

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
February 12, 2017 at Eleven o'clock
Sixth 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: Fantasy in E Major..... Harold Darke

Welcome.....Nancy Parker

Introit: Christ, We Do All Adore Thee.....Theodore Dubois
Christ we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever.
For on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.

† Processional Hymn No. 674.....Unser Herrscher
See the Morning Sun Ascending

† Greeting.....Emily Robbins

Liturgist: *Happy are those who walk in God's ways.*

People: **Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.**

Liturgist: *Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.*

People: **Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.**

Liturgist: *Come, let us love the Lord our God.*

People: **We come to worship the One who leads us
in the ways of life.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Loving God, you call us to walk in your ways,
observe your commandments,
and love you as you have loved us.**

**You offer us a community of abundant blessing,
with rich soil to promote dynamic growth.**

**Yet we often turn away from you
to satisfy our own wants and desires.**

**We forsake the way of love and forgiveness,
giving in to petty jealousies and quarreling,
and surrendering our lofty ideals
to our baser inclinations.**

Forgive us, O God.

**When we flee from your embrace,
draw us into community with you
and with one another.**

**Shower us with the cleansing waters of humility,
that we may reclaim our purpose
and find nourishment and growth
in labors of love
to bring your kingdom into our midst.**

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.....Gilbert Martin

Come, all people, sing to the Savior, sing out loud and sing it out strong,
Sing and praise his wonder and glory, sing to his name with a joyful song.
Sweet hosannas, loudly sing to you Savior and to your King!

When the mothers gathered around him with their tender children so mild,
With his open arms he received them, and on the little ones gently smiled.
Sweet hosannas, loudly sing to you Savior and to your King!

There in heaven's happy regions angels chorus high.
Twice ten thousand times ten thousand praise him through the sky.
Sweet hosannas, loudly sing to you Savior and to your King!

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: Matthew 5:13-16.....(pew Bible, page 786)

Response to the Lesson

Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Hymn No. 430: O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee.....Maryton
*The children are invited to come forward to join Michael at the chancel
during the last stanza of the hymn.*

Sermon: Season and Illuminate.....Nancy Parker

† Affirmation of Faith of the United Church of Canada No. 883

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

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.....Peter Ilych Tchaikovsky

Glory to God (from the Liturgy of St. John)

Glory to God most high, to Father, Son, and Spirit both now and
forever and forever and ever more. The only Son of God the
everlasting Word of God who designed for our salvation to become
incarnate. He who deigned to humble himself and to become
incarnate through the Virgin Mary. He, the Lord of all might became
incarnate Christ our Lord was crucified, death and grave were
vanquished. O blessed and Triune God. We beseech thee hear our
cry. May the Holy Spirit hear us, O hear our prayer. Lord our God
have mercy. Lord most merciful. Amen. (G. Frederick Wright)

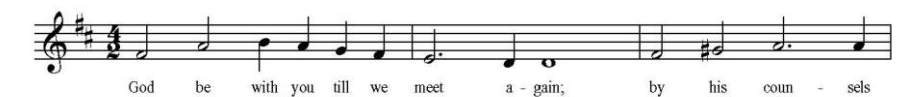
† DoxologyNo. 95

SENDING FORTH

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

† Benediction

† Response (all sing).....Ralph Vaughan Williams
God Be with You Til We Meet Again



Voluntary:.....Felix Mendelssohn

*Allegro Maestoso from Sonata IV in B-flat Major
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 Flower Fund provides flowers for West End's worship service when none have been donated. Today's flowers are made possible by this fund. If you would like to contribute, please mark your check or envelope "Flower Fund."

The rose on the Communion Table celebrates the birth of Brian Thomason (Thomas) Freeman, II born on Feb. 2, 2017 to Katie and Brian Freeman.

Today's Music:

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

Hymnic Notes: The processional hymn invites us to join with the whole creation in singing praises to God (Revelation 5:11-14; 7:11-12); and be thankful for God's day by day blessings.

The recessional was written by John Haynes Holmes, pastor and social prophet, at the turn of the 20th century when the USA had entered an era of prosperity and progress in part marked by the mass migration of people into urban centers where one person in three was close to starving to death, living in overcrowding, inadequate water facilities, unpaved streets, and disease. It is one of few remaining social gospel hymns composed in the early 20th century on the sins of the city and the Christian redemption of it; its wedding to the Welsh tune MEIRIONYDD has helped sustain its popularity. *(Hymnic notes by Carlton Young)*

February 12, 2017
Preaching: Nancy Parker
"Season and Illuminate"

Matthew 5:13-16

You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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