

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
February 14, 2016 at Eleven o'clock
First Sunday in Lent

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: Recit de Nazard (from Suite No. 2)..... Louis N. Clerambault

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: O Lord Turn Not Thy Face from Them.....Vincent Persichetti
O Lord turn not Thy Face from them, who lie in woeful state,
Lamenting all their sinful lives before Thy mercy Gate. Amen.

† Processional Hymn No. 126.....Mit Freuden Zart
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

† Greeting.....Erin Racine
Liturgist: *You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord:*
People: **You are my refuge and my fortress. You are my God in whom I trust.**
Liturgist: *Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High will be your dwelling place.*
People: **Show us our salvation, O God, as we offer you our worship.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Holy Lord, as we enter this Lenten season, we are reminded of our weakness and our need for your strength. We ask for forgiveness when we succumb to the temptations of this world, when we tread paths that are contrary to your will. We ask your forgiveness when we fail to look beyond our own desires to see another's need. We ask for your presence in our wilderness wanderings. May your hand guide us from the arid land of sin into a land flowing with milk and honey, a land made rich and abundant by your saving love.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

† What Wondrous Love Is This (Verse 1)..... No. 292
**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.**

(Please be seated.)

Anthem: When Jesus Wept.....William Billings

When Jesus wept the falling tear, in mercy flowed beyond all bounds. When Jesus groaned a trembling fear did all the guilty world around.

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 this child 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 this child with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him that he may be a true disciple 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 Easton Wiley to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.*

† People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you, Easton Wiley, 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 Response.....No. 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

Holy God, Word made flesh, let us hear this word open to your voice. Silence our agendas, confound our expectations, and clear the cobwebs from our ears. We know that you can, we pray that you will, and we wait with great anticipation. Amen.

Lesson from the Psalter: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16.....(hymnal, page 810)
After the organ introduction, all sing refrain with the choir. All repeat the refrain after the cantor intones the verses.

The children are invited to come forward and join Michael at the chancel when he moves to the chair.

Sermon.....Michael Williams
Can God Really Have Our Best Interest at Heart?

† Affirmation of Faith: The World Methodist Social AffirmationNo. 886

Joys & Concerns of the Church Nancy Hawthorne

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: Kyrie (from Mass in C)..... Ludwig Van Beethoven

Kyrie eleison Lord have mercy
Christe eleison Christ have mercy
Kyrie eleison Lord have mercy

† DoxologyNo. 95

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 295: In the Cross of Christ I Glory.....Rathbun

† Benediction

† Response (all sing) Tallis Canon

**Throughout these Lenten days and nights
We turn to walk the inward way,
Where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,
We live in hope till Easter day.**

Voluntary: Prélude from *Trois Pièces*.....Gabriel Pierné
*All are invited to remain seated for a time of reflection.
If you leave, please do so quietly.*

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God
and in memory of Richard Stockard
by Andrew and David White, Duke and Kate Cowden
and all of Mr. Stockard's friends in faith.

Easton Wiley Hall,
son of Randy W. Hall and E. Walton Hall,
is presented for baptism.

Eleanor Knox Leverenz,
daughter of David Lynn Leverenz and Molly Knox Leverenz,
was presented for baptism at the eight forty-five service.

Today's Music:

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir and Youth Vocal Ensemble.
Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps is director. Associate Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist. Caitlin Dowling is assisting at the organ. The solo quartet for the *Kyrie* is Margy Bredemann, Mo Coombs, Ken Nelson, Justin Bowen. The cantor for the psalm is Mark Buchanan. Ringers for *When Jesus Wept* are Carla Swank, Justin Bowen, Tim Foster, Brian McKinney.

During Lent we will explore different ways in which the psalms are sung. In the upcoming weeks we will sing psalm settings that are chanted, sung responsively, and sung to well-known hymn tunes. This week we will be using the Methodist chant located in the back of your hymnal. Singing the psalms not only expresses our prayer through music, it also connects us with Christians from all over time and space who have taken part in this revered tradition of prayer and supplication.

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Preaching: Michael Williams

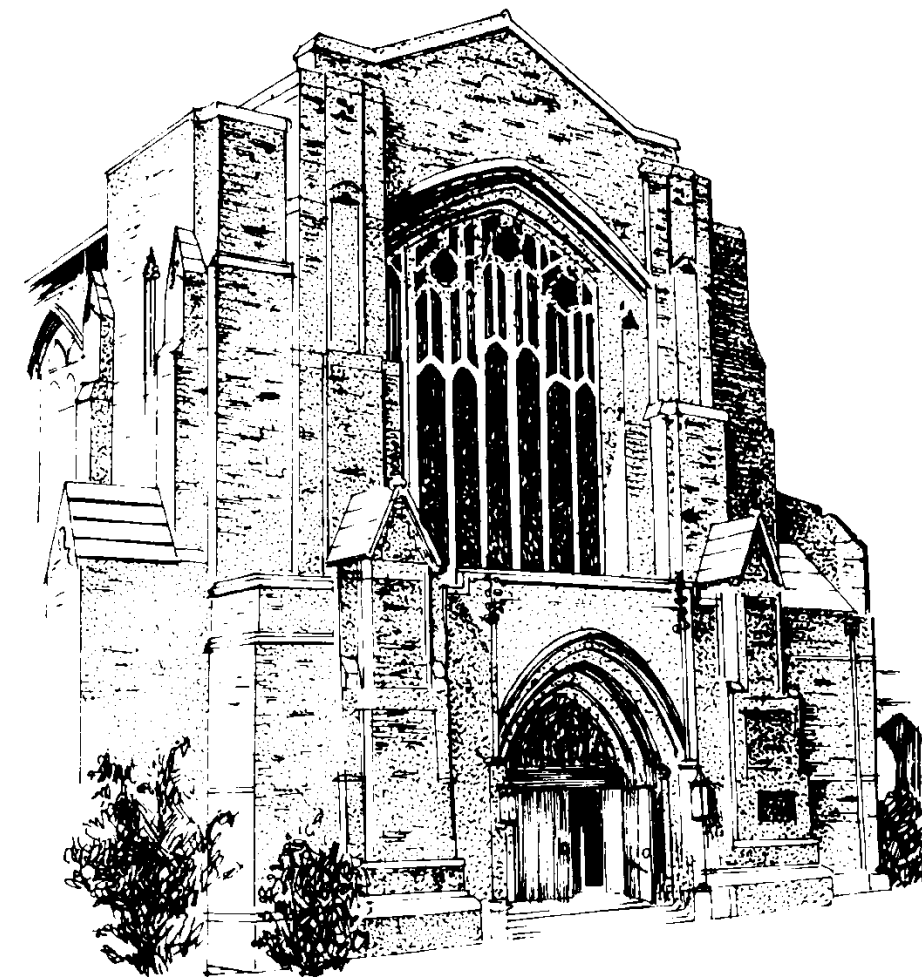
"Can God Really Have Our Best Interest at Heart?"

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

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