

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
January 31, 2016 at Eleven o'clock  
Fourth 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: Slow Air in E Minor .....Herbert Howells

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 our given the gifts of heaven, thou the true redeemer art.  
Our bonds thou breakest, our sins thou takest,  
Who trusts thee surely hath built securely and stands forever, Alleluia!

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

† Greeting.....Becky Peeler

Liturgist: *God's Word comes to us in love.*  
People: **God's Word invites us to not be afraid,  
but to place our faith in God.**  
Liturgist: *Let us faithfully trust in the One who knows us and saves us.*  
People: **Today, the Word of God comes to us in love.**  
Liturgist: *God's love invites us to be gracious  
in our love and service to others.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**God of incredible patience,  
we must confess that our love is not always  
what we might hope it would be.  
We focus so much on ourselves,  
the needs of others pale in significance.  
Too often, we find ourselves rejoicing in the miseries of others,  
believing they must have done something  
to deserve what comes their way.  
We continually push our families and friends away from us,  
simply by insisting that everything be done our way.  
Faithful Deliverer of our foolish lives,  
forgive us and have mercy on us.  
As you touch us with faith,  
may we be witnesses to the world of your dreams.**

**As you pour out hope upon us,  
may we be your compassion to those who hurt.  
As you drench us with your love which comes to us in Jesus Christ,  
may we be made whole.**

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: 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)

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 Jack Turner 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, Jack Turner, 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

**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 13:1-13.....(pew Bible, page 934)

Response to the Lesson

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

† Hymn No. 549: Where Charity and Love Prevail.....St. Peter  
*The children are invited to come forward to join Michael at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.*

Sermon.....Revell Michael  
Community and Accountability on the Journey

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church ..... Stacy Gonzalez

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 Can I Keep From Singing.....trad. American, arr. Stroope

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I hear the real, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging. It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? Although the storms around me blow, I know the truth will guide me, although the darkness 'round me grow, my song's the light beside me. While love is lord, is lord of heav'n and earth. How can I keep from singing?

(Anna Bartlett Warner)

† Doxology .....No. 95

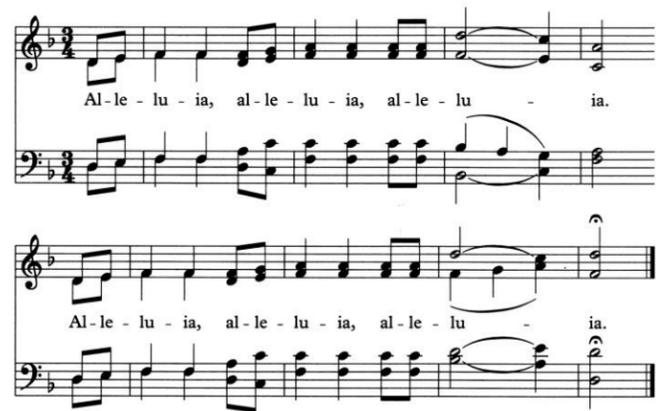
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SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 555: Forward Through the Ages.....St. Gertrude

† Benediction

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



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Voluntary: Prelude in C major BWV 531..... J. S. Bach

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. and Mrs. William Robert Cate, Sr. by their family.

Jack Turner Hughes, son of Ryan and Sara Hughes, is presented for baptism.

Today's Music:

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

The hymn tune St. Gertrude was written by Arthur Sullivan for the text Onward Christian Soldiers. While Sullivan is famous for his operettas that he wrote with W.S. Gilbert, he contributed quite a bit of sacred music to the English church. This tune first appeared in an advertisement for Joseph Barnby's Hymnary in 1874. It was named after St. Gertrude because it was written in the house of Sullivan's friend, Gertrude Clay-Ker-Seymour.

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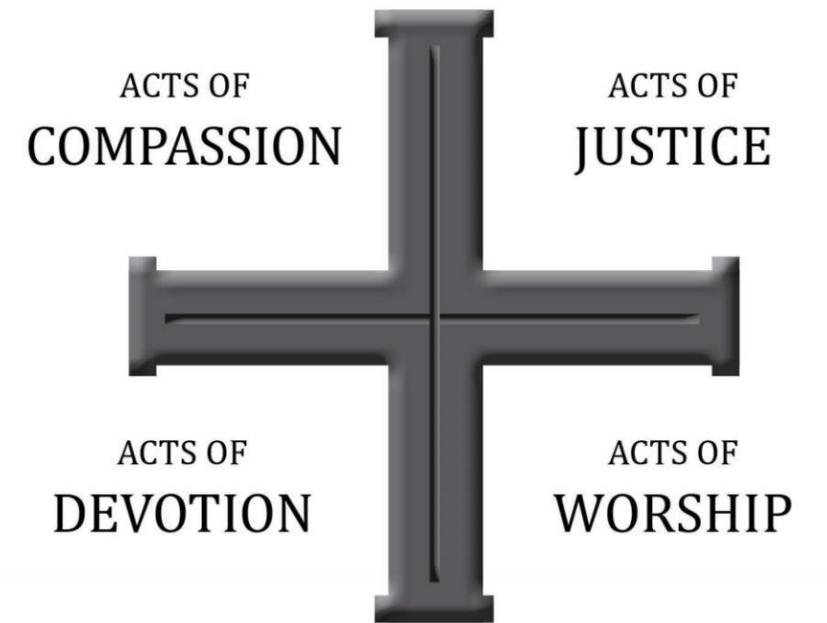
1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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