

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
August 7, 2016 at Eleven o'clock
Twelfth 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: Prelude and Fugue in C major.....J.S Bach BWV 533

WelcomeMichael 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: Jubilate Deo.....Laszlo Halmos
Jubilate Deo! Everybody listen! Sing a song of praise!

† Processional Hymn No. 139.....Lobe Den Herren
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

† GreetingEmily Robbins
Liturgist: *The Lord calls us today to be people of justice and mercy.*
People: **Our worship is hollow if it focuses only on our own gratification.**
Liturgist: *The Lord asks that our words of hope become actions of peace.*
People: **Thanks be to God who challenges and calls us.**
Liturgist: *Let our ministry together bring peace and justice.*
People: **Let our lives reflect God's love and mercy.**

† 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. Amen.

† 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! Glory to God. Amen.**

† Passing of 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.**
(You are invited to pass the peace of Christ to those around you.)

† An Act of Praise
Antiphon (Choir and Congregation)



Choir: *Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

All: **(Antiphon)**
Choir: *Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

All: **(Antiphon)**
Choir: *You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.*
All: **(Antiphon)**
Choir: *For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.*

All: **(Antiphon)**
Choir: *With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*
All: **(Antiphon)**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)
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 Gospel: Luke 12:22-34 (pew Bible, page 847)

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

Communion Meditation: Where Your Treasure Is Michael Williams

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

The Offering

Offertory: O Taste and See.....Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the one that trusteth in him. (Psalm 14:8)

† Presentation of the Offering and the Elements

† Doxology No. 95

† 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 (*Choir and Congregation*)




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 communion solo this morning is Come, Ye Blessed by John Pindle Scott.
After the solo, the congregation is invited to join the choir in singing
the following hymns during communion: 340, 613, & 629.*

† 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

† Recessional Hymn No. 715: Rejoice, the Lord Is King.....Darwall's 148th

† Dismissal with Blessing

Celebrant: *Go forth in peace.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*
People: **Amen.**

† Response No. 898: Amen (all sing) Danish



MUSIC: Danish

Voluntary: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. Craig Phillips

*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.*

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Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God
for the wedding of Nancy Hawthorne and Geoffrey Parker.
All are invited to celebrate with them this afternoon at 2:00pm with a dessert
reception to follow in the 4th Story Theatre.

Whitcomb Orville Jones, II,
son of Zachary Paul Jones (Major, U.S. Marine Corps) and
Cassidy Lynne Jones (Lieutenant, U.S. Navy Reserve
was presented for baptism at the 8:45am service.

The texts used in today's Communion service are used in many Christian traditions. They help us to see our relationship to those around us as an expression of our relationship to God. This is best expressed as we confess our sins, are assured of God's forgiveness, and then express that forgiveness with those around us in the "Passing of the Peace." The Peace is an act of reconciliation and blessing, based on New Testament Christian practice. When we are reminded of God's love and mercy, our response is to share that gift with others. United in this forgiveness, we come to the table as a forgiven and reconciled community in love and charity with each other.

Today's Music:

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, director. Associate Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist. Caitlin Dowling is assisting at the organ. Christina Egan, soloist.

August 7, 2016
Preaching: Michael Williams
"Where Your Treasure Is"

Luke 12:22-34

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