

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
September 25, 2016 at Eleven o'clock
Nineteenth 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: Repose.....Raymond Haan
"I will both lay me down in peace and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety." Psalm 4:8

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: In Thee is Gladness Giovanni Gastoldi
In thee is gladness gone is all sadness, Jesus sunshine of my heart. By thee is given all gifts of heaven, thou the true redeemer art. Our souls thou makest, our bonds now breakest, who trust thee surely hath built securely and stands forever. Alleluia.

† Processional Hymn No. 117: Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past..... St. Anne

† Greeting.....Dane Van Eys
Liturgist: *The Spirit of God is present with us here and now,*
People: exciting and empowering our worship!
Liturgist: *We worship the Lord in Spirit and Truth,*
People: as one body in Christ, united and diverse.
Liturgist: *We worship our God, for He is worthy!*
People: Worthy is the Lord!

Anthem: Siyahamba/We Are MarchingSouth African
Amen Siakudumisa.....attr. S.C. Molefe

Translation: We are marching in the light of God.
Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**The Lord God calls us to move,
live, and grow in the Spirit of Christ...
to strive for perfection...
to serve and love our neighbor...
and to be a holy and living sacrifice.
Often we fall short of this high calling,
but God who is faithful is quick to forgive.
Let us then confess our sins before God and one another.**

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.)

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 these children 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 these children with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them that they may be true disciples 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 Dewitt Talmadge and Lydia Fern 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, Dewitt Talmadge and Lydia Fern, 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 ResponseNo. 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

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 16:19-31.....(pew Bible, page 851-852)

Response to the Lesson

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

† Hymn No. 596: Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word.....Liebster Jesu
The children are invited to come forward to join Michael at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.

Sermon: Jesus, the Rich Man, and Lazarus.....Michael Williams

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Lisa Gwock

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: Beautiful Savior.....arr. F. M. Christiansen

Fair are the meadows, fairer the woodlands,
robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

† 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!**

Reception of New Members

Liturgist: *Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
these persons 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.
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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
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SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 2004 TFWSHyfrydol
Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

† Benediction

† Response (all sing) 690: The Day Thou Givest vs. 2St. Clement
**We thank thee that thy church, unsleeping while earth rolls onward
into light, through all the world her watch is keeping, and rests not
now by day or night.**

Voluntary: Prelude in B Major..... Marcel Dupré
*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
by Cathy Sullivan in memory of her husband,
Robert Lee Sullivan.

Dewitt "Witt" Talmadge Goldsby, Jr.
son of Dewitt "Tal" Talmadge Goldsby, Sr. and Natalie Tiner Goldsby,
is presented for baptism.

Lydia Fern Young Foster
daughter of Timothy Michael Foster and Mary Kathryn Young Foster
is presented for baptism.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps,
director. Associate Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist. Caitlin
Dowling is assisting at the organ. Asbury Choir. Chapel Choirs I & II
Tyler Bowman, conductor. Colleen Phelps, percussion.

Today's Music: "O God Our Help in Ages Past" is attributed to William Croft.
Croft was an 18th century English composer. Though well respected during
his lifetime, he is largely unknown now when compared to his more popular
contemporaries such as Handel and Bach. Croft's output consisted largely
of choral and organ works. His funeral responses are still used during royal
funerals in England. He was also the first composer to have music published
in full "score," as opposed to each singer only looking at his or her own part.

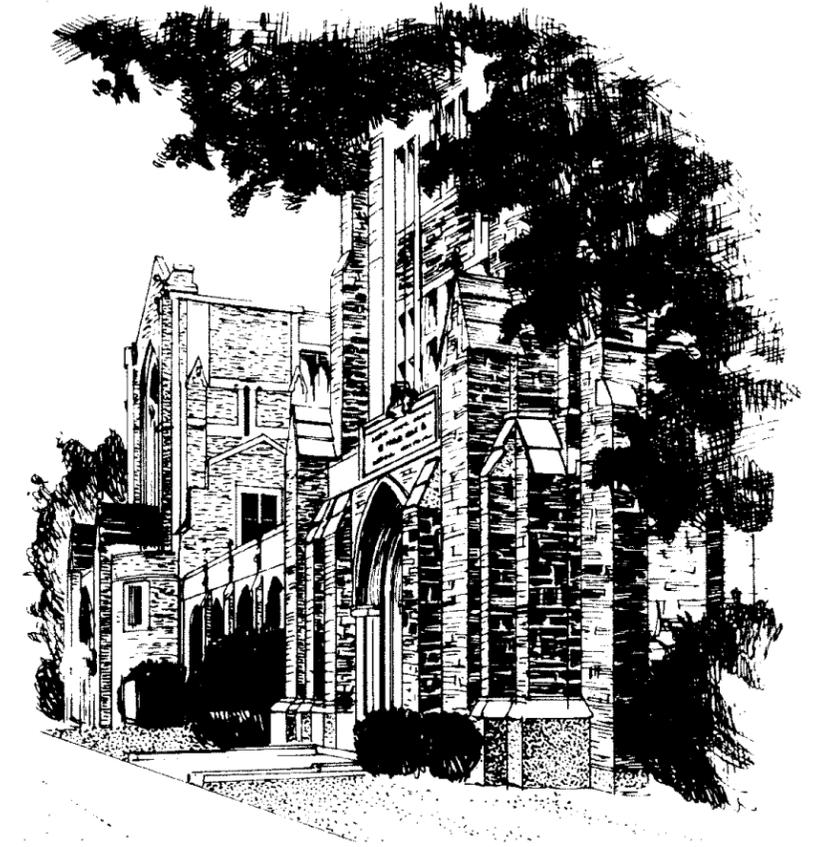
September 25, 2016
Preaching: Michael Williams
"Jesus, the Rich Man, and Lazarus"

Luke 16:19-31

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen
and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a
poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to
satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even
the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and
was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man
also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being
tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with
Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy
on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and
cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham
said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received
your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now
he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this,
between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those
who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no
one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to
send him to my father's house — for I have five brothers — that he
may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of
torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets;
they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if
someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to
him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will
they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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