

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
September 4, 2016 at Eleven o'clock
Sixteenth 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: The Peace May Be Exchanged.....Dan Locklair

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: O Let Us Praise Thee..... Richard Farrant
O let us praise thee, thou our God, and so let all our days;
and O let heaven's eternal day be thine eternal praise!

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

† Greeting Chris Allen
Liturgist: *We come to worship God,*
People: **who knows us even before we speak.**
Liturgist: *We come to the house of God,*
People: **to praise His marvelous works.**
Liturgist: *We come to be the people of God,*
People: **a family of faith committed to the life of discipleship.**

† 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 the Gospel: Luke 14:25-33 (pew Bible, page 850)

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

Communion Meditation.....Michael Williams
Jesus Teaches His Disciples to Count the Cost

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

The Offering

Offertory Anthem: I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath..Lloyd Pfautsch
I'll praise my Maker while I've breath and when my voice is lost in death, praise shall employ my nobler powers. My days of praise shall ne'er be past, while life, and thought, and being last, or immortality endures. Happy are they whose hopes rely on Israel's God, who made the skies and earth and seas, with all their train; whose truth forever stands secure, who saves th'oppressed, and feeds the poor, for none shall find God's promise vain. The Lord pours

eyesight on the blind; the Lord supports the fainting mind and sends the laboring conscience peace. God helps the stranger in distress, the widow and the fatherless, and grants the prisoner sweet release. I'll praise my God who lends me breath; and when my voice is lost in death, praise shall employ my nobler powers. My days of praise shall ne'er be past, while life, and thought, and being last, or immortality endures.

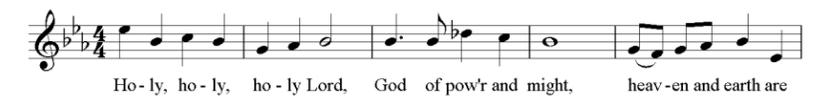
† Presentation of the Offering and the Elements

† 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

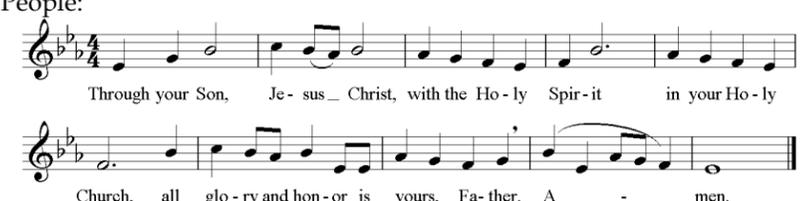
† Sanctus and Benedictus (*Choir and Congregation*)



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

Anthem: Come Unto Him.....James Dunn

After the anthem, the congregation is invited join the choir in singing the following hymns: 612, 623, & 630.

† 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. 568: Christ for the World We SingItalian Hymn

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



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TAIZÉ ALLELUIA
Irregular

Voluntary: Praise the Lord With Drums and Cymbals..... Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*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 loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Hughes Dobson, Jr.
and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Warthen Smith,
parents of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Hughes Dobson, IV.

The rose on the altar is in celebration
of the birth of Andrew Barrick Nielson, Jr.
who was born August 22, 2016 to
Josie Hale Nielson and Andrew Barrick Nielson.

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

Today's Music:

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933) was a German composer best known for
his numerous organ compositions. As a composer writing during the
turn of the 20th century, Karg-Elert had numerous influences and a
large musical palette to work from. However, in the score for "Praise
the Lord with Drums and Cymbals," Karg-Elert wrote in the score, "alla
Handel." You can hear the music of Handel in the different echoes used
and the fast figurations that give the music its exuberant energy.

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Preaching: Michael Williams

"Jesus Teaches His Disciples to Count the Cost"

Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and
said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and
mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life
itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross
and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending
to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to
see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he
has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will
begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was
not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against
another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is
able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him
with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still
far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So
therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give
up all your possessions.

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