

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
February 12, 2017 at Eight Forty-five  
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  
*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: Lord Jesus Christ.....17<sup>th</sup> c. German

† 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

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.**

† 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.)*

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

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

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: Jubilate Deo.....John Ireland

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness,  
and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord,  
he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his  
people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates  
with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto  
him, and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy  
is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation.  
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.  
*Psalms 100*

† Doxology .....No. 95

SENDING FORTH

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

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Amen ..... Peter C. Lutkin

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: John Nance

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.

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Associate Minister of Music,  
Andrew Risinger is directing. Caitlin Dowling is assisting at the organ.

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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