

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
February 26, 2017 at Eleven o'clock
Transfiguration Sunday

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: If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee, BWV 647.....J. S. Bach

Welcome.....Michael Williams

Introit: Where Charity and Love Prevail.....Dundee
Where charity and love prevail there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's Love by love are we thus bound.

† Processional Hymn No. 62.....Lasst Uns Erfreuen
All Creatures of Our God and King Vs. 1-3, 7

† Greeting.....Nancy Parker
Liturgist: *God is with us, right here and now.*
People: **We open our lives to our creator.**
Liturgist: *God cares for us and gives us glory.*
People: **We open our hearts to our creator.**
Leader: *God appoints us keepers of the earth.*
People: **We dedicate ourselves to our creator.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Before God and God's people,
I confess that I have been reluctant to speak out clearly
naming the injustice I see and declaring God's vision.
We confess our reluctance to receive our calling as God's people,
made by God and chosen as witnesses
to God's dream of justice and joy.
Remind me, God,
that you have made me for your service
and recharge me with your Word.
Renew us, God.
Grant us courage to live out your way of peace and grace.

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.)

Voluntary: There is Balm in Gilead.....Trad. Spiritual, arr. Ingram

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 28:16-20.....(pew Bible, page 812)

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

† Hymn No. 539: O Spirit of the Living God.....Forest Green
The children are invited to come forward to join Michael
at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.

Sermon: Go and NeighborMichael 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.....Erin Racine

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: Great is the Lord Our Maker.....Michael Haydn
Great is the Lord, our maker; praise ye his holy name with gladness.
Joyfully praise His holy name. Praise Him, ye nations, fall down
before him, let all mankind adore him and praise his name. Alleluia.
(Reinhard G. Pauly)

† Doxology.....No. 95

Reception of New Members

Liturgist: *Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*
these persons are now entrusted to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.
People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given**
you, 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.

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 166.....Sine Nomine
All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

† Benediction

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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MUSIC: Jacques Berthier
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TAIZÉ ALLELUIA
Irregular

Voluntary: Prelude in B Major.....Marcel Dupre
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 flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of their parents,
Betty Ann and Bobby Goodall and Donna Landsheft and Donald Niewold
by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ralls Niewold.

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir and Joy Ringers. Minister of Music,
Matthew Phelps, is directing. Associate Andrew Risinger is
organist/accompanist. Caitlin Dowling is assisting at the organ.
Roger Wiesmeyer, oboe.

Hymnic Notes: The processional is adapted from St. Francis of Assisi's
'Canticle of the Sun,' also known as 'Laudes Creaturarum' (Praise of the
Creatures) a popular Italian spiritual song (*Laude spiritual*) that was sung in
religious gatherings outside of the liturgy. It uniquely praises elements of
God's creation in terms of sisters and brothers, and expresses the oneness and
interdependence of humanity with all of creation.

The recessional is based on a portion of St. Paul's letter to the Christian
community in Philippi (see text, the hymnal 167) that calls them to follow the
example of Jesus's self-emptying (Greek: kenosis) and become entirely
receptive to God's divine will. Paul's admonition is thought to be based on an
early Christian creedal hymn. (*Hymnic Notes by Carlton Young*)

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February 26, 2017
Preaching: Michael Williams
"Go and Neighbor"

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which
Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but
some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in
heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make
disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything
that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to
the end of the age."

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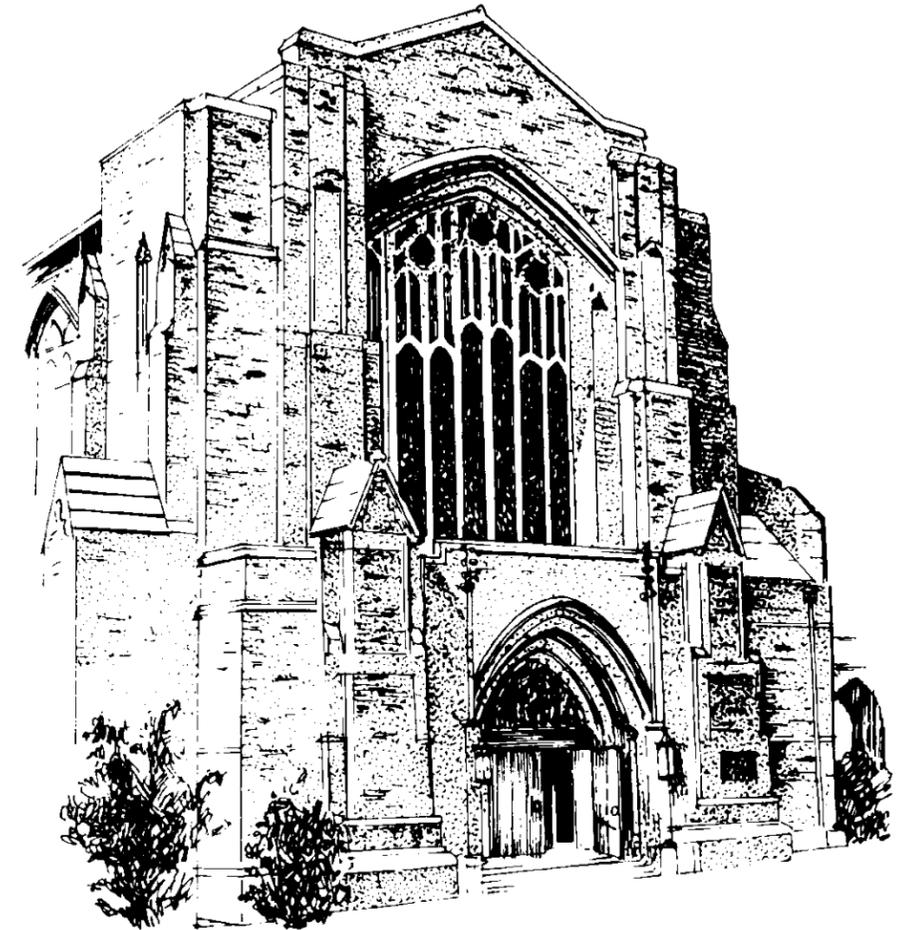
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