

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
February 26, 2017 at Eight Forty-five
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: There is a Balm in Gilead.....Trad. Spiritual, arr. Ingram

Welcome.....Michael 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: Lord Jesus Christ.....17th c. German

† 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

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.**

† Gloria Patri.....No. 71
The children are invited to come forward during the singing of the Gloria Patri to join Michael at the chancel.

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: 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.....Felix Mendelssohn
How Lovely Are The Messengers from *St. Paul*

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace!
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

† Doxology.....No. 95

SENDING FORTH

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

† Benediction

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

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 Ushers: John Nance and Byron Burrus

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 Sanctuary Choir. Associate Minister of Music,
Andrew Risinger-director. Caitlin Dowling is assisting at the organ.
The Joy Ringers, Minister of Music Matthew Phelps-director.

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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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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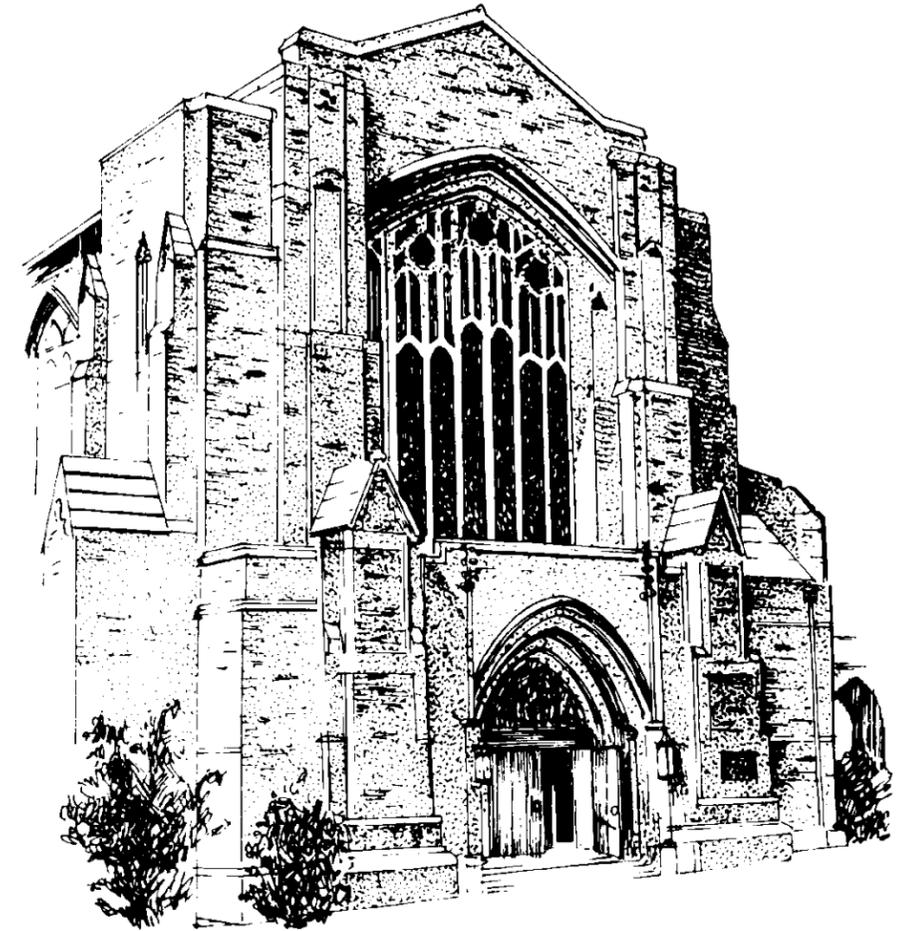
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