

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

June 12, 2016 at Eleven o'clock  
Fourth 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: Lied.....Louis Vierne

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: Where Charity and Love Prevail ..... Dundee  
Where charity and love prevail there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ's love, by love are thus we bound.

† Processional Hymn No. 85: We Believe in One True God.....Ratisbon

† Greeting.....Becky Peeler  
Liturgist: *People of summer, gather your hearts for worship.*  
People: **We bring our hearts, and all the love and pain in them.**  
Liturgist: *People of sunshine and of rain, gather your minds for worship.*  
People: **We gather our minds, and all the thoughts and doubts inside.**  
Liturgist: *People of growing things, gather your spirits for worship in this place.*  
People: **Our spirits are gathered, our minds and hearts are ready! Let us worship God!**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)  
**Help us, O God, to keep the faith, to be true to you and true to our best selves. Keep us from living as if the only thing that mattered was being among the privileged. On behalf of ourselves and this world, we ask forgiveness for letting differences lead to conflict, for ignoring the needs of our neighbors near and far, for failing to help those who suffer most. Forgive us all. Let your light never cease to shine upon us with its vision of life as it was meant to be lived.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon  
Liturgist: *God not only listens to the cries on our lips, but also pays attention to the groaning of our hearts. God restores us to wholeness, and invites us to a new way of living.*  
People: **We are welcomed, we are loved, we are given new life, we are filled with peace. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

† 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 Beautiful are the Feet (*from Messiah*).....G. F. Handel

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things. (Isaiah 52:7)

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 Thomas Anders 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, Thomas Anders, 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 Gospel: Luke 7:36-8:3.....(pew Bible, page 840)

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

† Hymn No. 357: Just as I Am, Without One Plea .....Woodworth  
*The children are invited to come forward to join Michael at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.*

Sermon: The Woman and Her Jar.....Michael Williams

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

Joys & Concerns of the Church ..... Emily Robbins

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: Sing We Triumphant Hymns of Praise.....Michael Praetorius

Sing we triumphant hymns of praise Alleluia!  
New hymns to heaven exulting raise: Alleluia!  
Christ by a road before untrod, Alleluia!  
Ascendeth to the throne of God. Alleluia!  
O risen Christ, ascended Lord, Alleluia!  
All praise to Thee let earth accord, Alleluia!  
Who art, while endless ages run, Alleluia!  
With Father and with Spirit one, Alleluia!

† Doxology .....No. 95

**SENDING FORTH**

† Recessional Hymn No. 178: Hope of the World .....Vicar

† Benediction

† Response (all sing): Awake O Sleeper vs. 5.....New Britain  
**For us Christ lived, for us he died, and conquered in the strife.  
Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.**

Voluntary: Toccata in B minor.....Eugene Gigout  
*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.*

Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God  
in honor of Mrs. Carolyn Driver  
and in memory of Dr. Rowe Driver  
by their children.

Thomas Anders Wesseling,  
son of Matt and Lauren Wesseling,  
is presented for baptism.

Today's Music:

Music Participants: Caitlin Dowling is organist-director this morning.  
Margy Bredemann, soprano soloist.

In 1954, the Hymn Society of America sponsored a competition to select a new hymn text for the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches. Out of 500 entries, the winner was "Hope for the World." The author, Georgia Harkness, was one of America's first significant female theologians and was a leading figure in the ecumenical movement. Her career centered around professorships at Garrett Biblical Institute and the Pacific School of Religion.

June 12, 2016  
Preaching: Michael Williams  
*"The Woman and Her Jar"*

**Luke 7:36-8:3**

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him — that she is a sinner." Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "Speak." "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

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