

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
February 19, 2017 at Eleven o'clock
Seventh 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: O God Thou Faithful God.....Flor Peeters

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: O Light Everlasting.....Jean Pasquet
O light everlasting. O love never failing,
do thou raise us by thy love and draw us near to thee.

† Processional Hymn No. 73: O Worship the King.....Lyons

† Greeting.....Becky Peeler
Liturgist: *You we praise, O God! You we praise!*
People: We will sing our songs of joy this day and in all the days to come!
Liturgist: *You shower us with your hope; you offer us help in every moment.*
People: You we praise, O God! You we praise!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
**We do not want you to know
how our lives do not proclaim your good news,
God of all hearts.
But you have heard the words we have spoken
that injure those we love.
You see how insistent we can be
in clinging to the ways we have always lived,
rather than walking your new paths.
We have trouble believing that when our souls are empty
and our hearts have only a small portion of love,
you can do miracles in and through us.
Let your grace shower us and end the drought
of fear and doubt in our lives,
so we can believe the good news that comes to us
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

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: Be Strong in the Lord.....Nan Grantham

Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord
Stand in his power, stand in his grace.
Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord
Trust him in everything.

Stand firm in the word of God.
Stand firm in his promises.
Stand firm in the solid rock of faith in Jesus Christ.

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 she may grow in her service to others. We will pray for her that she 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 Lydia Mary to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.*

† People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you, Lydia Mary, 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 ResponseNo. 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 Old Testament: 1 Kings 17:1-16.....(pew Bible, page 282)

Response to the Lesson

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

† Hymn No. 2170 TFWS: God Made from One BloodSt. Eeniil
The children are invited to come forward to join Michael at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.

Sermon: Receiving.....Michael Williams

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

† 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.)

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Dane Van Eys

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: Trust in the LordDaniel Gawthrop
Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path. For in Him are all the blessings of heaven and from His mouth cometh wisdom. Seek Him and He shall grant you the sweetest desires of your heart. Lift your voice to His glory, lift your hands to His work. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and He shall direct your path. Trust in Him. (Jane Griner)

† Doxology No. 95

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 428:Cwm Rhondda
For the Healing of the Nations

† Benediction

† Benediction Response:Amazing Grace

All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord (All Sing)

**All praise to our redeeming Lord, who joins us by his grace,
And bids us, each to each restored, together seek his face.**

Voluntary.....Maurice Duruflé

Fugue on the Carillon Theme from the Cathedral of Soissons

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
and in loving memory of William A. Shell by his family.

Lydia Mary Humphrey,
daughter of Seth Humphrey and Anna Long-Humphrey,
will be presented for baptism in the 11am service today.

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

Hymnic Notes: The processional calls us to praise a powerful, creative,
eternal, and caring God in some of the most enduring lines in English
hymnody, e.g., 'Thy bountiful care . . . streams from the hills, it descends to
the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.' The author was born in
India and led a distinguished public life as a lawyer, and governor of Bombay.

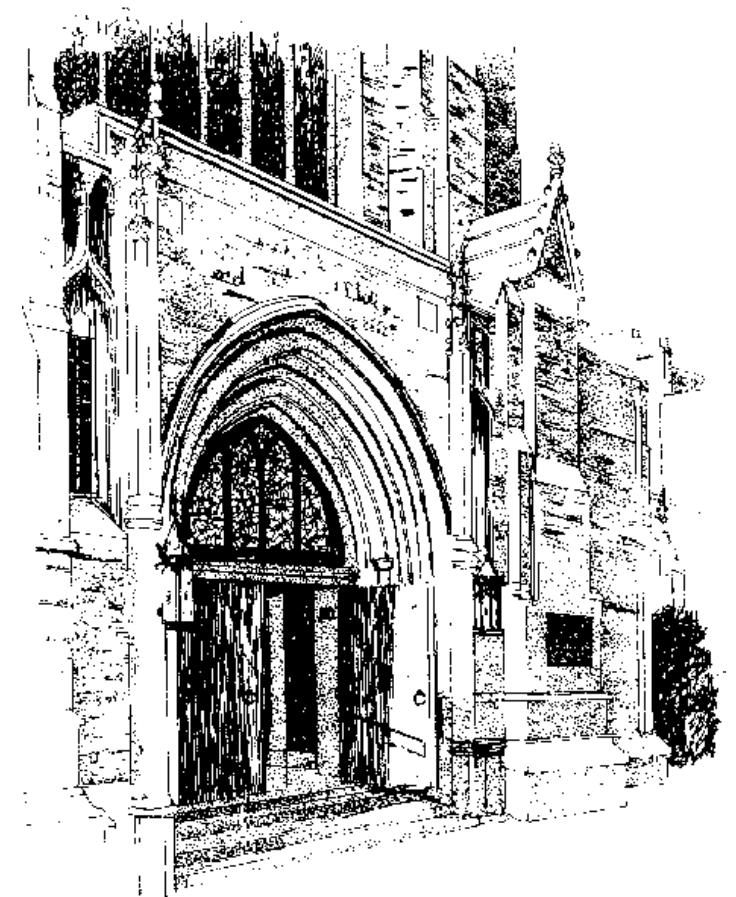
The recessional was written in 1965 to mark Human Rights Day in the
author's church, Plymouth, UK. This observance, celebrating The Universal
Declaration of Human Rights proclaimed by the United Nations General
Assembly in Paris in 1948, is in one of The United Methodist Church's six
church-wide Special Sundays. The tune name, CWM RHONDDA, literally
means Rhondda Valley, after a coal mining district in South Wales, UK.
(Hymnic notes by Carlton Young)

February 19, 2017
Preaching: Michael Williams
"Receiving"

1 Kings 17:1-16

Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab,
"As the Lord the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand,
there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my
word." The word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Go from
here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the Wadi
Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. You shall drink from
the wadi, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you
there." So he went and did according to the word of the
Lord; he went and lived by the Wadi Cherith, which is east
of the Jordan. The ravens brought him bread and meat in
the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he
drank from the wadi. But after a while the wadi dried up,
because there was no rain in the land. Then the word of the
Lord came to him, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which
belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a
widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to
Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow
was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring
me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she
was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a
morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord
your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of
meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a
couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for
myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said
to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but
first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and
afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For
thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not
be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that
the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as
Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate
for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did
the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he
spoke by Elijah.

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