

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
March 5, 2017 at Eight Forty-five  
First Sunday of Lent

*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: Five Sacred Dances.....Margaret Sandresky  
I. Processional

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 Who Throughout These Forty Days .....Richard Redhead

† Processional Hymn No. 126.....Mit Freuden Zart  
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

† Greeting ..... Lisa Gwock  
Liturgist: *Today the Lenten journey begins. Are you ready?*  
People: **There is so much I still have to do. I am not sure I'll ever be.**  
Liturgist: *Let go of those things that keep you from the journey.*  
People: **Lord, help me look and see the ways in which I have abandoned you.**  
Liturgist: *Come, let us worship and feel the power of freedom in God.*  
People: **O Lord, open our hearts today to receive your freeing love.**

Collect of Purity (*in unison*)  
**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love thee,  
and worthily magnify thy holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)  
**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all people:  
We acknowledge and bewail  
our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we from time to time  
most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed,  
against thy divine majesty.**

**We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us.  
Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us,  
most merciful Father.  
For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve  
and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer for Pardon

Words of Assurance

The Peace  
Liturgist: *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.)*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)  
**Holy God, Word made flesh, let us hear this word open to your voice. Silence our agendas, confound our expectations, and clear the cobwebs from our ears. We know that you can, we pray that you will, and we wait with great anticipation. Amen.**

Lesson from the New Testament: Romans 7:14-25 ..... (pew Bible, page 918)

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

Meditation: Who Will Deliver Me? .....Michael Williams

† Affirmation: I Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20 ..... No. 888

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

The Offering

Anthem: Requests .....Anthony Cæsar

I asked for Peace – my sins arose, and bound me close;  
I could not find release.  
I asked for Truth – my doubts came in, and with their din  
they wearied all my youth.  
I asked for Love – my lovers failed, and griefs assailed around,  
beneath, above.  
I asked for Thee – and Thou didst come to take me home  
within my heart to be.

*Digby Mackworth Dolben (1848-1867)*

† Presentation of the Elements and the Offering

† Doxology .....No. 95

† Sursum Corda  
Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*  
People: **And also with you.**  
Celebrant: *Lift up your hearts.*  
People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
Celebrant: *Let us give thanks unto the Lord.*  
People: **It is meet and right so to do.**  
Celebrant: *It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying:*

† Sanctus (*all shall sing*) .....No. 28  
**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Amen.**

Prayer of Consecration (*in unison*)  
**O Lord, our heavenly Father,  
we, thy humble servants,  
desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept  
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;  
most humbly beseeching thee to grant that,  
by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
and through faith in his blood,  
we and thy whole Church may obtain  
forgiveness of our sins,  
and all other benefits of his passion.  
And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord,  
ourselves, our souls and bodies,  
to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice unto thee;  
humbly beseeching thee  
that all we who are partakers of this Holy Communion  
may be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.  
And although we be unworthy,  
through our manifold sins,  
to offer unto thee any sacrifice,  
yet we beseech thee  
to accept this our bounden duty and service,  
not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
by whom, and with whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty,  
world without end. Amen.**

Breaking the Bread

Prayer of Humble Access (*in unison*)

**We do not presume to come to this thy table,  
O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in thy manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.**

**But thou art the same Lord,  
whose property is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to partake of this Sacrament of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
that we may walk in newness of life,  
may grow into his likeness,  
and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Agnus Dei (*all shall sing*) .....No. 30

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.**

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup

The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing  
the following hymns: 286, 287, 289, & 296.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: *The peace of the Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: *Let us give thanks unto the Lord.*

All: **Almighty and most merciful God, from thee comes every good and perfect gift. We give thee praise and thanks for all thy mercies. Thy goodness has created us, thy bounty has sustained us, thy discipline has chastened us, thy patience has borne with us, thy love has redeemed us. Give us a heart to love and serve thee. Today we show our thankfulness for all thy goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to thy service, cheerfully submitting in all things to thy blessed will; through Jesus Christ Savior. Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH**

† Recessional Hymn No. 163: Ask Ye What Great Things I Know .....Hendon

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Amen ..... Dresden

Voluntary: Prélude from *Trois Pièces* ..... Gabriel Pierné

*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 altar flowers are given today to the glory of God  
by Cheryl and Allen Patton  
in memory of Cheryl's father, Ray E. Cruze, who recently passed;  
and to commemorate the 99<sup>th</sup> birthday of Mildred Cruze, Cheryl's mother.

The communion texts used in today's service are adapted from sources that date back to 1549. This historical continuity reminds us of our connection to those who have celebrated this holy meal before us. In eloquent and poetic language, these texts also remind us of our personal relationship with God. Before we come to the table, we are reminded of our need for God's mercy. God's forgiveness enables us to come to the table. United in this forgiveness, we come to the table as a forgiven and reconciled community in love and charity with each other.

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 of praise contrasts strong and powerful biblical metaphors for God who reigns above, God of all creation, God of power, with personal pietistic descriptions, God an 'ever present help and stay,' and 'As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band.' The melody has a long association with the Bohemian Brethren. The hymns and hymn singing of their 18<sup>th</sup> century German/British counterpart, Moravians, greatly influenced John and Charles Wesley.

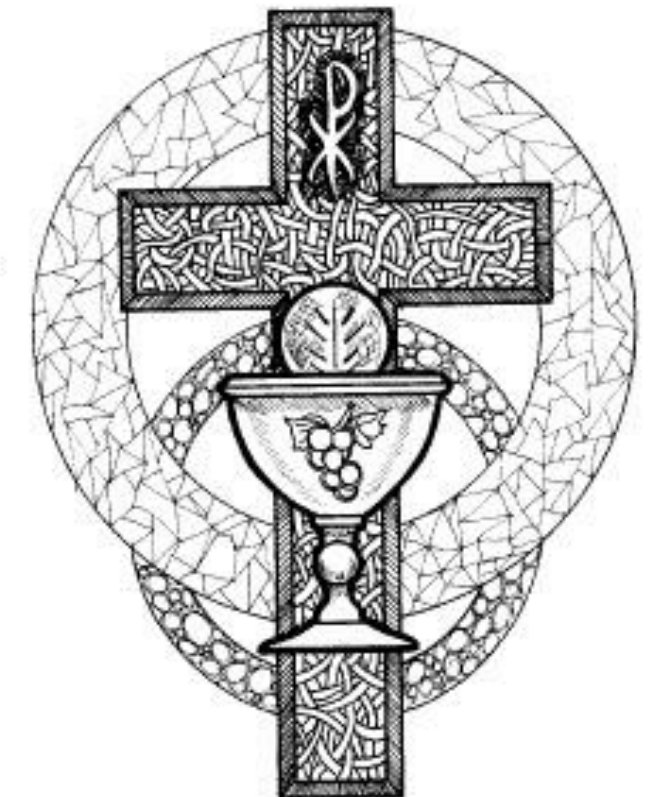
The recessional hymn poses a series of questions with a single answer, reflecting the all-sufficiency of Christ Jesus, the crucified Savior. The form resembles an interlocutor being addressed: 'are you asking me what great thing I know? Well, I'll tell you.' The tune HENDON, named after a village near London it is believed the composer H. A. César Malan visited, is the surviving melody of the 19<sup>th</sup> century French Evangelical Protestant revivals. (*Written by Carlton Young*)

**March 5, 2017**  
**Preaching: Michael Williams**  
***Who Will Deliver Me?***

**Romans 7:14-25**

For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

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