

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
January 24, 2016 at Eleven o'clock  
Third Sunday after the Epiphany

*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: Jesu, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts.....Emma Lou Diemer

Welcome.....Erin Racine  
*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: Behold the goodness of our Lord.....Jessie Seymour Irvine  
Behold the goodness of our Lord, how blest it is to be  
A company of God's beloved, in holy unity.

† Processional Hymn No. 66.....Lauda Anima  
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

† Greeting.....Stacy Gonzalez  
Liturgist: *We are the body of Christ.*  
People: **Let us join together in one accord.**  
Liturgist: *God has called us to do sacred work.*  
People: **Let us journey together in Christian love.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)  
**Holy and awesome God,**  
**we stand in your presence**  
**filled with regret for our many sins and failings.**  
**Though there is greatness in us,**  
**and a deep longing for goodness,**  
**we have often denied our better selves**  
**and refused to hear your voice**  
**calling us to rise to the full height of our humanity.**  
**For there is weakness in us, as well as strength.**  
**At times we choose to walk in darkness,**  
**our vision obscured.**  
**We do not care to look within,**  
**and we are unwilling to look beyond**  
**at those who need our help.**  
**O God, we are too weak to walk unaided.**  
**Be with us as a strong and wise friend,**  
**and teach us to walk by the light of your truth.**

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: Come Let's Rejoice.....John Amner

Come let's rejoice to God our Savior, Let us make joy to God our Savior. Let us approach to his presence in confession, and in psalms, let us make joy to him. Alleluia.  
(Paraphrase of the first two verses of Venite)

**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 Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a.....(pew Bible, page 933)

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

† Hymn No. 547: O Church of God, United.....Ellacombe  
*The children are invited to come forward to join Erin at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.*

Sermon: Companions are Essential to Pilgrimage.....Erin Racine

Presentation of Bibles.....Becky Peeler

Pastors, parents, and teachers:  
**Receive the Word of God.**  
**Learn its stories and study its words.**  
**Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all.**  
**They tell us who we are.**  
**They tell us that we belong to one another,**  
**for we are the people of God.**

Children:  
**We receive these Bibles with our hands,**  
**our hearts, and our minds.**

Congregation:  
**We rejoice in this step in your faith journey.**  
**We pray God will guide you, your family,**  
**and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home,**  
**in your small group, and in our worship.**  
**We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.**  
**Thanks be to God!**

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: How Excellent Thy Name.....Howard Hanson

O Lord our Lord, how excellent thy name in all the earth!  
Who hast set thy glory above the heavens. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and stars, which thou hast ordained; what is earth that thou art mindful of us? and the Son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor. Thou madest him to have dominion over the work of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet. Alleluia. (Psalm 8: 1, 3-6)

† Doxology.....No. 95

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.**  
**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.**

## SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. TFWS 2008.....The Ash Grove  
Let All Things Now Living

† Benediction

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



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Voluntary: Allegro con brio from *Sonata IV*.....Felix Mendelssohn  
*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 Robert Adrian Downing  
by his family.

Sarah Scott Hollett,  
daughter of Travis Buckley Hollett and Emily Lombard Hollett,  
was presented for baptism at the eight forty-five service.

Today's Music:

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

The hymn tune Ash Grove is based on a traditional Welsh folk song. It first  
appeared in "The Bardic Museum" in 1802 and had no words. In 1806, the tune  
reappeared with words telling the story of a sailor's love for a young woman  
named Gwen. It first appeared in a hymnal in 1939 when Katherine K. Davis  
used the tune for the text "Let All Things Now Living."

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## THIRD GRADE BIBLES

The following third grade students will receive a Bible today during the  
eleven o'clock service. Be sure to encourage them in their study  
and to pray for them and their families.

Lily Catherine Bury  
William Sergei Dalton Drye  
Connor James Harris  
Margaret Mae Jenkins  
Elsbeth McAbee Keefer  
Henry McAbee Keefer  
Adelle Isabella Medovich  
Margaret Burrows Nelson  
Cailin Margaret Rork  
Vivian Margaret Sanders

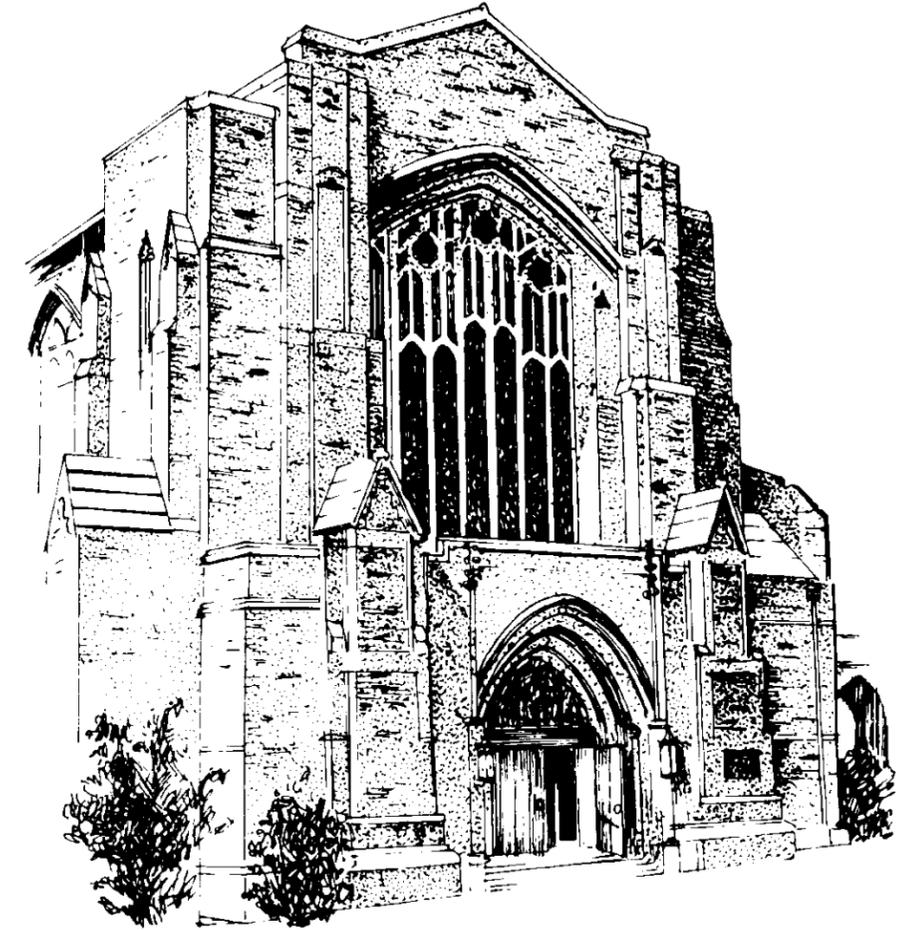
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"Companions are Essential to Pilgrimage"

### 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the  
body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we  
were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were  
all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one  
member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not  
belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if  
the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that  
would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye,  
where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the  
sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one  
of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As  
it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I  
have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."  
On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are  
indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we  
clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with  
greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But  
God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member,  
that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have  
the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it;  
if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.  
Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has  
appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then  
deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership,  
various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers?  
Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues?  
Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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