

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

June 5, 2016 at Eleven o'clock
Third 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: Prelude- Choral, Opus 37, No. 4.....Joseph Jongen

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. 126.....Mit Freuden Zart
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

† Greeting Lisa Gwock
Liturgist: Praise the Lord.
People: **Let all who draw breath praise the Lord.**
Liturgist: Happy are those whose help is from God – the One who made heaven and earth, the One who created the seas and all that is in them.
People: **Happy are those whose hope is in God – the One who keeps faith forever, the One who feeds the hungry and defends the oppressed.**
Liturgist: God will reign forever, for all generations. Praise the Lord!
People: **Let all who draw breath praise the Lord.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (in unison)
Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† Words of Assurance
Liturgist: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!
People: **In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

† Passing of the Peace
Liturgist: As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us exchange signs of reconciliation and love. The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
(You are invited to pass the peace of Christ to those around you.)

† An Act of Praise
Antiphon (Choir and Congregation)



Choir: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.

All: **(Antiphon)**

Choir: With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

All: **(Antiphon)**

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 Gospel: Luke 7:11-17..... (pew Bible, page 839)

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

Communion Meditation: The Widow and Her Son.....Michael Williams

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Nancy Hawthorne

The Offering

Offertory: Ave Verum Corpus..... Edward Elgar

Jesu word of God incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born, on the Cross Thy sacred Body for us all with nails was torn. Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from thy pierced side; feed us with Thy Body broken, now and in death's agony. O Jesu, hear us, Son of Mary. (traditional Latin prayer)

† Presentation of the Offering and the Elements

† DoxologyNo. 95

† Thanksgiving
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

† Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

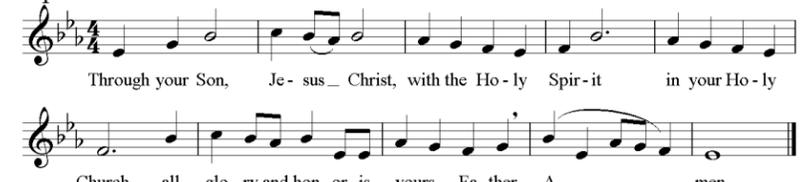
† Sanctus and Benedictus (Choir and Congregation)



Prayer of Remembrance

People:


Prayer of Consecration

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.**

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during communion: 368, 363, & 2238.

† Prayer after Receiving

Celebrant: *You have given yourself to us, Lord.*
People: **Now we give ourselves for others.**
Celebrant: *Your love has made us a new people;*
People: **as a people of love we will serve you with joy.**
Celebrant: *Your glory has filled our hearts;*
People: **help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 436: The Voice of God Is Calling Meirionydd

† Dismissal with Blessing

Celebrant: *Go forth in peace.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*
People: **Amen.**

† 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: Sonata No. 2 in C Major Mvts. III and IV Felix Mendelssohn
*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.*

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Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God
and in honor of the wedding of Sara Matravers and Kevin Hartley
and in memory of her father, Randy Matravers.

The rose on the altar is in celebration
of the birth of Diana Jane Fata
who was born May 15, 2016
to Cynthia and Paul Fata.

Today's Music:

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, director. Mason Boudrye, baritone soloist. Josh Coble and Caitlin Dowling are organists this morning.

Joshua Coble is a native of Huntsville, AL and earned the doctor of musical arts degree at The University of Alabama. He is an instructor of organ at Belmont University and serves as the Associate Organist at Brentwood United Methodist Church.

The texts used in today's Communion service are used in many Christian traditions. They help us to see our relationship to those around us as an expression of our relationship to God. This is best expressed as we confess our sins, are assured of God's forgiveness, and then express that forgiveness with those around us in the "Passing of the Peace." The Peace is an act of reconciliation and blessing, based on New Testament Christian practice. When we are reminded of God's love and mercy, our response is to share that gift with others. United in this forgiveness, we come to the table as a forgiven and reconciled community in love and charity with each other.

Commissioning of the team for our Jr. High Mission Trip will take place during the closing of the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Thank you for all your prayers & support of our week of service here in Nashville! We will be staying in East Nashville and will serve with area ministries including Project Cure, Magness Potter Girls & Boys Club and People Loving Nashville.

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Preaching: Michael Williams
"The Widow and Her Son"

Luke 7:11-17

Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

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