

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
May 22, 2016 at Eleven o'clock
First Sunday after Pentecost/Trinity Sunday

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: Two Trios from op. 49..... Josef Rheinberger
No. 3 in A minor
No. 4 in D-flat major

WelcomeMichael 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: Make me a Clean Heart.....George Thalben Ball

† Processional Hymn No. 545: The Church's One Foundation.....Aurelia

† Greeting.....Lisa Gwock
Liturgist: *From the very whisper of creation, God poured forth love.*
People: **Praise be to God for the blessings of God's love.**
Liturgist: *In the fullness of time, God sent Jesus as a revelation of God's own self.*
People: **Praise be to Jesus for the many ways in which he revealed God to us.**
Liturgist: *When we thought all hope was lost, God offered the Holy Spirit to heal and guide us.*
People: **Praise be to the Holy Spirit for guidance and inspiration!**
Liturgist: *For the Trinity of understanding, we sing praise!*
People: **Blessings, honor, power, and majesty to God forevermore! AMEN.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
**God of Creation, Jesus Redeemer,
Holy Spirit who guides and sustains us,
hear our prayers this day.**
**We know the many ways we have failed
to do the tasks you have set before us.**
We have often chosen our comfort over service to you.
**Our fears and doubts lay claim to our lives,
and we shrink from the opportunities you give us.**
Forgive us for the many failings.
Lift and restore us to your grace.

**Put our feet on the pathways of service,
offering justice and peace to all people.**
**Heal us, O gracious One,
for we ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ.**

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: The Peace of God.....K. Lee Scott

Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by supplication with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. For peace with God above and every sin forgiven, for all our hope of heaven, we lift our hearts in love. The peace of God be ours enfolding every part, possessing thought and heart, the will and all its powers. The God of peace defend and keep us all our days unwearied in his praise, whose peace shall never end. (Philippians 4:6-7; Tim Dudley Smith)

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 John Edward 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, John Edward, 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: John 16:4b-15.....(pew Bible, page 878)

Response to the Lesson

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

† Hymn No. 603: Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts InspireWinchester Old
The children are invited to come forward to join Michael at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.

Sermon: The Third Person.....Michael Williams

† The World Methodist Social Affirmation No. 886

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: Let Thy Hand Be Strengthened.....John Blow

Let thy hand be strengthened and thy right hand be exalted.
Let justice and judgment be the preparation of thy seat. Let
mercy and truth go before thy face. Alleluia.
(Psalm 89:13-14)

† Doxology No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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.
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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
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SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 64: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty.....Nicaea

† Benediction

† Response (all sing) No. 393: Spirit of the Living God..... Living God
**Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me. Spirit of the living God,
fall a-fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.**

Voluntary: Fantasia in G Minor BWV 541.....J.S. Bach
*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
from the wedding of
Katie Ostrander and Chester Yeager.

John Edward Pollard,
son of James Paul Pollard and Lauren Trent Pollard,
is presented for baptism.

Today's Music:

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir, Minister of Music Matthew Phelps
organist-director. Caitlin Dowling is assisting at the organ and conducting.

Josef Rheinberger was one of the most prolific composers, especially for the
organ, in the nineteenth century. Though he is often overshadowed by his more
famous counterpart Johannes Brahms, Rheinberger wrote numerous works of
all kinds including 20 sonatas for the organ, 17 Masses, numerous cantatas, 2
operas, and 2 symphonies. His trios heard this morning are wonderful works
that harken back to Bach and show Rheinberger's ingenuity and expressiveness
as a composer.

May 22, 2016
Preaching: Michael Williams
"The Third Person"

John 16:4b-15

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I
was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none
of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said
these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.
Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go
away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you;
but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will
prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and
judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about
righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see
me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has
been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you
cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will
guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but
will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the
things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take
what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine.
For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it
to you.

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