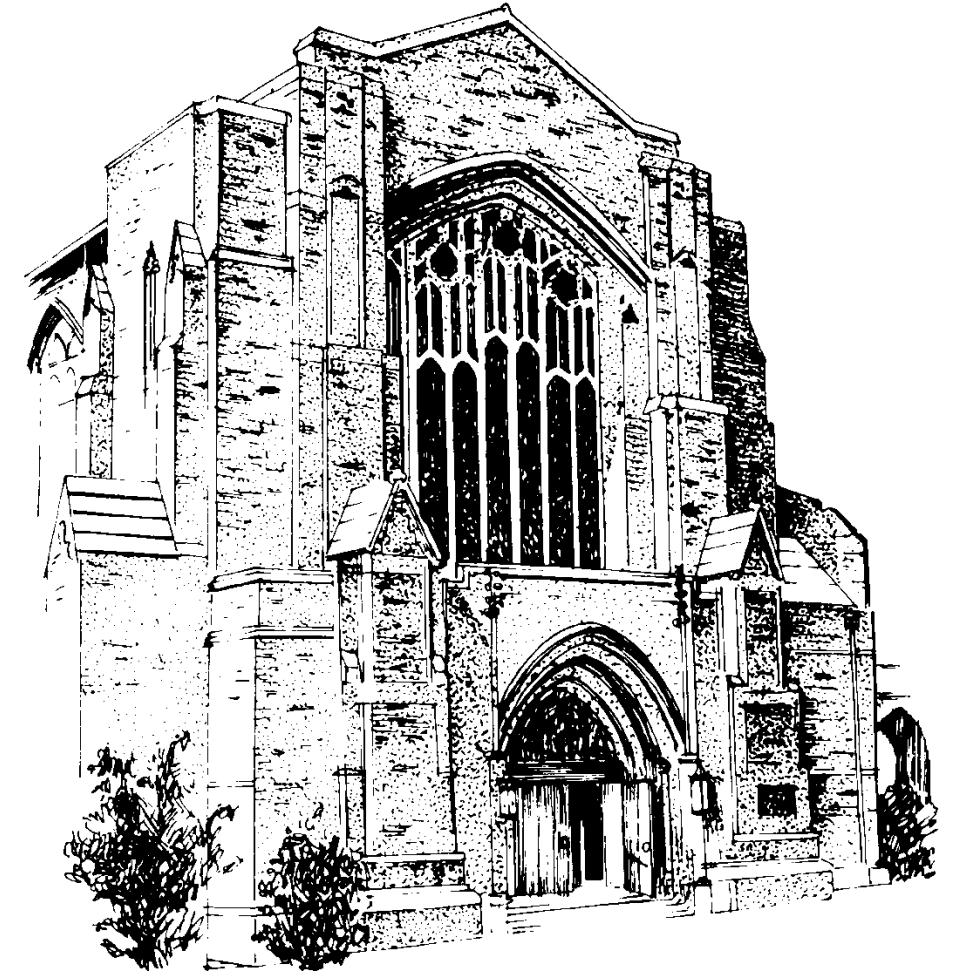
November 13, 2016
Preaching: Michael Williams
"The Vine and the Branches"

John 15:1-17

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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