

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
February 7, 2016 at Eleven o'clock  
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
Transfiguration of the Lord

*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: O Living Breath of God..... Benjamin Culli

Welcome .....Michael Williams

Introit: Here, O My Lord, I See Thee.....Benedictine Plainsong  
Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;  
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;  
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,  
And all my weariness upon thee lean. Amen.

† Processional Hymn No. 100..... Lauda Anima  
God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us

† Greeting.....Stacy Gonzalez  
Liturgist: *The Lord is Sovereign; let the people tremble in awe.*  
People: **God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.**  
Liturgist: *The Lord is great in Zion, and is high above all peoples.*  
People: **Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God,  
and worship Yahweh upon the holy mountain.**

Collect of Purity (*in unison*)  
**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love thee,  
and worthily magnify thy holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)  
**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all people:  
We acknowledge and bewail  
our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we from time to time  
most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed,**

**against thy divine majesty.  
We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us.  
Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us,  
most merciful Father.  
For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve  
and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer for Pardon

Words of Assurance

The Peace  
Liturgist: *The peace of Christ be with you.*  
People: **And also with you.**

† Gloria in Excelsis (*all shall sing*).....No. 82

**Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will toward all.  
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,  
we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee  
for thy great glory:  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty,  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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 the Gospel: Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a) .....(pew Bible, page 843)

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

Meditation: Being Transformed Into the Image ..... Michael Williams

† The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version.....No. 881

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

The Offering

Anthem: Come Unto Me ..... Bob Chilcott

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.  
(Matthew 11:28-29)

† Presentation of the Elements and the Offering

† Doxology ..... No. 95

† Sursum Corda  
Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*  
People: **And also with you.**  
Celebrant: *Lift up your hearts.*  
People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
Celebrant: *Let us give thanks unto the Lord.*  
People: **It is meet and right so to do.**  
Celebrant: *It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying:*

† Sanctus (*all shall sing*)..... No. 28  
**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Amen.**

Prayer of Consecration

Prayer (*in unison*)  
**O Lord, our heavenly Father,  
we, thy humble servants,  
desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept  
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;  
most humbly beseeching thee to grant that,  
by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
and through faith in his blood,  
we and thy whole Church may obtain  
forgiveness of our sins,  
and all other benefits of his passion.  
And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord,  
ourselves, our souls and bodies,  
to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice unto thee;  
humbly beseeching thee  
that all we who are partakers of this Holy Communion  
may be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.  
And although we be unworthy,  
through our manifold sins,  
to offer unto thee any sacrifice,  
yet we beseech thee  
to accept this our bounden duty and service,  
not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
by whom, and with whom,**

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty,  
world without end. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

Prayer of Humble Access (*in unison*)

We do not presume to come to this thy table,  
O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in thy manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.  
But thou art the same Lord,  
whose property is always to have mercy.  
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to partake of this Sacrament of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
that we may walk in newness of life,  
may grow into his likeness,  
and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Agnus Dei (*all shall sing*) ..... No. 30

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

*The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the  
following hymns during communion: 381, 629, 620, & 635.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: *The peace of the Lord be with you.*  
People: **And also with you.**  
Celebrant: *Let us give thanks unto the Lord.*  
All: **Almighty and most merciful God, from thee comes every good and perfect gift. We give thee praise and thanks for all thy mercies. Thy goodness has created us, thy bounty has sustained us, thy discipline has chastened us, thy patience has borne with us, thy love has redeemed us. Give us a heart to love and serve thee. Today we show our thankfulness for all thy goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to thy service, cheerfully submitting in all things to thy blessed will; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

#### SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 421: Make Me a Captive, Lord .....Diademata

† Benediction

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



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Voluntary: The People Respond - Amen! ..... Dan Locklair  
*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 loving memory of Dr. William H. Likins  
for his 42 years of service in the ministry by his family.

\*\*\*The family invites all to share in the beauty of the altar flowers by taking a few stems home with you as you leave the 11:00 service.\*\*\*

The rose on the altar is in celebration  
of the birth of John Edward "Jack" Pollard  
who was born December 03, 2015  
to Lauren and James Pollard.

He is also welcomed by  
his big sister, Vivian Pollard; grandfather, Tom Trent;  
and his uncle and aunt, Alex and Valerie Trent.

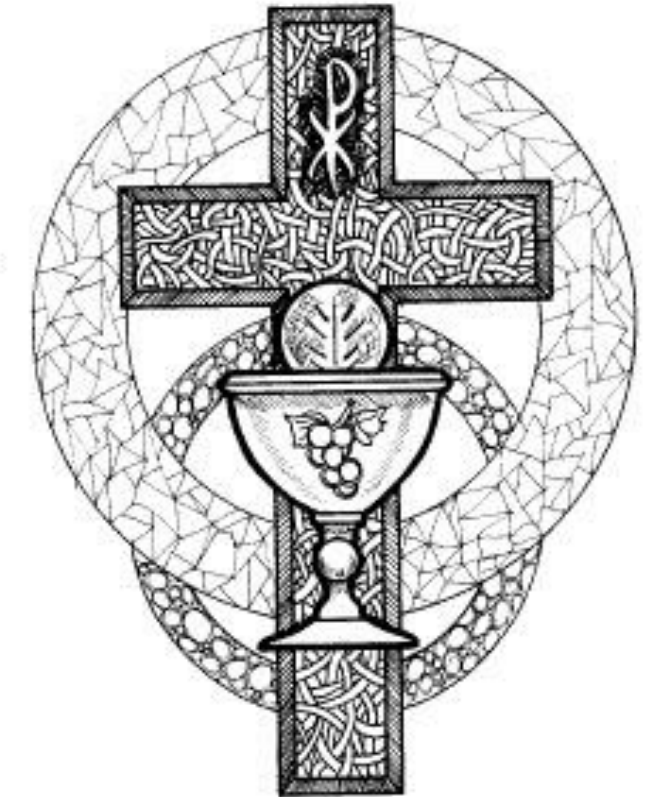
The communion texts used in today's service are adapted from sources that date back to 1549. This historical continuity reminds us of our connection to those who have celebrated this holy meal before us. In eloquent and poetic language, these texts also remind us of our personal relationship with God. Before we come to the table, we are reminded of our need for God's mercy. God's forgiveness enables us to come to the table. 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 and assisting at the organ. Associate Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist. Mo Coombs is alto soloist this morning.

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