

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

April 2, 2017 at Eleven o'clock  
Fifth 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: Vater unser im Himmelreich.....Georg Böhm

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: O Lord, Turn not Thy Face.....Vincent Persichetti  
O Lord turn not Thy face from them, who lie in woeful state, lamenting all their sinful lives, before thy mercy gate.

† Processional Hymn No. 117.....St. Anne  
O God, Our Help in Ages Past

† Greeting..... Lisa Gwock  
Liturgist: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!  
People: **Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**  
Liturgist: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
People: **O Lord of Hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**  
Liturgist: Let us worship God!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (in unison)  
**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

† Words of Assurance  
Liturgist: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!  
People: **In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

† 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.)

† An Act of Praise  
Antiphon (Choir and Congregation)



Choir: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
All: **(Antiphon)**  
Choir: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
All: **(Antiphon)**  
Choir: You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.  
All: **(Antiphon)**  
Choir: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.  
All: **(Antiphon)**  
Choir: With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.  
All: **(Antiphon)**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Lenten 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 Psalter: Psalm 84.....(pew Bible, pages 472-473)

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

Communion Meditation.....Michael Williams  
I Would Rather Be a Doorkeeper

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Chris Allen

The Offering

Offertory: Oh, That Bleeding Lamb.....Spiritual, arr. Undine Smith Moore

Oh, that bleeding lamb, the Lord done sanctified him. Oh, that bleeding lamb done sanctified my soul. The holy way the prophets went. That saved their souls from banishment. I never felt such love before. I'll go in peace and sin no more. (Traditional Spiritual)

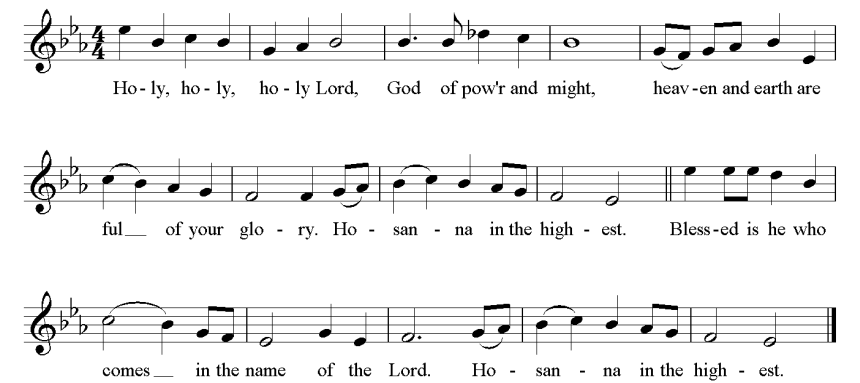
† Presentation of the Offering and the Elements

† Doxology ..... No. 95

† Thanksgiving  
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.  
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

† Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

† Sanctus and Benedictus (Choir and Congregation)



Prayer of Remembrance

People:  
Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Prayer of Consecration

People:  
Through your Son, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in your Ho - ly Church, all glo - ry and hon - or is yours, Fa - ther. A - men.

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.**

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup

After the anthem, the congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during communion: 285, 504, 299 & 295.

† Prayer after Receiving

Celebrant: You have given yourself to us, Lord.  
People: **Now we give ourselves for others.**  
Celebrant: Your love has made us a new people;  
People: **as a people of love we will serve you with joy.**  
Celebrant: Your glory has filled our hearts;  
People: **help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 292 ..... Wondrous Love  
What Wondrous Love is This

Commissioning Guatemala Mission Team

† Dismissal with Blessing

Celebrant: Go forth in peace.  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
People: **Amen.**

† Response: (all sing) ..... Tallis Canon  
**Throughout these Lenten days and nights  
We turn to walk the inward way,  
Where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,  
We live in hope till Easter day.**

Voluntary: Toccata in A ..... Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck  
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.

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Head Usher: Barbara Cragg

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory  
of Robert Norling and son, Kirk Norling, by their family.

A rose on the altar is to celebrate the birth of Emma Margaret Hibshoosh,  
born on March 20, 2017 in Manhattan, New York  
to parents Julie Culver Hibshoosh and Daniel Mark Hibshoosh,  
and big brother Harry, all of Brooklyn.

Emma is the grandchild of Jim and Nancy Culver, niece of Emily Culver  
Bigelow, and cousin to Anna and Peter Bigelow.

A rose on the altar is to celebrate the birth of Rosemary Knox Leverenz  
to parents Molly and David Leverenz, and big sister Eleanor.

A rose on the altar is to celebrate the birth of Caroline Elizabeth Price  
to parents Whitney and Jeremy Price, and big brother Sawyer.

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

The texts used in today's Communion service are used in many Christian  
traditions. They help us to see our relationship to those around us as an  
expression of our relationship to God. This is best expressed as we confess our  
sins, are assured of God's forgiveness, and then express that forgiveness with  
those around us in the "Passing of the Peace." The Peace is an act of  
reconciliation and blessing, based on New Testament Christian practice.  
When we are reminded of God's love and mercy, our response is to share that  
gift with others. United in this forgiveness, we come to the table as a forgiven  
and reconciled community in love and charity with each other.

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Preaching: Michael Williams  
"I Would Rather Be a Doorkeeper"

Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul  
longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and  
my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a  
home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her  
young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.  
Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.  
Selah. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart  
are the highways to Zion. As they go through the valley of Baca  
they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with  
pools. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be  
seen in Zion. O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O  
God of Jacob! Selah Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of  
your anointed. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand  
elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my  
God than live in the tents of wickedness. For the LORD God is a  
sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does  
the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly. O LORD of  
hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Guatemala Mission Team

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