

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

April 30, 2017 at Eleven o'clock

Third Sunday of Easter

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: Christ is Arisen .....Franklin Ashdown

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 be Present Now.....17th Century German

† Processional Hymn No. 139.....Lobe Den Herren Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

† Greeting.....Erin Racine

Liturgist: We come to give glory to Christ who frees us.

People: We worship the One who redeems our souls.

Liturgist: Find joy and peace in the love of the Lord.

People: The Lord is our source of comfort and light.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Eternal One, we acknowledge that we cannot overcome our inner darkness.

Pride defines us:

We seek value in our own accomplishments, forgetting our true identity in you.

Selfishness motivates us:

We hoard our material and emotional resources, failing to give to those around us.

Fear haunts us:

We obey our desire for self-preservation, ignoring the abundance of your world.

Divine Light, illuminate the dark places in our souls.

Teach us what it means to be your light in the world, so that our pride, selfishness, and fear may be transformed to love.

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: This Little Light of Mine.....Trad. Spiritual, arr. David Bone

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine. (Traditional Spiritual)

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 he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him that he 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 Evan Seth to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

† People: We give thanks for all that God has already given you, Evan Seth, 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 Response.....No. 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 (in unison)

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.

A lesson from the Gospel: Luke 24:13-35.....(pew Bible, pages 860-861)

Response to the Lesson

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

† Hymn No. 635: Because That Hast Said.....Paderborn The children are invited to come forward to join Michael at the chancel during the last stanza of the hymn.

Sermon: He Walks the Road a Stranger .....Michael Williams

† Affirmation from I Timothy 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16.....No. 889

† 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 .....Nancy Parker

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: Jubilate Deo ..... Glenn Rudolph

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful to him and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation. 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.

(Psalm 100)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 715: Rejoice, the Lord is King .....Darwall's 148th

† Benediction

† Benediction Response (all sing): Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks.....No. 162  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to his name.**

Voluntary: Processional .....William Mathias  
*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 celebration of the baptism of Ella Kate Wiseman by her family.

Ella Kate Wiseman,  
daughter of Robert Wesley Wiseman and Melissa Apple Wiseman,  
was presented for baptism in the early service.

Evan Seth Hemmer,  
son of Caleb Hemmer and Lori Hemmer,  
is presented for baptism.

It was an honor to present bibles to the 2017 High School Graduates from our church family during the 8:45 am service.

They were also honored at the Senior Sunday Brunch at 9:45 am in McWhirter Hall. Please be in prayer for all of our graduates as they finish up their school year and move on to their next steps!

Today's liturgy was written by Jayme Yeo.

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

April 30, 2017  
Preaching: Michael Williams  
*"He Walks the Road a Stranger"*

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name as Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty indeed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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