

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
February 5, 2017 at Eleven o'clock
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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: Communion.....Louis Vierne

WelcomeStacy Gonzalez
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: Here O My Lord I See Thee Face to FacePlainsong
Here O my Lord I see Thee face to face. Here would I touch and handle things unseen; Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, and all my weariness upon thee lean. Amen.

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

† Greeting..... Lisa Gwock
Liturgist: *Hear this morning the voice of the Lord.*
People: **Let our hearts be moved by the promptings of the Word.**
Liturgist: *See this morning the love of the Lord.*
People: **Let our minds be illuminated by the light of God.**
Liturgist: *Be changed this morning by the grace of the Lord.*
People: **Let our souls turn again to the path of Christ.**

† 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
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 5:7-32..... (pew Bible, pages 836-837)

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

Communion Meditation: "Good Fences"Stacy Gonzalez

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Becky Peeler

The Offering

Offertory: Here O My Lord..... Eleanor Daley

Here, O my Lord I see Thee face to face, here would I touch and handle things unseen, Here grasp with firmer hands eternal grace, And all my weariness upon Thee lean. Here would I feed upon the bread of God, here drink with Thee the royal wine of heaven, Here would I lay aside each earthly load, and taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven. This is the hour of banquet and of song, this is the heavenly table spread for me, Here let me feast, and feasting still prolong the brief bright hour of fellowship with Thee. Amen. (Horatius Bonar)

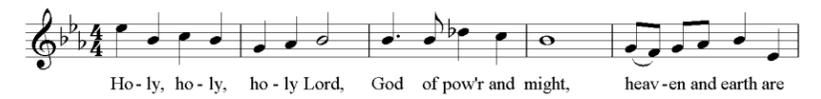
† Presentation of the Offering and the Elements

† Doxology No. 95

† Thanksgiving.....Nancy Parker
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:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Prayer of Consecration

People:

Through your Son, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in your Ho - ly

Church, all glo - ry and hon - or is yours, Fa - ther. A - men.

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

After the anthem, the congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during communion: 381, 629, 620, & 635

† 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. 384 Beecher
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

† 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): Together Met, Together Bound..... Land of Rest
**Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
And as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.**

Voluntary: The People Respond - Amen! Dan Locklair
*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 to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Dr. William H. Likins for his 42 years of service in the ministry by his family.
***The family invites all to share in the beauty of the altar flowers by taking a
few stems home with you as you leave the 11:00 service.***

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

Hymnic Notes: The processional hymn on the transcendence and praise-
worthiness of the Holy Trinity is based in part on Rev. 4:8-11 and John's vision
of the unceasing worship in heaven, and is widely acclaimed as the paradigm
of a singable and memorable hymn composed on a single theme. NICAEA is
John V. Dykes's finest, most sung tune and a perfect match for the romantic
yet refined literary qualities of Heber's text. The tune is named for the 1st
Ecumenical Council held at Nicaea in Asia Minor in 325 CE, whose
formalization of the doctrine of the Trinity, that was modified at the 2nd
Ecumenical Council held in Constantinople in 381 CE, is traditionally called
The Nicene Creed (see hymnal 880), the most universally used creed in
Christendom. The recessional is a vision of the church's mission that is fulfilled
by its diverse constituents as a light and hope to the world. The author
is Professor of Worship at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary,
Evanston, IL.
(Hymnic notes by Carlton Young)

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.

February 5, 2017
Preaching: Stacy Gonzalez
"Good Fences"

Luke 5:7-32

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