

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
March 13, 2016 at Eleven o'clock
Fifth Sunday in Lent

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: Rhosymedre Raif Vaughan Williams

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: Never Further Than Thy Cross.....Orlando Gibbons

† Processional Hymn No. 181: Ye Servants of God.....Hanover

† Greeting Stacy Gonzalez
Liturgist: *God makes a way in the desert.*
People: **We will journey forward with Christ.**
Liturgist: *God promises new life in the face of death.*
People: **We will journey forward with Christ.**
Liturgist: *God restores hope for those in despair.*
People: **We will journey forward with Christ.**
Liturgist: *Come, let us journey in worship together.*

Anthem: Faith.....Terry Kirkland

Believing without seeing, hoping in the heart, trusting without knowing, seeing in the mind; that's the faith of a child, a child of God, that's the faith of a child of God. For faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Gracious God,
anoint us with your mercy and compassion,
as you hear the sins and sorrows of our hearts.
(Silent confession)
Guide us to be people who face anger and selfishness
with anointing and healing power.
Guide us to be people who face doubt and despair
with hope and determination.
Guide us to receive the new life that you offer,
as we accept your forgiveness, and trust your grace.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

† What Wondrous Love Is This (Verse 1)..... No. 292
What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to
bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

(Please be seated.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination
Holy God, Word made flesh, let us hear this word open to your voice. Silence our agendas, confound our expectations, and clear the cobwebs from our ears. We know that you can, we pray that you will, and we wait with great anticipation. Amen.

Lesson from the Psalter: Psalm 126.....(pew Bible, page 499)

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

SermonMichael Williams
Can Tears of Sorrow Really Lead to Tears of Joy?

† Affirmation of Faith: Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39..... No. 887

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

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: If Ye Love Me.....Phillip Stopford

If ye love me keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father and he will give you another comforter, That he may abide with you forever. Even the spirit of truth.

† DoxologyNo. 95

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 168: At the Name of Jesus.....King's Weston

† Benediction

† Response (all sing)..... Tallis Canon
Throughout these Lenten days and nights
We turn to walk the inward way,
Where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,
We live in hope till Easter day.

Voluntary: Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 671.....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 this morning are from the wedding of Sarah Kathleen Andrews and Roberts Clark Benton. They are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sarah's grandfather, Mr. Thomas Reese Bethune, Jr. and Clark's grandfather, Mr. Bruce Webb Benton.

Today's Music:

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, director. Associate Andrew Risinger is organist/accompanist. Caitlin Dowling is assisting at the organ. The Chapel Choirs. Andrew Risinger is directing this morning.

"At the Name of Jesus" was written by Ralph Vaughan Williams in 1925. The tune was written specifically for this text by Caroline Noel. The text and tune first appeared in the collection, *Songs of Praise*. The tune's name, King's Weston, refers to a manor house on the Avon River near Bristol, England.

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Preaching: Michael Williams
"Can Tears of Sorrow Really Lead to Tears of Joy?"

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.